

**2017-Sept.a.**  
**BICTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
Chairman Richard Brett

**MINUTES** (Draft until signed) of meeting 2017 Sept, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017. 8pm in Bicton Village Hall

**PRESENT:**

*Parish Cllrs:* Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, Sally Maddox, Wendy Horan, Sue Llewellyn, Deirdre Grennan, Rod Warren, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson, Plus 5 parishioners.  
Plus our new Police Officer, PC Ross Cookson.

**POLICE REPORT PC Ross Cookson** introduced himself and thanked PC Jon Summerfield for his years of service. To which BPC added its thanks for his cheerful, energetic, pro-active, style of policing. Our SNT area has been re-branded as *Rural West* but this makes no difference to the territory or to the policing that we can expect. The email address is now [shrewsburyrw.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:shrewsburyrw.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk) Pontesbury police station now has 2 snt teams based there. There are 72 children's care homes in Shropshire; 15 of those are in this SNT area. Twitter is being promoted as a good way of communicating with the police but email is also a good way. This year is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of West Mercia Police Force. There have been some shed break-ins at Ford. There will be a post code marking day at Pontesbury police station on 28<sup>th</sup> Oct. Ross asked if Neighbourhood Watch exists in Bicton? The answer is "not as such..." A formal Watch can reduce the cost of house insurance. Montford has a parish watch scheme which could be used as a model. As ever, speeding is a problem; enforcement and education are the ways to counter it.

**OPEN FORUM**

**The Oxon Pool hedge on Shepherd's Lane** needs cutting. The clerk will contact the angling association.

**Cars are regularly parked on the slip road at the Four Crosses Garage.** Cllr Brett will speak to the garage owner.

**0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

1. **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: Jane Mullineux, Martin Davies, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton. NOTED
2. **MINUTES** 2017-Aug of previous meeting held on 8/8/17 were confirmed and signed.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

- 3.1 Cllr Llewellyn did a litter pick on Isle Lane. There were lots of wine bottles!
- 3.2 Steve Barker will remove the dead tree soon.
- 3.3 The malfunctioning footpath gates in the area of Grove Farm that were reported to Tom Llewellyn will be fixed soon.
- 3.4 Severnway improvement. Tom Llewellyn is hopeful that the digger will be available soon.
- 3.5 A kissing gate by Grove Farm has been tied shut. This may be to prevent horses from injuring themselves. Cllr Blackmore will speak to Nicola Ashworth.

**4. PARISH MATTERS**

- 4.1 Bicton Primary School *Standing Agenda Item* To mark *Dementia Week* the school choir will be singing at Isle Court and at the Harvest festival.
- 4.2 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item* Kevin has cut the hedge on Welshpool Road from Calcott Lane to Churncote Island. BPC is very pleased with all the work that Kevin does and the clerk is asked to send a special thanks to him.
- 4.3 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* An incident has been reported of a landowner being unreasonable to walkers. This report is somewhat vague. Also an anonymous letter was pinned up. The clerk advised that this letter should be ignored because its tone was spiteful and it is anonymous.
- 4.4 SC Community tree scheme. Trees are on offer. Cllr Warren is dealing with this. Cllr Warren has surveyed the parish with regard to trees. He has ordered 30 trees. Some can infill along the Severnway. Some in Stitford Rough would link the woods, landowner permission would be needed for this. Rowans can be planted around Bicton Pool. Also on upper Bicton Lane. Oaks would suit the footpath to the Isle. Blackthorn and hawthorn hedging along the boundary of Wags and Whiskers is a good idea. Cllr Warren and Gordon Wallach will discuss the possibility of tree planting on the boundary of the Brethren's meeting room.

- 4.5 At the setting of this agenda the clerk has not had a reply from SC about; 1, Blocking off Shepherd's Lane. Reply received today (12/9/17); as this lane is expected to be blocked off anyway by the SWSUE it is unlikely that it will be done before that. 2, A speed limit on Isle Lane. Reply received today; This is registered as a *site of community concern*, if funds become available this will be put on the list. 3, Emptying a general purpose bin by the church. Reply received today; Carmen Eccleston, SC street scene manager insists that it would be too expensive 4, Advice from SC on how to progress the improvements to Grange Bank. No reply.

## 5 PLANNING

- 5.1 East of Calcott Lane, 300 houses, 15/02269/OUT, SC refused. Noted. The planning officer, Mark Lynch, set out his reasons at some length but his one page summary makes for very instructive reading. It agrees with BPC and points the way to deal with future applications. The Save The Village campaign and all of its supporters are to be congratulated for their efforts in bringing about this result.
- 5.2 The Coppice Extra Care, illuminated signs, 17/03333/ADV, SC refused. Noted.
- 5.3 To discuss the "BPC Housing Strategy Draft Discussion Document, Emerging Policy". This was discussed in depth. Changes and improvements were suggested and will be incorporated into the next draft. This process is very productive and both this process and the policy that is emerging, are robust. When complete, it will be correct for Bicton but will also accord with SC policy and NPPF. As an emerging policy BPC expects it to already carry weight in planning decisions, as did SAMDev when it was 'emerging'.
- 5.4 24 The Oval, single story side extension, roof lights, loft conversion, 2m high boundary wall and underground LPG tank. 17/03344/FUL. SC granted, noted.

## 6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 331 £55,327.29 verified by Chairman. This includes the lengthsman grant from SC of £2,112.10 Noted.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Cllr Warren has been doing some pruning and has found lots of rubbish. Cllr Mullineux will arrange for the removal of the brush and then Cllr Warren will do some more pruning. All is safe.

## 7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

- 7.1 Bus shelter cleaner £42.50 chq 1076
- 7.2 Clerk's expenses April/Sept £350.00 chq 1077
- 7.3 Clerk's salary Jul/Sept £1378.00 chq 1078
- 7.4 Kevin Williams. Lengthsman duties, £274.00 chq1079
- 7.5 Payment of the above accounts, 1er Cllr Grennan, 2er Cllr Horan and agreed.

## 8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

9. **EXTRA INFORMATION** Any *Additional Information* not specified on the agenda.
- 9.1 Cllr Llewellyn has been trying to contact BT (Open Reach) about the removal of the phone box, she just gets put on hold and has made no progress.
- 9.2 The Isle Lane to Grove Farm hedge needs cutting, Cllr Blackmore will speak to Margaret Ratcliffe.
- 9.3 Ed and Ros Tate need especial thanks for all of their efforts towards getting the East of Calcott Lane planning application (300 houses) rejected by SC. The clerk will send a note
10. **NEXT MEETING** to be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall

MEETING CLOSED 10.03 pm  
2017 Sept.b.