

2019 -Sep.a.

BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Richard Brett

MINUTES (Draft until signed) of meeting 2019-Sep 10th September 2019, 8pm in Bicton Village Hall

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Richard Brett, Sue Llewellyn, Elliott Blackmore, Sally Maddox, Wendy Horan, Deirdre Grennan, Mandie Lee, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton , Tim Williams-(SmartWater), Parish clerk-Peter Anderson, 9 parishioners,

POLICE REPORT All that was reported for Bicton was; concern for safety 2, suspicious circumstances 1.

OPEN FORUM

There is a damaged gate on the Severnway. Cllr Picton will report it.

Oxon Pool; the gate has been padlocked. The pool is owned by Shrewsbury Town Council and leased to the anglers association. Some years ago BPC contributed £5,000 of its LJC money to the renovation of the pool. The clerk will contact STC to ask why it is padlocked.

The cross field footpath from Chapel Hill to Grange Bank, is blocked with crops. The clerk will report this.

Edward Voyce, who is doing his Duke of Edinburg Award, has volunteered to litter pick, he is most heartily encouraged, by BPC, in this enterprise. Cllr Maddox will organise this.

Some of the 40mph signs are overgrown. Kevin, the lengthsman, will be asked to clear them.

Several parishioners have received an unsolicited letter offering the services of some kind of networking club, it mentions doing jobs, and, lost cats. It is believed that there is nothing sinister in this letter but it is not fully understood what the sender's motive is.

Richard Blackledge is concerned about a hedge on Isle Lane. It may be a danger to traffic. Cllr Picton will look in to this.

SC Cllr Picton's report; the OLR planning application is withdrawn but will be re-submitted in January. It is expected to be a much improved plan with the road sunken and with bridges. The Coppice residents are very concerned about traffic speeds on the Holyhead Road. A 40mph limit would make crossing the road safer. BPC is requested to write a letter to SC supporting this. (BPC has long held the opinion that it needs to be a 40mph limit from Shelton to Montford Bridge.) David Wilson Homes is expected to make a start on the SWSUE in the new-year.

0. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

1. **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: Rod Warren, Paul Quartermaine NOTED

2. **MINUTES** 2019Aug- of previous meeting held on 13/8/19 were confirmed and signed.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 Isle Lane speed control; as requested the clerk contacted SC to ask if something can be done. The clerk phoned SC, these are his notes; 16/8/19, very slow receptionist, put on hold, (for some time) the receptionist then asked "does SC own the road?" clerk's reply, yes, "for how long?" clerk's reply, since always. A reference number was then given 2024262 with a promise that the 'Traffic Control Team' will get back to you. The clerk is not holding his breath.

4. **PARISH MATTERS**

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item* The hedge on Grange Bank has been cut back, the contractor will send an invoice to BPC.

4.2 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* Shona Butter, of SC, has promised that attention will be given to the need for some improvement to the Severnway.

4.3 Horses in the field by Lion Gates. There has been a frightening incident. A walker, on the footpath, was kicked. Fortunately he was holding his rucksack in such a way that it took most of the force of the kick; a metal water bottle inside the rucksack was badly dented and he suffered some bruising. Potentially dangerous animals are not supposed to be in a field with a footpath. SC is the enforcing agency. The victim of this incident is advised to report it to SC.

5. **PLANNING**

5.1 The Annexe, Preston Montford, 19/02985/FUL, extension, SC granted. Noted.

- 5.2 10 The Oval, 19/02226/FUL extension and garage conversion, SC refused. Noted. A revised application has been submitted, the off-road parking that is illustrated does not look to be properly accessible, for this reason BPC objects.
- 5.3 Oxon Link Road (OLR) The planning application is withdrawn. Noted.
- 5.4 The Oaks Farm, Shepherd's Lane, extension, 19/03779/FUL, for decision. No objections.
- 5.5 West of East Grove Farm, barn conversion, 19/03717/PMBPA, for decision. No objections.
- 5.6 1 Villa Lane, extension, 19/03755/FUL, for decision. No objections.
- 5.7 Land adjacent to Brethren's meeting room, multi-use building, 19/03600/FUL. Planning consultant, Nigel Thorns, explained this application. The tree belt will be retained, it is for Brethren use only, not business or commercial, the tree survey was SC approved, SC highways approve (conditional), it will be olive green, the site is within the development boundary, it is not in competition with the Four Crosses shop. BPC's objection is about vehicles entering the site, if the gate is moved further in this objection will be removed. Nigel Thorns said that he would submit amended plans to this effect. When the amended plans are available BPC will have no objections.
- 5.8 The Wingfield caravan park, repositioning of 4 caravans, 19/03602/FUL, for decision. No objections.

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 355 £42,227.27 verified by Chairman.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. It was reported that all is safe.
- 6.3 SmartWater roll out, to confirm the arrangements. An initial date of Sat. 12th Oct. 10am-2pm, Bicton village hall was set. Tim Williams is able to attend then. Russ Maxim has volunteered the RRT (the Brethren's Rapid Relief Team) to provide refreshments.
- 6.4 Report from the meeting with Renee Wallace, of the RCC, about the Bicton housing survey. Renee was very positive about the benefits of a survey, she is also very experienced in the preparation and interpretation of questionnaires. Such a survey will become a very strong support in Bicton's development policy and invaluable in dealing with developer pressure. The RCC (Rural Community Council) can offer its services of preparation, interpretation and postage. Depending on response the cost for this is expected to be between £1,000 and £1,500. BPC has been advised that the £1,460 that it holds as the residue of the SC grant towards a parish plan can be spent on this survey.
- 6.5 Village gateway, Ruyton X1 Towns bought a gateway at a cost of £1,200, it was fitted by a local farmer at no charge. If BPC pursues this project it should be a Parish gateway sited at the entrance to the parish at Shelton. The clerk will seek some costings.
- 6.6 The 'Crafty Chatter' group is short of funds and cannot afford the main hall. BPC is being asked if there is a source of funding that can be applied for. BPC does not know of any specific fund. It may be possible to meet at The Coppice at no cost; although, this could have problems with transport from the village and parking.

7. PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

- 7.1 web site maintenance, £105.00 chq 164
- 7.2 Grant to Bicton village hall to pay half of the VAT due for the car park work. £2,000.00 chq165
- 7.3 Clerk's expenses, Mar-Sept 2019, £350.00 chq166
- 7.4 Clerk's salary, Jul-Sept 2019, £1,449.00 chq 167
- 7.5 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties, £383.00 chq168 (This includes the July payment of £260, Kevin could not bank that cheque because it was not made out to his bank's new requirements, from now on cheques must be made payable to D.K. Williams)
- 7.6 Payment of the above accounts 1er Cllr Llewellyn, 2er Cllr Blackmore and agreed.

8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

9. EXTRA INFORMATION Any Additional Information not specified on the agenda.

- 9.1 Weeds are growing on the Grange Bank footpath. Cllr Maddox has reported this to SC.
- 9.2 The street signs of The Oval and Church Close need repair. The clerk will report this to SC.

10. **NEXT MEETING** to be held on Tuesday 8th October 2019. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall.

MEETING CLOSED 10.25 pm
2019 Sep.b.