

2020-Sep.a.
BICTON PARISH COUNCIL
Chairman Richard Brett

MINUTES (Draft until signed) of meeting 2020-Sep 8th September 2020, 8pm in Bicton village hall.

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, Sally Maddox, Wendy Horan, Sue Llewellyn, Deirdre Grennan, Mandie Lee, Rod Warren, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson and 14 parishioners

The chairman welcomed everyone and explained how we should conduct ourselves during the meeting in order to meet the covid-19 emergency regulations. He then moved on to the **planning enforcement issue at The Brethren's meeting room**. A Shropshire Council planning enforcement officer is looking in to possible breaches of the planning permission including; flood lighting, pantechicon deliveries, planting, opening hours, usage and configuration. Some neighbours feel that their quality of life has been threatened by this development but their forbearance is asked for so that a civilised conclusion can be arrived at which all involved can live with. It is understood that the flood lights were used by the builders and they are now switched off and deliveries are being made by smaller vehicles. BPC are statutory consultees and when applications come in decisions can only be made on the facts available at the time. BPC councillors are volunteers who are duty bound to act in the best interests of the whole community. Ultimately it is for SC to decide and to enforce these matters but whatever the outcome we all have to coexist. There is no further action that can be taken until the SC planning enforcement officer makes their report

POLICE REPORT.

OPEN FORUM Stuart Leighton has asked around Montford Bridge to see who else might want to receive the Bicton Newsletter. He has been told that a local notice board would be a good idea, mainly for the BPC agenda and minutes. The problem with this would be servicing it and keeping it up to date. An alternative could be to put a sign on the bus shelter as a reminder to look at the BPC web site. The hedge by the flats at The Crescent, Montford Bridge needs cutting. This probably belongs to Severnside Housing. Cllr Blackmore will look at it. It is not known what will happen to the remembrance-day service this year or if there will be a wreath-laying.

SC Cllr Picton report: Lezley sent in an email report including; 1, The Local Plan consultation, 2, the appointment of Andy Begley as CEO of SC, 3, Shirehall is no longer suitable and would cost too much to refurbish, 4, 'Shropshire Local' will be the new way of offering SC services through libraries and other outlets, 5, there is a consultation about the future of Acton Scott Working Farm Museum, 6, the Brethren's meeting room situation, 7, there will be more funds for Shropshire roads, 8, big tractors are causing problems on the roads and 9, thefts of dogs are increasing. Lezley was also able to attend and report on the flood prevention meeting she had just been to. Ideas are being explored to alleviate downstream flooding but some of them could exacerbate upstream flooding. One thought is to have some sort of flow control (a drawbridge perhaps?) associated with the NWRR bridge; there are other possible solutions. Any sort of 'dam' by the proposed NWRR bridge could severely flood farmland and at least one dwelling in Bicton.

0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

0.1 Cllr Blackmore, 5.2, his land is part of this development. Cllr Llewellyn, 6.4, her family farm is in danger of severe flooding from such proposals.

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

2. **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES 2020-Aug dated 11/8/2020.** The chairman signed the draft minutes.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 BPC has been assured that planning application 20/03074/FUL (gate on to the B4380 near to Oxon Hall) is a farm gate only and will not give access to Oxon Touring Park.

3.2 The recommendation for using the de-fib and doing CPR is that there should be no mouth-to-mouth or listening for breathing but do compressions only.

4. PARISH MATTERS

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item*

4.2 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* The Bicton to Montford Bridge footpath is overgrown. This is urgent because this is a walking route to school. The stream which crosses the Severnway at the rear of the Crescent, Montford Bridge, is backing up. The maize is blocking the Chapel Hill

footpath, but this will be cut soon. The Severnway, by Bicton Pool, still floods. Other paths are OK.

4.3 The Great British September Clean will be on Sunday 27th September at 10am. This campaign is organised by Keep Britain Tidy and has been deferred from March. Sally Maddox, Bicton Parish Councillor, is the local organiser. Would all volunteers who wish to volunteer email her so she can co-ordinate volunteers, equipment and instructions. [Email ksk.maddox@btinternet.com](mailto:ksk.maddox@btinternet.com) by Wednesday 9th September and put 'Litter Pick' in the subject line. Noted. Thank you Sally.

5 PLANNING

- 5.1 The Brethren's building works and off-licence application for the meeting room annex with access off Shepherd's Lane. BPC objected and the off-licence application has been withdrawn. There are other planning issues on this site including lights and planting. See above.
- 5.2 20/01957/FUL 345 houses. Bicton Heath: Cllr Ouartermaine has drafted a response in readiness for this application going to SC planning committee. Noted. Thank you Paul.
- 5.3 20/03249/VAR Wags And Whiskers, Variation of condition numbers 7 & 8 attached to planning permission 13/01096/FUL dated 10th June 2013 to allow the hours of use to be extended to 7pm weekdays and for use at weekends and to increase the number of dogs from 30 to 40 Applicant: (Miss Steph Rogers, 19 Croft Cottages, Pontesbury, Shrewsbury, SY5 0RU) Steph Rogers assured BPC that 7pm is wrong. The actual application is for Mon-Fri 7.30am to 6pm for 40 dogs. 6 to 7pm Mon-Fri and weekends is exercise area hire only for up to 3 dogs per hour with owners present. Barking dogs disturbing neighbours have been the main problem but Steph stated that she has learned a lot about controlling this and she no longer offers half days and dogs have been excluded for barking. On this basis BPC has no objections.
- 5.4 20/02068/FUL Rose Cottage, Bicton Lane, Erection of two storey extension to side elevation SC Decision: Grant Permission

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 368 £43,239.66 verified by Chairman.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Cllr Maddox reported that there are a lot of midges, it is verdant and it is safe.
- 6.3 Will BPC allocate £50 for extra litter picking equipment? Yes, Cllr Maddox is authorised to buy what is needed and claim a refund from BPC.
- 6.4 River Severn Partnership flood control proposals could adversely affect properties in Bicton. If the proposal is to hold back flood waters upstream of Shrewsbury then the first place to be adversely affected will be Bicton. Farm land will be severely flooded and at least one property (River House, which was once a flax mill.) will be inundated.

7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

- 7.1 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties, £130.00 chq 200
- 7.2 Clerk's expenses March to Sept. £350.00 chq 201
- 7.3 Clerk's salary Jul to Sept. £1493.00 chq202
- 7.4 Web site maintenance £120.00 chq203
- 7.5 Street light electricity £147.47 chq 204
- 7.6 Payment of the above accounts 1er Cllr Blackmore, 2er Cllr Grennan and agreed.

8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

- 8.1 Please find attached details of the next meeting of the **SALC Shrewsbury Area Committee** to be held on **Thursday 10th September at 6.00pm via Zoom**. Link to the Zoom meeting is on the agenda and I have sent an Outlook diary entry. At the meeting Eddie West from Planning Policy at Shropshire Council is making a return visit to answer any queries Parish Councils might have as they look to making their comments and Guy Williams from Shropshire Fire & Rescue will be attending to talk about the Integrated Risk Management Plan which is currently out for consultation. Cllr Lee has volunteered to attend this and future such meetings. Thank you Mandie.

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

10. **NEXT MEETING** due to be held on Tuesday 13th October 2020. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall.

MEETING CLOSED 9.13pm
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