

2021-Sep.a.

BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Richard Brett

MINUTES (Draft until signed) of meeting 2021-Sep. 14th September 2021, 8pm in Bicton village hall.

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, Wendy Horan, Sue Llewellyn, Mandie Lee, Rod Warren, Paul Quartermaine, Deirdre Grennan, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson, 5 parishioners, Bill (?) representing the British Legion, and PCSO Jackie Baldwin.

POLICE REPORT. The SNT team now consists of PCSOs Jackie Baldwin and Sarah Edwards and PC Simon Lewis. The SNT team has been conducting speed awareness patrols and has put in a bid for the specialist team with the vans containing the radar equipment, to visit Bicton and Montford Bridge. There was an ASB incident on the playing field but it was just some youths letting off steam and it was soon resolved. The SNT is busy, getting out-and-about in the parishes, and they might not always reply to emails but they do read them and regard them as a vital source of information.

OPEN FORUM **The British Legion** holds its parades in Bicton, Oxon and Ford; an insurance requirement is that permission must be granted by the parish council; BPC gave its assurance that it is minded to always grant permission if it is informed of the specific dates. The next parade, involving road closures is scheduled for the first Sunday in June 2022.

BPC is working towards planting some oak trees to celebrate the Queen's 70th jubilee next year. The ideal number of oaks would be 70. Local landowners are to be asked if they have space. Some saplings, grown by parishioners are available.

A gap in the hedge on Shepherd's Lane has been opened up by either NWRP preparatory excavations or by a utility company. This could allow unauthorised entry. It is believed that the landowner is the Wingfield estate. Cllr Blackmore will investigate.

There is a rumour that that a new bus route is planned running around the periphery of Shrewsbury with buses every 10 minutes. Given that Shrewsbury Town Council would have to fund this, it is unlikely to happen soon.

Noise from dogs barking at Wags and Whiskers continues. It is not every day but Monday was a bad day. It is uncertain if the promised tree and hedge planting has been done. Cllr Blackmore will ask Steph. what is happening.

The white line, on the road, at the end of Grove Lane is worn out. When Cllr Blackmore goes to see Steph he will check it.

The 'SLOW' signs painted on the road on Isle Lane have worn out; the clerk is asked to report this to SC.

Branches have been cut back at the bus-lay-by on the Holyhead Road.

Metal spikes have been seen in the rubble which has been crushed for the Severnway. Cllr Blackmore will speak to Paul Butter.

SC Cllr Picton report: SC is taking on more staff in the planning and traffic engineering departments. **It is good news** that the SNT is cracking down on speeding motorists.

The pending review by the Boundary Commission will be concerned with the SC divisions and the number of SC seats. **A new pedestrian scheme** trial in Shrewsbury is planned. **The 1st family of Afghan refugees** has been settled in Shropshire, translators are needed.

SC budget preparations are ongoing.

The NWRP planning variation has changed very little for the Bicton part of the road but BPC should still comment.

0.DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Cllr Lee, 5.3, she is a neighbour. Cllr Blackmore, 5.4, this is a neighbouring property and this application will solve an access problem for him.

0.1 **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: Sally Maddox, NOTED

2. **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES**, 2021-Aug, dated 10/8/2. These were approved as a true and accurate account and signed by the chairman.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

4. **PARISH MATTERS**

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item* Kevin and an assistant spent 6 hours clearing Grange Bank footway of overgrowth. They found the task to be onerous and will not be able to do it again. The trees over the bus shelter have been cut back. The splay at the Preston Montford/B4380 junction has sight obscuring growth. Cllr Blackmore will check it out.

4.2 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* Villa Farm footpath and the Villa Lane to Oval footpath are still muddy but Paul Butter has volunteered to put some stone on them next Tuesday. A stile by Lion Lodge is overgrown. A video was shown of people walking the Lion Lodge footpath and being pursued by two horses. These horses were obviously brood mares which are used to receiving food from the owners and they gently walked up to the walkers hoping for food. It was disconcerting for these walkers to have horses so close but no harm was done and after a short while the horses went off. The bridleway by the Wingfield Arms is overgrown; this has been reported to SC. The road gutters around the Oval are full of debris but the sprayer is due soon and afterwards they can be cleared.

- 4.3 Severnway improvements, a progress report. Email from Paul Butter dated 11/8/21. He wants the crusher for 2 more days at £385 per day:- "Thank you for letting me know. I will get on and book the crusher chan for the 9th & 10th of September then continue with the surfacing. I will be back on site tomorrow and Friday to prepare for the draining. then I will be on A/L." Noted and approved.
- 4.4 Parish and town councils are being invited to light a beacon on 22 June 2022 for the Queen's Jubilee. There is no obvious site for a beacon in Bicton but the Club may have some celebration in mind.

5 PLANNING

- 5.1 21/03233/FUL Living Well Centre, Severn Hospice, Application for the installation of a ground source heat pump system to serve the new Living Well Centre. SC decision, Grant Permission. Noted.
- 5.2 Reference: 21/04015/FUL Oxon Touring Park , Welshpool Road, Bicton Heath, Shrewsbury, SY3 5FB Formation of new field access on to the B4380. BPC objected to the previous application and this new one has not addressed the previous objections; the visibility on to the B4380 is not good enough BPC decision is to object.
- 5.3 21/03958/FUL Montrose , Shepherds Lane, Extension and re-modelling of existing bungalow to create increased ground floor space and first floor accommodation. There is a window which overlooks the neighbours; if this has opaque glass BPC has no objections.
- 5.4 21/03444/FUL Westside Drive , Welshpool Road, Reopening a separate access to land to the rear of the adjoining property Ellmar. This will solve an access problem and both neighbours are happy with it so BPC decision is no objections.
5. Reconsultation due to Amendment on application 21/00924/EIA - Street Record -246-246Proposal: North West Relief Road scheme. comprising - construction of 6.9km single carriageway (7.3m wide) road. This does not address the issues raised by BPC's previous objections. Cllrs Quartermaine and Lee will revise and précis those. Cllr Blackmore stated that the potentially worst problem for Bicton will be the flooding that this new road will cause.

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 380 £49,903.24 verified by Chairman.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. The wood is safe but gloomy and there are many midges.
- 6.3 A quote has been received for stone for the muddy footpaths, £391.78. See 4.2 above; Paul Butter has volunteered to put some stone in these muddy places.

7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

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| 7.1 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties, £395.00 | chq 239 |
| 7.2 Clerk's expenses April-September £350.00 | chq 240 |
| 7.3 Clerk's salary July-September £1,493.00 | chq 241 |
| 7.4 JTC Crushing, £948.00 | chq 242 |
| 7.5 Web site maintenance quarter to August, £120.00 | chq 243 |
| 7.6 Payment of the above accounts 1er Cllr Grennan, 2er Cllr Llewellyn and agreed. | |

8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

- 8.1 Report from Cllr Lee: SALC Shrewsbury Area Committee on Wednesday 8th September 2021 at 6.00pm on Zoom. A course is being offered on 'Carbon Literacy' Cllrs Quartermaine and Lee wish to attend. BPC will pay the fee of £10 each.
- 8.2 The SALC AGM will be 19 Nov.2021, 6pm. Noted.

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

- 9.1 The defibrillator has had its regular check and is in good order.

10. **NEXT MEETING** due to be held on Tuesday 12th October 2021. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall.

MEETING CLOSED 10.06 pm.
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