

We started this month's Bicton Parish Council Meeting with an extra item at the beginning to acknowledge the death of Queen Elizabeth the Second and the Proclamation of her son and heir to be our new monarch, Charles the Third. The sovereign acts as a focus of national identity, unity and pride; gives a sense of stability and continuity and supports the ideal of voluntary service which, in our roles as parish councillors, we are fulfilling. To paraphrase some of our new King's words: I, on behalf of Bicton Parish Council, thank Her Majesty for providing an example of service and dignity in public life that was relevant to us all. We have all watched our new King grow up, develop his own style, and mature into the man he is today, ready to be our head of state, King Charles the Third – Long Live the King! Then we held a one minute's silence.

MINUTES (Draft until signed) of meeting 2022-Sep. 13th September 2022, 8pm in Bicton village hall.

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, Sally Maddox, Sue Llewellyn, Rod Warren, Paul Quartermaine, Deirdre Grennan, Wendy Horan, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson and 6 parishioners

NEIGHBOURHOOD ALERT, REPORT.

OPEN FORUM

Stuart Leighton has reported to SC some fly tipping at Preston Montford.

Maria Harding lives in Montford Bridge and she has noticed that the road drains have become blocked with the new road-chippings and straw. She reported this to SC but the drains are still blocked. The clerk will report it again.

Matt and Dee Povey live in the house on the bad bend on Bicton Lane and lorries going to the chicken farm are waking them in the middle of the night and threatening damage to their property. Lorries are supposed to have restricted access times and the drivers should be trained to negotiate the lane. Cllr Blackmore will speak to farmer Mark Gethin to try, yet again, to resolve this issue.

SC Cllr Picton report: It has been difficult for SC to make important decisions over the summer because of the uncertain political situation whilst a new premier was appointed. **The SC budget deficit** is a problem that is intractable. **86% of the SC budget** goes on the care system. **CIL payments** that are due to BPC will be paid in stages and due regard must be paid to the cap.

0. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

0.1 **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: Mandie Lee, NOTED

2. **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES**, 2022-Aug, dated 9/8/22. These were signed as a true and accurate account.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 As requested the clerk contacted Canopy Nurseries to ask if the Four Crosses nursery was up-and-running. It is and is steadily growing. Traffic goes past very fast and Rachel Moelwyn-Williams has requested, of SC, that 'school' signs should be put on the road. BPC will reinforce this request. BPC suggests that she should advertise in the Bicton newsletter for more clients and staff.

3.2 The Brethren has picked litter on Grange Bank, thanks go to them. Cllr Maddox has also been litter picking there.

4. **PARISH MATTERS**

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item* Kevin has been working today near to Bicton Pool, his invoice will arrive next month.

4.2 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* The paths are good at the moment. The Severnway gate by the old vicarage is still unrepaired by SC and further along the ruts are deep.

4.3 Russ Maxim, on behalf of The Brethren has organised the cleaning of the bus shelters and a litter pick on Grange Bank. For this BPC send its thanks.

4.4 There is a report that the Grange Bank foot-way is overgrown. It will stop growing soon and then is the time to cut it again.

4.5 "Plastic Policemen" are being trialled, in other areas, as a deterrent to speeding traffic. Might this idea suit Bicton? It might but the police need to be asked as to the practicality and legality.

5 **PLANNING**

5.1 22/03860/LBC Hortonlane Farm, Cruckton, SY5 8PN. Installation of replacement windows to front and side elevation affecting a Grade II Listed Building. This isolated property will not affect any other. BPC decision; support.

5.2 Plum Cottage, Bicton Lane, planning situation. The main concern is that it is causing on-road parking and the nature of the development, being four bedroomed with another bedroom annexe, will likely result in having more cars than can fit on to the very limited off-road parking space. Also the bedroom annexe was, on the original plans, a store room. This represents 'planning-creep' and sets an undesirable precedent. The planning enforcement officer will be asked to consider this issue again.

5.3 22/02258/FUL The Annexe , Preston Montford Lane, Erection of single storey extension to replace a series of existing outbuildings and remodelling of existing. SC Decision: Grant Permission noted.

5.4 22/02895/VAR Proposed Barn Conversion West Of East Grove Farm; Variation of condition No2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 19/04553/FUL dated 09/12/2019; SC Decision: Grant Permission noted.

5.5 The Brethren's shop on Shepherd's Lane has met the planning stipulations to the satisfaction of the SC officer who is recommending approval. BPC accepts this but is apprehensive that the changes to the original agreement represent 'planning-creep'. Cllr Picton assured BPC that the tight regulations will be rigorously enforced.

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts and financial report. Bank Statement number 392 £53,033.16 verified by Chairman.

6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Cllr Warren reported that all is safe. Cllrs Warren and Llewellyn will arrange for some brash to be removed. It was asked if the wood is registered at the Landregistry. The clerk will check the deeds.

6.3 To approve, and sign, the SC Neighbourhood Fund (CIL) Monitoring Form. This was approved and signed by Cllr Picton, Cllr Maddox and the clerk.

7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

7.1 Clerk's salary, July-September, £1538.00 chq 274

7.2 Clerk's expenses, April-September, £375.00 chq 274

7.3 Richard Brett, website maintenance, £120.00 chq 275

Payment of the above accounts; 1er Cllr Grennan, 2er Cllr Blackmore and agreed.

8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

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

9.1 Mathew Egerton has agreed to plant some trees.

9.2 Cllr Warren suggested planting up Bicton Pool with trees. The pool is silted up and dredging could be fruitless as it will silt up again. This pool has historical merit as it was a drink on the drover's road from Anglesey to London; also it has cobbled access for carts to soak the wheels. BPC is reluctant to lose this historical connection but will seek advice from the SC ecology officer, Dan Wrench.

9.3 There is a memorial service for the Queen on 18/9/22, 6pm, at the Abbey; and a peal of church bells will be rung 10-11am on the Monday. Noted

9.4 The Priest-in-Charge of Bicton is Hannah Lins.

9.5 The old phone box library is well stocked. Cllr Maddox sorts it once per week.

9.6 Cllr Maddox will organise a litter pick in October.

10. NEXT MEETING due to be held on Tuesday 11th October 2022. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall.

MEETING CLOSED 10.08 pm.
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