

MINUTES (Draft until signed) of meeting 2018-Oct, 9th October 2018. 8pm in Bicton Village Hall

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Richard Brett, Sue Llewellyn, Elliott Blackmore, Rod Warren, Deirdre Grennan, Mandie Lee, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson, Helen Howie of Berrys, and 19 parishioners.

POLICE REPORT **Our Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team (SNT)** is under increasing pressure and the reports are being sent every other month. There was no report this month. The point was raised that Bicton proper being lumped in with Bicton Heath could skew the figures for insurance purposes. The clerk will request of the SNT that separate reports are sent.

OPEN FORUM

SC Cllr Lezley Picton has visited Bicton with Mark Barrow to inspect the highways problems at Shelton and Bicton Lane. SC is planning its next year's budget which is under a lot of pressure. *Children's* and adult services are way over-spent. Children's services alone are £110m overspent. This part of the budget is very difficult to control. Culture and Leisure is a comparatively small budget but it is easy pickings for cuts.

The old phone box; there is some confusion in the advice that BPC has been given about how to remove this redundant box, but, apparently, it could be bought for £1.

Areas of the churchyard appear to be unkempt. These areas are deliberately kept so, in order to encourage wild flowers.

The give-way sign on Isle Lane is out of skew. Cllr Llewellyn will check it out tomorrow.

Road safety at the Four Crosses garage. Often a blind spot is created by vehicles parked on the forecourt. The garage owner, Lawrence Wells, has had this pointed out to him. The problem persists. The clerk is asked to write a letter to Mr Wells asking him if something can be done to make the situation safer.

0. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

0.1 Cllr Brett 6.3, he is a village hall committee member.

1. **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: Wendy Horan, Sally Maddox Martin Davies, NOTED

2. **MINUTES** 2018-Sept of previous meeting held on 11/9/18 were confirmed and signed.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 The bad corner on Bicton Lane; a lorry struggled around this at 4am causing a disturbance. Lorries are not supposed to use this lane at night, by agreement with the farmer, Mark Gethin. Improvements to the kerb are supposed to be done soon.

3.2 Cllr Blackmore has ordered some 'no littering' signs to be placed by Oxon Pool; they should arrive soon.

3.3 Jan Bevan filled a box with litter, including a dirty nappy; that she collected on Shepherd's Lane.

4. **PARISH MATTERS**

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item*

4.2 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* So far, no dredging has been done to the completely overgrown ditch, on the Severnway.

4.3 SC parking wardens have no authority to enforce car parking restrictions on the Holyhead Road outside The Coppice. It is the police who have existing enforcement powers. The clerk is asked to report this to the police. Residents are also having parking problems here. A hedge has been planted very close to the path; when it grows it will cause an obstruction. Cllrs Brett and Blackmore volunteered to speak to The Coppice management about this.

4.4 Suggestions from parishioners about how to deal with speeding on the Holyhead Road. Opposing opinions were received. One said that flashing signs politely requesting care and thanking careful drivers were effective and the other said that they are useless. Anecdotal evidence suggests that these signs at least have some novelty effect even though they might be quite expensive. Permanent cameras enforced with the certainty of a strong penalty seem to be the only real deterrent to speeding.

5. **PLANNING**

5.1 Shelton Heath, there is a master-plan for developing this area, submitted by Berrys who request a meeting with BPC. Helen Howie will explain all and answer questions. **Helen Howie explained the proposals for building on Shelton Rough.** There will be 250-300 houses plus retail and commercial opportunities. All of this land is in Bicton parish but would be considered to be an extension of Shrewsbury. This makes it very uncertain as to whom the CIL neighbourhood fund would be paid to; Shrewsbury Town Council or BPC? Even at the urban rates this could amount to £180,000. The land owner wants to sell this land to raise money for the repair of Berwick House. It was pointed out that the Berwick Estate has other land that it could sell for this purpose. An actual application for this proposal is likely to be submitted in 2020 but the land would need to be allocated, by SC, to SAMDev during the current review.

5.2 Four Crosses Inn, Erect and display one double sided non illuminated floor standing sign, retrospective, 18/04255/ADV, for decision. BPC has no objections.

6. **OFFICIAL MATTERS**

6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 344 £43,009.65 verified by Chairman.

6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item.* Some cherry saplings have been bent and damaged; some pits and ramps have been made, presumably for skateboarding and there is some damage to a fence. Tom Llewellyn will be asked to effect some repairs and all will be made safe.

- 6.3 Bicton village hall committee has decided to replace the existing car park at a cost of £25,746 (inc vat) and therefore ask BPC for appropriate funding from the CIL funds available. The Village Hall committee looked in to all the possibilities for upgrading the car park. Enlarging it could not be justified. This money will sort out the drainage and re-surface with a hard substance that is not tarmac. Cllr Brett declared an interest and withdrew from the decision. It was unanimously decided to offer a grant of £5,000 towards the cost.
- 6.4 The external auditor reports that; “in our opinion the information in sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with proper practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.” Noted. BPC sends its thanks to Ian Hutchinson for his invaluable help to the clerk in completing the audit.

7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

- 7.1 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties, Aug/Sept, £301.00 chq129
7.2 External audit, £240.00 chq130
7.3 Payment of the above accounts 1er Cllr Grennan, 2er Cllr Llewellyn and agreed.

8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

- 8.1 Local Transport Plan for Shropshire, BPC is invited to complete the survey. The clerk will do this on behalf of BPC.
8.2 Letter from SC about CIL. The sub text of this letter seems to be that a review of how much CIL money will be passed to parish councils will be undertaken. Noted. BPC will keep a close eye on this review.
8.3 A BBC show is being made about ‘Love In The Countryside’; rural singles are being sought to participate. There was much humorous speculation about who would make a good candidate!

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

- 9.1 Of the 30 trees that were planted last year 5 have survived. It has been a difficult and dry year but basically the trees were too small. 2 trees are surviving from the previous year but they were 6 foot tall. Any future plantings should be of strong, well-grown trees.
9.2 Ideas for improvements to road safety on Bicton Lane, by the school, are needed. These might include, concave mirrors, a studded area, flashing lights and the removal of some hedges. These could be funded from BPC’s CIL. This will be put on the next agenda.
9.3 The surface of the footpath, for 10 yards or so, by the old phone box is in a bad state. The clerk will report this to SC.

10. **NEXT MEETING** to be held on Tuesday 13th November 2018. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall

MEETING CLOSED 10.00 pm

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