

2021-Oct.a.

**BICTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Chairman Richard Brett

**MINUTES** (Draft until signed) of meeting 2021-Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021, 8pm in Bicton village hall.

**PRESENT:**

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

**POLICE REPORT.**

**OPEN FORUM**

**At Wags and Whiskers** there has been no barking since the last complaint. It is now licensed for 40 dogs. The hedges are growing well. The previously reported speeding van was nothing to do with Wags and Whiskers. The road markings at the end of the Grove Farm drive are still good.

**Dogs on the playing-field;** dogs are not supposed to go on the field at all...but they do! The Village Hall Committee has decided on a 6 month experiment of allowing dogs on the field in the hope that this will encourage all dog owners to be more responsible. The field does not belong to BPC but BPC will pass on to the Village Hall Committee the disquiet that was expressed here by some parishioners.

**SC Cllr Picton report:**

**The upcoming boundary review**, due before the 2025 elections, will, initially be, for the SC divisions. Then, *may* come a parish boundary review. How this might affect the CIL payments, which come in instalments, is not known. **SC is preparing next year's budget.** There is likely to be a hole in the finances. Climate change mitigation requirements are putting extra strain on the budget. **There are 4 lay-bys around Shrewsbury where lorries park** at night but these do not have suitable facilities; especially for female drivers. The cattle market has been suggested as a possible place to park. **A bid for a grant has been put to the DFT to improve local bus services** with more buses at the week-end and evenings. The 'round Shrewsbury bus route' would take 8 buses and is not realistic. **The issue of people living on the street**, in Shrewsbury, is intractable; everyone has been offered accommodation but often the offer is declined.

**0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- 0.1 **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: Sue Llewellyn, Wendy Horan, NOTED
2. **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES**, 2021-Sep, dated 14/9/21. These were signed as a true and accurate account.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

- 3.1 The road gutters around The Oval and on Grange Bank have still not been cleared.

**4. PARISH MATTERS**

- 4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item* The road-side hedge of Muriel's Little Wood would benefit from cutting but it needs a chain saw to do it; Kevin will be asked.
- 4.2 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* **Stone has been laid** on the Villa Lane footpath. **The snicket** from Villa Lane to the village hall will also be done soon, by Paul Butter, if BPC will pay for half a day of stone crushing- £175.00? BPC approves this expenditure. **The bridleway at Montford Bridge** has not yet been cleared. **The stream is blocked** where the bridleway crosses it at The Crescent, Montford Bridge. Accumulated detritus is causing flooding and bogginess. Paul Butter knows of this but it is still awaiting clearing.
- 4.3 Severnway improvements, a progress report. Paul Butter has finished laying the hardcore but there are some drainage issues which need addressing. It was reported that there was metal sticking out of the hardcore but a close inspection has failed to find any. The pond is over-grown with weeds but Paul Butter has promised to dig a water course through it. The area is well laced with dog poo and there are fresh deposits every day.
- 4.4 The village hall committee is to allow dog walking on the playing field and some parishioners are not happy with this. See 'open forum'.
- 4.5 Cllr Blackmore has an update on the Montford Bridge flooding situation. In liaison with SC, drains have been cleared, another drain has been found and there may be yet more drains.

## 5 **PLANNING**

- 5.1 21/03093/FUL Villa Farm Barn Erection of one and a half storey side extension.  
SC Decision: Withdrawn. Noted.
- 5.2 21/04047/FUL Rossendale , Shepherds Lane. Works to render all external walls. Although the present brick is visually acceptable, BPC has no objections.
- 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. Applicant: Tilmatee Pariera. SC decision, granted.
- 5.4 21/01346/LBC Proposed Residential Barn Conversions At Bicton House, Holyhead Road, Conversion of outbuildings to 3No. dwellings to include hardstanding, curtilage, access, connection to septic tank and oil tank affecting a Grade II Listed Building. It is understood that there are safeguards to protect the bats; SC decision-granted.

## 6. **OFFICIAL MATTERS**

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 381 £46,597.24 verified by Chairman.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Cllr Lee reported that there are no midges and all is safe.

## 7 **PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment**

- 7.1 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties, £148.00 chq 244.

## 8. **EXTERNAL ITEMS**

- 8.1 The Place Overview Committee is examining Shropshire Council's decision in 2019 to reduce the number of planning committees from three to two, removing its central planning committee that covered Shrewsbury and neighbouring divisions. The Council decision required overview and scrutiny to review the decision after two years. As part of its work, the committee is seeking the views of all councillors, as well as town and parish councils throughout Shropshire. *BPC's view is that it seems to be logical, given the large work load, that 3 committees would be better.*

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

- 9.1 The defibrillator has been checked.
- 9.2 The Brethren have collected 9 sacks of rubbish from Grange Bank. Cllr Maddox has thanked them.
- 9.3 The Four Crosses garage has lots of cars parked in the car park of the Four Crosses Inn. When this is converted to a nursery it is feared that the parking problem in this area could become acute.
- 9.4 The speed indicator sign on the B4380 is still activating at low speeds.
- 9.5 SC tree free scheme will again be available to parish councils.

- 10. **NEXT MEETING** due to be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall.

MEETING CLOSED 9.50pm.  
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