

2022-Oct.a.

**BICTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Chairman Sally Maddox

**MINUTES** (Draft until signed) of meeting 2022-Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022, 8pm in Bicton village hall.

**PRESENT:**

*Parish Cllrs:* Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, Sue Llewellyn, Mandie Lee, Rod Warren, Deirdre Grennan; Parish clerk-Peter Anderson and 7 parishioners.

Chairman Sally Maddox being absent due to illness Cllr Blackmore took the chair.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD ALERT, REPORT.** The trial of “Bob” the ‘plastic policeman’ as a deterrent to speeding drivers is only available with a real policeman; which rather seems to defeat the object of taking the pressure off police officers. There is also a newsletter from the Police and Crime Commissioner.

**OPEN FORUM**

**Margaret Hamer** reported that some road signs on the B4380 are overgrown. Cllr Blackmore will ask the lengthsman to deal with this. Also speeding, allegedly, by school traffic. Also the small gate from the school on to the road is dangerous because children exit the school unsupervised and the footway is narrow. There is a hedge here and its removal may improve matters. Also cars parking by the Four Crosses Garage; sometimes they are on the pavement and passage with a child buggy is impossible.

**Alan Boyd** lives on Calcott Lane and he reported that the steam rally had caused extreme gridlock with some vehicles being stationary for hours at a time. He has contacted the Shropshire Council Events Safety Advisory Group to explain the problem and to request a strategy for preventing it in the future. BPC will also write to this group. Cllr Blackmore is a member of the Steam Society and he will raise the issue there. Mr Boyd and BPC emphasise that they wish the rally to continue because it is such a good event but the traffic delays are unacceptable.

**Matt and Dee Povey** are still experiencing severe problems with the chicken farm lorries struggling with the bad bend on Bicton Lane, especially in the middle of the night. The chicks now arrive in one big lorry which got stuck on the bend. Cllr Blackmore has arranged with the farmer and farm manager that a training video should be made so that drivers can learn how to take the bend.

**Stuart Leighton** has cut back the ivy from the bus shelter at Montford Bridge. Stuart put the BPC agenda and minutes on the notice board in the bus shelter and the last time they were torn down and another notice had been put up. He suggested that a sealed/locked board is needed and he will ask the wood turners group if they may be able to make one.

**Sonia Swain** is concerned about road safety, especially around the school. She suggested that perhaps the school side gate should be closed or at least to remove the hedge which partially blocks drivers’ view of it. This has been suggested before but the school has no money; although, it is possible that BPC CIL money could be used.

**SC Cllr Picton report:** Lezley was ill and there was no report.

**0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

0.1 **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: Wendy Horan, Paul Quartermaine, Sally Maddox, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton. NOTED

2. **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES**, 2022-Sep, dated 13/9/22. These were accepted as a true and accurate account and the meeting chairman signed them.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

**4. PARISH MATTERS**

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item*

4.2 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* Right Of Way (ROW) maps of Bicton are available in A1 size at £7 each. Should BPC buy one for each councillor? It was decided that one map will be enough. The Calcott Lane to Shepherd’s Lane footpath (number 8) is overgrown. The lengthsman will be asked to clear it.

4.3 Bicton Pool, advice from Dan Wrench of SC. It has been 12 years since BPC renovated the pool and it is usual for such a feature to need dredging every 3 years. The improvements to the Severnway should mean less silt reaching the pool. A great crested newt survey is necessary before the area could be planted with trees. It is a valuable community asset. It should be managed for wildlife. The pool is of great historical value being on an ancient drove road. Bicton already has a community wood. BPC’s decision is to take advice from Paul Butter about renovating the pond. Quotes are to be sought for the work.

## 5 PLANNING

- 5.1 22/00503/FUL The Haven, Shepherd's Lane, Appeal decision from the Planning Inspectorate; the appeal is dismissed. Noted.
- 5.2 Planning Enforcement – officer reply. 22/09058/ENF, Plum Cottage.  
*“We cannot take enforcement action for what might occur in the future, there needs to be a breach of planning control happening . Finally, in terms of the enforcement investigation, this only becomes public record, if a breach is established and a formal notice served.”* BPC is still concerned about the potential implications and ‘planning creep’ that SC has apparently allowed. If this sort of thing continues to be allowed it will undermine the role of parish councils in planning matters; for this reason the clerk is instructed to further question the planning enforcement decision.
- 5.3 22/03312/VAR Community Centre And Premises, Shepherds Lane. Application under Section 73 for variation of conditions no. 2(approved plans), no. 6(lightning scheme), no. 7(landscaping) and no. 12 (use restriction) and removal of condition no. 13 pursuant to planning permission 19/03600/FUL to allow for approval of 'as built' development in addition to amendments to the approved floor plan (amended description) SC Decision: Grant Permission. Noted.
- 5.4 22/04433/LBC Grove Farm, Isle Lane, Installation of solid oak floor to Living Room affecting a Grade II star Listed Building. BPC decision: this is appropriate for a listed building therefore BPC supports this application.

## 6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts and financial report. Bank Statement number 393 £? Not arrived at agenda setting. To be verified by Chairman. The statement had not arrived by today; the clerk phoned the bank and asked for another to be sent. If sufficient security can be assured then internet banking may be appropriate; the clerk will enquire.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood. 1, This is registered at the Land-Registry; noted. 2, Safety report, Cllr Warren reported that all is safe.
- 6.3 **Road Closure:** Calcott Lane, Shrewsbury **Start Date:** 7th November 2022 **End Date:** 14th November 2022, noted.
- 6.4 **Road Closure:** B4380 Holyhead Road, Montford Bridge **Start Date:** 13th October 2022 **End Date:** 13th October 2022 Surface Dressing Site 29 Works to Include:- Surface Dressing Lining Works - 13/10/2022 Please note that these works are weather dependent and subject to change; noted.

## 7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

- 7.1 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties £138.00
- 7.2 Payment of the above account 1er Cllr Grennan 2er Cllr Llewellyn and agreed.

## 8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

- 8.1 SALC AGM will be held on Friday, 11 November, 2022 6pm via Zoom. Cllr Lee will attend.

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

- 9.1 At the last meeting it was mentioned that an hedgerow *may* have been removed; it is uncertain whether, or not, permission would have been needed. What is needed is an hedgerow survey of Bicton and a definitive map made. This will be put on the next agenda.

10. **NEXT MEETING** due to be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall.

MEETING CLOSED 9.23 pm.  
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