

2023-Oct.a.

**BICTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Chair, Sally Maddox

**MINUTES** (Draft until signed) of meeting 2023-Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023, 7.30pm 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 2 parishioners.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD ALERT, REPORT.** West Mercia Police Local Policing Community Charter. Three Bicton priorities are needed. BPC's 3 are:- 1, Speeding 2, School Parking 3, Burglaries. To deter burglaries Smart Water and doorbell cameras are recommended. PC Richard Walters has put notices on the school gates to try to deter bad parking at school times.

**OPEN FORUM** **Stuart Leighton said that** there are some new residents at Montford Bridge who would benefit from Smart Water. BPC's allocation has been used up; people must now buy their own. Cllr Maddox will put the details in the newsletter.

**SC Cllr Picton report: The Local Government Boundary Review** has transferred Bicton from Tern to Loton Division. **SC will now do a CGR (Community Governance Review)** this is expected to redraw the boundary of Bicton parish. Bicton Heath and Bowbrook will move in to Shrewsbury Town parish. **There is a consultation on the location of polling stations.** There will be no change for Bicton. **SC has received some extra money for bus services.** **A Crowd Funding initiative** is being launched. This will enable joint working between SC and communities and benefit local causes. **The site(s) for the bio char** installations have not yet been chosen. Brash is the most useful material and it is noted that most is produced in South Shropshire.

0. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Cllr Llewellyn, 6.2, her son, Tom, is expected to help with clearance work in Muriel's Little Wood.

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

2. **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES, 2023-Sept, dated 12/9/23.** Amendments were made to 4.3. i It was decided not to progress with a parish housing design. ii Solar panel procurement will need to be done by (or with) SC. iii SC guidance on extensions needs to be clarified. On the understanding that the amendments would be made here the minutes were signed.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 Lorries on Bicton Lane. Cllr Blackmore spoke to Mathew Gethin who stated that he was supervising the lorries on the day that Matt and Dee Povey last complained about to BPC. Matt and Dee had not mentioned this to BPC or to Cllr Blackmore. This makes it difficult for BPC to know how to help any more. It seems that the only way forward is for Matt and Dee and Mathew Gethin to come to an arrangement.

3.2 Bickley Coppice visit. Adam 'Dexter' Williams, Chair, Bickley Coppice Campsite showed us around. The site is 48 acres and is owned by the Scouts and Guides. It hosts camps and outdoor activities. It is still recovering from lock-down neglect. The brick built cabin was badly vandalised 30 years ago and due to the cost of repair it is still unusable. There are some interesting compost toilets. Cllrs who missed the visit would like another one to be arranged.

3.3 Calcott Lane cow barns. These are being used for grain storage.

3.4 The yellow lines on Isle Lane have not been cleared. The Canopy area is untidy; Cllr Maddox will visit the owner to ask for it to be tidied up.

4. **PARISH MATTERS**

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item*

4.2 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* They are in reasonable condition. The Motocross circuit now crosses the footpath towards Bickley Coppice.

4.3 There is a conference on 'Restoring Shropshire's Verges, Hedges and Watercourses Project' at Montford Village Hall, 13/10/23. 3 BPC representatives are booked in. The organisers are inviting voluntary donations of £20 per attendee to support this project. BPC agrees to this payment.

4.4 SC tree scheme is open. Does BPC want any trees? Cllr Llewellyn will examine the possibilities.

4.5 An email from a resident concerned about speeding on the B4380 and suggestion that flashing signs do have a deterrent effect. BPC asked the clerk to reply pointing out that speeding is to the fore of its thinking and every opportunity is sought to slow down traffic but it is not as simple as just wishing for it to be so.

## 5 PLANNING

- 5.1 Guidance on Extensions, Cllr Warren has put forward some notes for BPC to consider. See attached. This document will also be put on the BPC website and mentioned in the newsletter.
- 5.2 23/04296/FUL Grove Farm, Isle Lane, Widening of internal door opening, addition of new bay window and formation of paved terrace. BPC decision is neutral.
- 5.3 23/04025/FUL The Wingfield Caravan Park, Caravan Site At Montford Bridge, Extend existing caravan park to include static and touring caravans (turn existing touring part of site to static) and relocate bridleway. BPC objects; The diversion route of the bridleway is not shown on the plan. This is over developing the site. Given its 12 months operating licence it has the potential for residential use. With heavy use the access on to the B4380 has the potential for accidents. It is not 'sustainable' because there are no local facilities including shops, and the pub is up for sale and may close.
- 5.4 23/03689/LBC - Field Studies Council, Preston Montford Field Centre. Replacement of sliding sash windows to Queen Ann Room, Library and replacement of window casement to Room 41. the proposed designs will match existing affecting a Grade II\* Listed Building. This is necessary maintenance and BPC supports it.

## 6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts and financial report. Lloyds account £6485.00 and HSBC account £65,980.63 The transfer to Lloyds is still not complete. Cllr Lee has yet another form to fill in.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Cllrs Warren and Llewellyn are working on a maintenance plan to remove under-brush. It is likely to require two men for between 4 and 6 days with some volunteer help. If the Ashworths can allow a trailer in their field then the Llewellyns can cart the brush away.
- 6.3 To review Bicton's Place Plan. It is available on the SC website in the Shrewsbury Town section pages 54 and 55. This ties in with an agreement that BPC made with SC in 2018 about house building in Bicton but a Place Plan is not the same as a house building plan. Noted. Cllr Warren is drawing up a draft PP. The PPs are now subject to a 'rolling review' and can be updated at anytime. Cllrs are invited to send comments to Cllr Warren for him to put in the draft.
- 6.4 David Pannet wishes for it to be known that he has four volumes of his articles on the history of Bicton for anyone to research and to copy. Noted.
- 6.5 BPC will continue with a 7.30 start; agreed unanimously.

## 7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

- 7.1 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties, £319.00
- 7.2 payment of the above account. 1er Cllr Blackmore, 2er Cllr Llewellyn and agreed.

## 8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

- 8.1 Cllr Lee will attend the SALC area committee on 19/10/23.

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

- 9.1 Cllr Blackmore reported that the houses in the development to the south of Welshpool Road are to have heat pumps and solar panels.
- 9.2 The defibrillator has been checked.
- 9.3 The Brethren are offering to facilitate a project in the parish; suggestions are sought e.g. planters, paint the bus shelters, litter pick, gateway to Bicton.

10. **NEXT MEETING** due to be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023. at 7.30pm in Bicton Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.41pm.

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