

2018 Nov.a.

BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Richard Brett

MINUTES (Draft until signed) of meeting 2018-Nov, 13th November 2018. 8pm in Bicton Village Hall

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Elliott Blackmore, Sue Llewellyn, Martin Davies, Rod Warren, Sally Maddox, Wendy Horan, Deirdre Grennan, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson, 7 parishioners, and James Healy from Berrington parish council.

POLICE REPORT The report recorded a substantial drop in incidents with none of the incidents directly attributable to Bicton parish as far as could be made out from the combined Bicton/Bicton Heath report. A tramp had been found sleeping in the church porch, he has been encouraged to return from whence he came. The Four Crosses garage shop suffered some thieving.

OPEN FORUM

Jan Bevan reported that she attended a meeting of Shrewsbury Town Council where SC planning policy officer Eddie West explained the 'Preferred Sites Plan Review'. Shrewsbury is in need of sites for 3,646 new houses. Land to the west of Shrewsbury is favourite for at least some of these houses. A boundary review is in the offing but is not likely before 2021. A new planning concept was introduced "Sustainable Green Infrastructure" which will lead to a "Green Network". It is not certain what this exactly means.

Stuart asked about the old phone kiosk. The ideal solution would be to find a use for it. Having it removed is not without its problems and expense. If a use is found for it maintenance will be an issue.

There are still noisy barking dogs at Wags and Whiskers. The hedging trees have not been planted and the green netting fencing is torn.

The give-way lines have not yet been painted at the end of Grove Farm lane. Robin Morris promised to do this when the lines are painted at the business park. Cllr Blackmore will visit Wags and Whiskers and Robin Morris to seek progress.

Stuart swept up some leaves by the church. There are a lot of leaves this year. The clerk is asked to request a road-sweeper visit from SC.

Some drain covers on Bicton Lane need the mud and leaves clearing off them. Cllr Warren volunteered to do this.

James Healy, a parish councillor from Berrington, asked about the Bicton Neighbourhood Plan. It was explained to him why the Bicton plan process is in abeyance. The cost is prohibitive and the benefits are uncertain. Mr Healy seemed to be under the impression that an NP is about preventing development; whereas the stated Government aim of an NP is in fact to regulate development. One of the main aims for a parish in having an NP is to have a strong planning policy agreed with the principle council. Having worked hard and consulted closely with SC, BPC does have such a strong policy, which is unlikely to be bettered by having an NP.

SC Cllr Lezley Picton reported; SC has been awarded an extra £7.8m for pothole repair. Oxon Relief Road has been delayed for 3 months by Highways England. The Coppice is keen to have public events to create goodwill. The Coppice management claim that the parking problem has been sorted out. The hedge that was planted close to the footpath will be moved further back. The CIL policy will not change. There will be a Place Plan review soon; guidance will be sent to parish councils. 'Shrewsbury Rural' will become a designation. Place Plan meetings will replace LJC meetings.

0. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Davies, 4.1, he is the lengthsman. Cllr Llewellyn, 5.1, her son is the applicant. Cllr Warren, 5.2, he is a near neighbour. Cllr Maddox, 5.2, she is a neighbour.

1. **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: Richard Brett, Mandie Lee
NOTED

2. **MINUTES** 2018-Oct of previous meeting held on 9/10/18 were confirmed and signed.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

- 3.1 Cllr Llewellyn cleaned the Isle Lane traffic signs.
- 3.2 The 'ghost refuge' by The Coppice, just has reflectors which are very poor, it would be much better with lights.
- 3.3 Severnway dredging; there is some confusion as to who is responsible for the water. Theoretically a farmer is responsible for the surface of a bridleway. Cllr Maddox suggested that some hardcore is needed. Cllr Blackmore and SC Cllr Picton are going to look in to possibilities.
- 3.4 Tom Llewellyn fixed the broken fence at Muriel's Little Wood and Cllr Warren made the skateboard-jumps safe.
- 3.5 For Crosses Inn car parking. The landlord has promised to put up some signs that say 'No Parking On The Footpath'.

4. **PARISH MATTERS**

- 4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item*
- 4.2 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* The footpaths are wet. Cllr Blackmore has got the informal agreement of the 3 landowners along Grange Bank, for the hedge to be removed and the footpath to be widened.
- 4.3 How to improve Bicton Lane, by the school, and make it safer. The hedge by the school needs removing. Install railings to prevent children running on to the road. Backlit studs. Flashing lights at school time. Cllr Warren also suggested mirrors by Wags and Whiskers, by the Severnway and on the Bicton Lane bad bend.

5 **PLANNING**

- 5.1 Barn, Rossall Grange, conversion to a dwelling, 18/03162/FUL SC granted. Noted.
- 5.2 Bicton Barn, conversion to a dwelling, 18/03358/FUL SC refused. Noted. SC reasons were; there is not enough structure to convert and this would be tantamount to a new build.
- 5.3 Four Crosses Inn, double sided sign, 18/02455/ADV, SC granted, Noted.

6. **OFFICIAL MATTERS**

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 345 £42,468.65 verified by Chairman.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Tom Llewellyn fixed the broken fence and Cllr Warren made the skateboard-jumps safe. Cllr Warren reported that all is safe.

7 **PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment**

- 7.1 Repairs to Muriel's Little Wood £71.50 chq. 131
- 7.2 Street light electricity, £137.89 chq. 132
- 7.3 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties, £119.00 chq. 133
- 7.4 Payment of the above accounts, 1er Cllr Grennan, 2er Cllr Maddox and agreed.

8. **EXTERNAL ITEMS**

- 8.1 Town and Parish Councils' Forum, 10am 29/11/18. Noted.

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

- 9.1 The BPC councillors who volunteered to be signatories on the cheque book are now required to go to HSBC, High Street Shrewsbury with i.d. and proof of address.

- 10. **NEXT MEETING** to be held on Tuesday 11th December 2018. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall

MEETING CLOSED 9.52 pm
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