

2019 -Nov.a.

**BICTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Chairman Richard Brett

**MINUTES** (Draft until signed) of meeting 2019-Nov, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019, 8pm in Bicton Village Hall

**PRESENT:**

*Parish Cllrs:* Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, Sally Maddox, Deirdre Grennan, Mandie Lee, Rod Warren, Paul Quartermaine, Wendy Horan, Sue Llewellyn, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson and 5 parishioners.

**POLICE REPORT** no report was received this month.

**OPEN FORUM**

**The Church Close** sign has been fixed.

**Lezley Picton** was thanked for arranging the removal of some fly tipping from Calcott Lane.

**Leaves on the footpath and road**, opposite the church on Church Lane, are an increasing problem as the trees get bigger. The trees belong to Severnside Housing. It would be of benefit if the trees were pruned. Kevin Williams will be asked if he can do it.

**Report from SC Cllr Lezley Picton;** SC is expecting an over-spend of £5.5m for this year. Ways of saving money are being explored. SC has 400 looked-after-children to pay for. Many councils charge for the collection of green waste; SC does not and nor is it likely to do so. Shropshire has a 55% recycling rate, this could, and should, be higher. A Rural Strategy is being developed, this will be useful for hanging the Place Plans on; there is a meeting tomorrow, Cllr Lee has volunteered to attend.

**0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

1. **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: NOTED

2. **MINUTES** 2019-Oct of previous meeting held on 8/10/19 were confirmed and signed.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 The sewage overflowing problem on and around Shepherd's Lane has been sorted out. Cllr Blackmore contacted the Environment Agency and there was prompt action.

**4. PARISH MATTERS**

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item* The last grass cut of the season has been completed, the road signs which had hedge growth around them have been trimmed. When all of the leaves have fallen off the trees on Church Lane Kevin will be asked to sweep them up.

4.2 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* All of the footpaths are soggy. This autumn is being reported in the press as the wettest on record. Bicton pool is overflowing.

4.3 Calcott Lane will be closed from 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> November for a water valve renewal. Noted.

4.4 Cllr Lee has designed a poster to encourage dog owners to clean up after their pets. Cllr Llewellyn has a laminator which will make the posters more durable.

**5 PLANNING**

5.1 19/03779/FUL The Oaks Farm, Shepherds Lane, Erection of single storey extension following demolition of existing conservatory, SC Decision: Grant Permission. Noted.

5.2 19/04591/FUL 8 The Cottage, Montford Bridge, erection of a single storey rear extension following demolition of single storey part and alterations to garage and covered area including formation of privacy fencing; BPC decision, no objections.

5.3 19/04553/FUL Proposed Barn Conversion West Of East Grove Farm, Change of use from agricultural building to a single dwelling. (This is slightly confusing. BPC dealt with this at the Sept meeting; or so we thought. What we dealt with then was 19/03717/PMBPA, which is some sort of an application for an exemption. Apparently this exemption was not granted so this is an actual planning application.) BPC decision, no objections.

5.4 19/04501/FUL formation of an access and visibility splay resubmission of previously approved 15/04499/FUL Clayton House, Clayton Way. Severn Trent Water. BPC decision, no objections.

## 6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 358 £37,862.27 verified by Chairman.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Cllr Warren reported that all is safe. Cllr Maddox has been trying to get some quotes for repairing the perimeter fence. She has enquired of 3 contractors but none has replied.
- 6.3 Report from the meeting, 'Community Led Housing' 22/10/19. Attended by Cllr Quartermaine. This was a meeting with a positive message about what parish councils can do to facilitate the development of affordable housing. This information could be very timely for BPC as it develops a strategy based around the results of the housing survey.
- 6.4 Progress report on the parish survey. BPC now has a PSMA (Public Sector Mapping Agreement) licence (it was free) from Ordnance Survey to reproduce maps. The questionnaire and posters are prepared and ready for distribution. Cllrs Warren, Lee and Llewellyn have volunteered to deliver the questionnaires, this weekend, to every house in the parish.
- 6.5 Report on the SmartWater roll out and to confirm the next event. Sat 16<sup>th</sup> November, 10am to 2pm, Bicton Village Hall. It is important to reach the target number of households registered because it is then that the signs will be supplied and it is having villagers know that SmartWater is in use which has the deterrent effect. The kits will also be available before the BPC meetings of 10/12/19 and 14/1/2020.
- 6.6 Environmental Maintenance Grant (EMG). Does BPC want to apply for next year's grant? The answer is yes. The clerk will attend to the details.
- 6.7 Report from Cllr Lee on the 'Better Shrewsbury Transport' meeting. The NWRR will mean less traffic on Smithfield road but it is likely to put more traffic everywhere else especially in Bicton. One forecast indicates that the B4380 could have a 30% increase. It was suggested that BPC should join the Alliance-Against-The-Road, this meeting voted 2 in favour and 5 against that proposal. A traffic survey is needed to evaluate how much of the B4380 traffic is resident and how much is through. Just recently there have been monitoring strips on the road but they cannot distinguish between resident and through traffic. The next NWRR consultation should be in Bicton village hall and not in the less accessible Oxon Hall.
- 6.8 The Community Speed Watch (CSW) data should have been collected by now. The monitoring strips have been collecting speed data. BPC has not yet received any results.

## 7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

- 7.1 DK Williams, lengthsman duties, The September cheque for £218 was not acceptable to Kevin's bank because there was an alteration on it. The account for Oct and Nov is £235. The total amount owing to Kevin is £453.00 chq 171
- 7.2 Street light electricity, Oct-Dec 2019. £152.77 chq 172
- 7.3 Refund to Cllr Warren for the printing of the housing survey. £174.00 chq 173
- 7.4 Refund to Cllr Warren for stationery needed for the housing survey. £ 75.91 chq 174
- 7.5 Payment of the above accounts 1er Cllr Maddox, 2er Cllr Blackmore, and agreed.

## 8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

- 8.1 Please find attached letter (on an email) from the Pageantmaster of VE Day 75, who is encouraging local councils to take part in the 'Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW 2' and the ringing of church bells as part of the nationwide 'Ringing Out for Peace' on the 8th May 2020 - VE Day. He also asks if you can please spread the word regarding these celebrations through your social media via Facebook and Twitter. **Noted.**
- 8.2 SALC AGM and celebration evening on 15<sup>th</sup> November at The Lord Hill Hotel, Abbey Foregate Shrewsbury. Cllrs Lee and Grennan will attend on behalf of BPC.

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

- 9.1 The hedge has been cut along Bicton Lane and it has left muck and chippings on the road, there is also mud on the drains. Cllr Maddox has reported this to SC and asked for a road sweeper.

10. **NEXT MEETING** to be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall

MEETING CLOSED 9.33 pm  
2019 Nov.b.