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**BICTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Chairman Richard Brett

**MINUTES** (Draft until signed) of meeting 2020-Nov 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020, 8pm by Zoom.

**PRESENT:**

*Parish Cllrs:* Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, Sally Maddox, Wendy Horan, Sue Llewellyn, Deirdre Grennan, Mandie Lee, Paul Quartermaine, Rod Warren, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson and 4 parishioners.

**POLICE REPORT** Although there were 13 reported incidents they are not all related to the threat of crime to the residents of Bicton. It is interesting to see how the figures are presented; assault 0, criminal damage 1, burglary residential 0, theft from vehicle 0, harassment/stalking 0, asb nuisance 3, asb personal 0, asb environmental 0, concern for safety 2, domestic incident 0, threats to kill 0, suspicious circumstances 0, civil dispute 0, sexual offence 1, highway disruption 3, rtc 2. It was reported to BPC that there is an incident which might not be in the above figures; a local female resident was threatened by a “nasty young woman”. The circumstances are not known.

**OPEN FORUM.**

**The notice board at Montford Bridge** has been noticed and is much appreciated.

**The road sweeper has swept some parts of Bicton village** but not the Bicton Lane pull-ins. Cllr Maddox has reported this to SC.

**The Severnside Housing Association bungalows on Bicton Lane** have some trees overhanging the road; Cllr Picton volunteered to look in to this.

**The oak trees, at the Shrewsbury end of Shepherd’s Lane,** have branches overhanging the road; it is believed that tree safety is the land-owners’ responsibility, Cllr Blackmore will take a look.

**SC Cllr Picton report: It has been a month of contrasting and confusing messages; mainly about the covid-19 situation.** No tests have been available in Shropshire because the infection rate has been too low. **More saplings may be available for parish councils to plant.** (BPC is very interested in planting more trees if suitable land can be found.) The EMG (Environmental Maintenance Grant) will be available, next year, for PCs to bid for. **Two site notices, for the planning application for the garage at Churncote,** have been put up and promptly removed by persons unknown. **Lezley will back up the request for the road sweeper to visit Bicton again.**

**0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

0.1 Cllr Maddox, 7.2, this is a refund for money disbursed to pay for this zoom meeting.

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

2. **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES, 2020-Oct** dated 13/10/2020. Under Cllr Picton’s report “*The Oxon Park and Ride site is closed for the moment as it is being used for covid-19 testing.*” Was changed to “*The Oxon Park and Ride site is closed because it is likely to be used for covid-19 testing*”. With this change the chairman signed the minutes as a true and accurate account.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 NHS Engagement Strategy presentation at 7.30pm before the next BPC meeting, Rod will send us more information before then.

3.2 The proposal to move the Oxon park and ride to Bowbrook is still undecided by SC.

**4. PARISH MATTERS**

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item* The footpath from Calcott to Shepherd’s Lane needs some hedge cutting back, Elliott will check it out.

4.2 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* Most are in good order. The Severnway has its usual problems plus the hedge by the old Vicarage needs doing. There is a list of all of the Bicton footpaths on the SC definitive map. An SC officer is looking in to the problems with the footpath past Lion Gates. The respective rights and responsibilities are not just straightforward; likewise the possible solutions.

4.3 There is now a notice board in the Montford Bridge bus shelter. The clerk was able to arrange the installation at no cost to the parish. Noted.

## 5 PLANNING

5.1 Planning Application Consultation 20/02969/VAR - 1-85 (inclusive) The Cornice. This is a legal technicality regarding the mortgage and will not affect the usage of the properties. Noted.

5.2 A tree preservation order (TPO) has been put on the trees on the site of the proposed filling station site at Churncote. The clerk is asked to write to SC supporting this order. Euro Garages now owns the site.

5.3 The 345 SWSUE house proposal at Bicton Heath is being re-drawn by the developers. BPC is asked if it would accept an SC officer's refusal? BPC decision is yes.

5.4 NWRR (North West Relief Road). An application has long been expected but there is still nothing to report.

5.5 Flood alleviation. The Severn River Partnership is working on proposals which might include some flow control at the NWRR bridge. The Save Our Severn grouping is concerned about worse flooding upstream. The debate rages. A public meeting will be called soon.

## 6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 370 £40,462.65 verified on screen.

6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Sally visited today and found that all was safe. Rod will give the edge a modest trim. Lots of holly has sprung up.

6.3 The church clock, which is also the Bicton war memorial, needs £730 worth of repairs. There is money in a reserved fund, held by the PCC, to pay for this. Noted.

6.4 SC proposes to repair bridleway 2R, past Bicton Pool, BPC is asked to contribute up to £2,000 for topping stone. This money could come from the CIL fund which BPC holds. For decision. David Pannet stated that the Severnway from the old church was a public road and so it is the responsibility of SC. BPC is concerned that unless the engineering is substantial then the large tractors will soon wreck any work done. Elliott, Rod and Sally (other CILrs are welcome too) would like to meet the SC officer on site. The clerk will request this.

## 7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment.

7.1 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties, Sept. And Oct. £266.00 chq 207

7.2 Sally Maddox, refund for this meeting zoom fee, £14.39 chq 208

7.3 Payment of the above accounts was agreed. Elliott has the cheque book and he will arrange to get signatures.

## 8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

8.1 The SALC AGM is by zoom, 6pm, 20/11/20, Mandie has volunteered to represent BPC.

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

9.1 The defibrillator was checked today.

9.2 Any resident can request, of SC, that a road sweeper should visit.

9.3 The fallen leaves gather against the fence and on the footway at Oxon Hollow. Sue will ask SC to sweep them up.

9.4 The trees that are available from SC would be best planted in a copse; if the land could be found. The options are, to persuade a land owner, BPC could buy land or there may be planting opportunities against the NWRR.

9.5 The clerk requested STC (Shrewsbury Town Council) to put better notices at Oxon Pool so that visitors could find the access point. There was no reply to this request and the signs have not been improved. A reminder is in order.

9.6 Some of the drains on the Holyhead Road at Montford Bridge are blocked and water is gathering. Elliott will check this out.

10. **NEXT MEETING** due to be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020. at 8.00pm; probably by zoom.

MEETING CLOSED 9.35pm  
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