

2021-Nov.a.

**BICTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Chairman Richard Brett

**MINUTES** (Draft until signed) of meeting 2021-Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021, 8pm in Bicton village hall.

**PRESENT:**

*Parish Cllrs:* Elliott Blackmore, Sally Maddox, Wendy Horan, Sue Llewellyn, Mandie Lee, Paul Quartermaine, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson and 1 parishioner.

In the absence of Richard Brett, Vice Chair Sally Maddox took the chair.

**POLICE REPORT.**

**OPEN FORUM**

**SC Cllr Picton report:** SC has made a 'Bus Back Better' bid to the DFT for £98m. This would not include a new Shrewsbury bus station. **There is a proposal that Park and Ride buses** should pick up passengers along the way. **It has also been suggested that school buses** should pick up passengers but how pupil safety could be ensured is not clear. **Lezley has a meeting planned with the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, Michael Gove**, to explain to him that more money is needed, in Shropshire, for the NHS and for childcare. **Food waste is especially expensive to collect;** cheap compost bins are available. **The Shropshire Council cabinet is meeting tomorrow** and the only item on the agenda is children's services. **HGV over-night parking in lay-bys is an issue;** drivers are reluctant to pay for parking. They should leave the lights on but enforcement of this is not realistic. **20mph limits are becoming more common** but the police are not able to enforce this speed limit.

0. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Cllr Blackmore 5.1, he is a near neighbour.

0.1 **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: Deirdre Grennan, Richard Brett, Rod Warren NOTED

2. **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES**, 2021-Oct, dated 12/10/21. The minutes were signed as a true and accurate account.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 The Four Crosses garage has been using the car park, to park cars, of the Four Crosses Inn whilst it has been vacant. Now that it is being converted to a children's nursery it is expected that the cars will be displaced and may well be parked on the slip road and other unsuitable places. It is understood that the original planning permission was for 5 cars for sale at any one time. If this rule is breached it will become a planning enforcement matter.

3.2 The road gutters around The Oval and on Grange Bank have still not been cleared.

3.3 The stone will be laid on the snicket, by the village hall, at some time over the winter.

3.4 The Severnway drainage issues are still awaiting resolution.

3.5 Dogs have been seen using the playing field but so far no dog poo has been found.

3.6 There is a large dog around Bicton, it has not been seen but the deposits it leaves are remarkable.

4. **PARISH MATTERS**

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item* The new bench on the Holyhead Road, which was paid for by The Brethren, has been installed. Cllr Blackmore donated the concrete and other installation materials.

4.2 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item*

5 **PLANNING**

5.1 21/04495/FUL Land Adjacent To Churncote Island, Full application for the erection of a Roadside Services development, including a Petrol Filling Station with ancillary Retail (Sui Generis), Drive-Through Coffee Shop (Class E), Drive-Through Restaurant (Class E), and the erection of 4 no. Business Starter Units. BPC strongly objects to this application.

1, The access to this site is such that it cannot fail to cause queues of traffic in the most dangerous places on the approach to Churncote Island and on the island itself. This area is already badly congested at peak times and vehicles coming off the island and then queuing to turn right will cause a backlog of traffic on to, and beyond, the island.

2, The traffic survey which was the basis for this application is nearly five years old and was taken on a Wednesday.

3, It is stated that whether, or not, the NWRR is built it will make no difference to this site. How can this be so? The NWRR will make Churncote Island a five-leg, which in itself is undesirable and potentially dangerous. Add to that the above access issues and the danger is increased many fold.

- 4, The occupation for the four business units is not known so how can permission for these be given when the use may well contravene the B1 designation in the SWSUE master plan.
- 5, The Environment Agency was not consulted for this application. For the previous similar application on this site the Agency objected on the grounds that it would adversely affect the aquifer and contravene policy CS18.
- 6, The future fuel for transport is not petrol and diesel, it is electric vehicles. This development will be obsolete as soon as it is completed.
- 7, The SWSUE master plan states that this area should be a high quality 'gateway' to Shrewsbury. This is not high quality in that sense and is hardly a 'gateway' as it will consist of a kiosk, some drive through facilities and business units of unknown use.
- 8, The previous, very similar application, was deemed to be "not suitable".

5.2 Proposed tree works: reduce by half the stem closest to the house of the ash tree. 19 Brookside. BPC supports this application.

5.3 21/03444/FUL Westside Drive , Welshpool Road, Reopening a separate access to land to the rear of the adjoining property Ellmar: SC Decision, Grant Permission. Noted.

5.4 21/05201/FUL Villa Farm Barn , Villa Lane, Erection of one and a half storey side extension. BPC supports this application because it is modest in scale, appropriate to the present building and its surroundings and will have no adverse effect on any other property.

## 6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 382 £46,597.24 verified by Chair.

6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. It was reported that all is safe.

## 7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

7.1 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties, £145.00

7.2 CPRE membership renewal, £36.00

7.3 Payment of the above accounts 1er Cllr Llewellyn, 2er Cllr Lee and agreed.

## 8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

8.1 SALC's AGM: 19 November by zoom. Cllr Lee will attend on behalf of BPC

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

9.1 The waste storage site on Grange Bank has approval for a rubbish fire once a year on Bonfire Night. This year there were fireworks which frightened the horses at Bicton House situated close behind this site. BPC would encourage more communication and consideration between neighbours at all times but especially when an event like this is planned.

9.2 The verges on Bicton Lane, just past Muriel's Little Wood, on the right, need some attention. The lengthsman will be asked to see to it. There are 2 oak trees, by the water pumping station, which need to be encouraged.

9.3 An easy chair has been fly-tipped on Isle Lane, it has been reported to SC.

9.4 Several sacks of litter have been picked by the volunteers. Calcott Lane will be picked on Saturday.

10. **NEXT MEETING** due to be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall.

MEETING CLOSED 9.20pm.  
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