

2024-Nov.a.

BICTON PARISH COUNCIL
Chairman, Elliott Blackmore

MINUTES (Draft until signed) of meeting 2024-Nov. 12th November 2024, 7.30pm in Bicton village hall.

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, Sue Llewellyn, Mandie Lee, Rod Warren, Paul Quartermaine, Deirdre Grennan, Wendy Horan, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson and 2 parishioners

NEIGHBOURHOOD ALERT, REPORT.

OPEN FORUM **Stuart Leighton** reported that David Wilson Homes will fill the trench on Lower Calcott Lane; also the hedge along Shepherd's Lane has been cut and left hedge cuttings on the road.

SC Cllr Picton report: In her and Ed Potter's absence Lezley sent a written report; attached in minute book. It has important information about SC's financial situation, devolution, local mayors, police and crime commissioners and the Shropshire Local Plan.

0. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Cllrs Warren, Maddox, Brett and Horan, 6.4, they live on Bicton Lane.

0.1 **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: Sally Maddox, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, SC Cllr Ed Potter, Noted.

2. **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES**, 2024-Oct, dated 8/10/24. Accepted and signed.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 Flooding issues across the Severnway by The Crescent, Montford Bridge. The brook needs clearing for some distance and it is too big a job for volunteers to do. Rob Embrey of Grange Farm has promised to get a digger and do the work.

3.2 New Welshpool Road markings by Elmar. These are such that they are confusing and dangerous. Turning right in to Calcott Lane used to have a wide turning lane it is now far too narrow. This is compounded by an apparent proposal, from Amwyl Homes, for 2 pedestrian crossings. Cllr Llewellyn will ask for advice from SC Cllr Lezley Picton.

3.3 Grange Bank footway. Vegetation and soil, from the hedge base, is encroaching and halving the width of the already narrow footway. Cllr Blackmore has asked Kevin Williams if he can have a go at shovelling the spoil back in to the hedge.

4. **PARISH MATTERS**

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions Standing Agenda Item

4.2 Parish footpaths, Standing Agenda Item. All paths are muddy.

4.3 Bicton Place Plan, Standing Agenda Item. Some outstanding items that CIL *could* (?) pay for are; Bicton Pool, a cycleway from Bicton to Shelton and a chicane at Four Crosses.

4.4 Poo and Poo bag problems on Shepherd's Lane, posters requested. Mandie has prepared some posters, Sue will laminate them.

4.5 Enquiry from David Wilson Homes re; sponsorship. Some possibilities are; a newt survey, the bowling club, Church clock maintenance, dog poo bins, Bicton pool and the church roof.

5. **PLANNING**

5.1 24/03429/CPE Proposed Residential Barn Conversions At Bicton House, Holyhead Road, Lawful development certificate for the commencement of development approved under planning permission reference 21/01345/FUL (amended description) SC Decision: Certificate – Lawful. Noted.

6. **OFFICIAL MATTERS**

6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts and financial report. Deposit account £61,706.38; current account £36,043.34 Lloyds Bank is arbitrarily changing the BPC account from a 'Treasurers' to a 'Community Account' this will incur a standing charge of £4.25 per month. Noted.

6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Tom Llewellyn has volunteered to repair the fence. Many thanks to Tom. Jackie Brett had a polite word with some lads who were digging ramps to cycle over. The ramps are now much less and can safely be walked around. The wood is for everyone and if it can accommodate young cyclists whilst not creating a danger to other users then that is a good use of the wood. Sue is to prepare some notices saying "No Digging".

6.3 Vas, speed Indicator devices, a progress report. The devices are due for delivery. The insurance situation is that currently "*there is £34,000 worth of All Risks cover for your assets. Assuming your*

total asset value hasn't exceeded this then the new VAS signs will be covered."

The estimated cost for the supply/installation of the 3No. posts will be £1200. Sue has volunteered to take delivery of the devices and to store them. The clerk will request of SC that the posts be installed asap.

- 6.4 Bicton Lane 30mph extension. Cost estimate; best guess from Dave Gradwell, "*I would say probably looking at between £5K - £6K (design fees, legal speed limit TRO and construction costs).*" There is enough CIL to pay for this and BPC agrees to do it.
- 6.5 Bicton Pool. "*A council can take action on unclaimed land by passing a resolution to manage it as a public open space*". Source- *Open Spaces Society*. BPC resolves, unanimously, to continue to manage Bicton pool as a public open space as it has been doing since 2010. Boundary markers will be erected, notices posted and announcement made in the press.
- 6.6 The Shropshire (Reorganisation of Community Governance) No. 1 Order 2024. This is the formal document for the boundary change. Noted.

7 **PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment**

- 7.1 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties, £148.00
- 7.2 Payment agreed; Cllrs Llewellyn and Lee will make the payment.

8. **EXTERNAL ITEMS**

- 8.1 Report from Cllr Lee; Parish Councils and Planning training session on 24 September. Noted with thanks to Mandie for circulating this report to councillors.

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

- 9.1 Cllr Warren reminded the meeting that councils have a duty under the 'Nature Recovery Plan'. Montford Parish Council has its plan on its web site. BPC has previously received Rod's Bicton Flora report. Of all the sites in Bicton Shelton Rough has had the most loss of flora.

10. **NEXT MEETING** due to be held on Tuesday 10th December 2024. at 7.30pm in Bicton Village Hall.

MEETING CLOSED 8.52 pm.
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