

2015-Dec.a.

BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Richard Brett

DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING 2015 Dec Held on 8th December 2015. 8pm in Bicton Village Hall

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, Wendy Horan, Sally Maddox, Sue Llewellyn, Deirdre Grennan, Martin Davies. Parish clerk-Peter Anderson. Plus 4 parishioners,

OPEN FORUM

Cars parking on the pavement around The Oval continues to be a problem. Parking on the pavement is not an offense in itself. It does become an offense if it creates an obstruction. A crude measure of obstruction is if a person with a pushchair cannot get past.

The owner of the hedge at Holyhurst will do his best to cut it back so that it does not cover the 30mph sign.

At the Four Crosses Garage there is a roadside sign which obscures driver's vision. Cllr Brett will speak to the garage owners about this.

Cllr Everall was absent but he sent a note asking everyone to be aware of Shropshire Council's 'Big Conversation', and to participate in it.

Police report; there has been some criminal damage to a vehicle, enquiries are ongoing.

A leak picking machine has damaged the verges of Isle Lane and was involved in a collision at the Four Crosses cross roads which left a car with burst airbags. This machine came from Lincolnshire just to do the field on the Isle. It is actually a factory which processes the leeks ready for the shop. It comes with a large team of workers and all the necessary facilities.

0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

0.1 Cllr Davies, 4.2, he is the lengthsman.

1. **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: Roy Bound, SC Cllr. John Everall., NOTED

2. **MINUTES** 2015-Nov of previous meeting held on 10/11/15 were confirmed and signed.

3 MATTERS ARISING

4. PARISH MATTERS

4.1 Bicton Primary School *Standing Agenda Item* A deputy head has been appointed, there is a build up to Christmas, things are hectic but in a good way.

4.2 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item*. Martin has been very busy and has not had time to clean the roof of the bus shelter but he will do it as soon as he can.

4.3 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item*. Everything is very wet. The Severnway past Bicton Pool is particularly bad. Cllr Llewellyn will tell Tom about this.

5 PLANNING

5.1 Rose Villa, Calcott Lane, extensions front and side, 15/05057/FUL, BPC decision-no objections.

5.2 East of Bicton Lane, 15 houses, 15/04035/FUL. The agent for the applicant has posted some comments on the SC website. The statistics that she quotes need careful scrutiny. The agent seems to be using the house building statistics in a creative way. BPC's figures show that the Bicton cluster already has more houses than was in the plan until 2026! Plus, 15/04035/FUL is outside the cluster. The agent also argued that the site is not good agricultural land. It is in fact grade 3 and DEFRA is committed to defend, against development, land that is grades 1 to 3. Also this is permanent pasture and the single payments scheme discourages the ploughing of such land. The clerk will reply to the agent's comments.

5.3 45 room nursing care home, The Uplands, 15/04857/OUT, BPC decision-no objections.

5.4 The Planning Inspector has approved SAMDev. SC must now adopt it on 17/12/15. The most important point is that "Planning law requires that applications must be determined in accordance with the development plan" (which is SAMDev!). Noted.

- 5.5 SWSUE section 106, an explanation from Tim Rogers, SC area planning manager. In all probability Shropshire Council, or a management company, will take on responsibility for the open spaces. Tim Rogers makes no mention of street lights.
- 5.6 River View, Montford Bridge, unauthorised access, Oliver Thomas, SC planning enforcement officer, phoned the clerk and promised to look in to this gap.

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 309 £28,244.84 Verified by Chairman.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. The hedge on the field side has been cut. Cllr Maddox reported that there are no problems.
- 6.3 Place Plan Review; SC is not doing a full review this year but things can be added if BPC wishes to. BPC does wish to add improvements to the road safety on Bicton Lane.
- 6.4 To consider the BPC draft budget for 2016/17. A draft budget was tabled. (See attached). A decision will be made at the January meeting.

7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

- 7.1 Bus shelter cleaner Oct-Dec £42.50 chq 1013
- 7.2 Clerk's salary Oct-Dec £1351.00 chq 1014
- 7.3 Hedge cutting adjacent to Muriel's Little Wood. £26.00. The contractor added this amount to Cllr Blackmore's account. Cllr Blackmore will not pass on the charge to BPC. He is thanked for this donation to the community.
- 7.4 Street light electricity, Oct-Dec £302.59 chq 1015
- 7.5 Payment of the above accounts, proposed Cllr Grennan, seconded Cllr Maddox and agreed.

8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

- 8.1 SC is having a "Big Conversation", this is a consultation about cuts. There is an online survey, www.shropshire.gov.uk/bigconversation Noted.
- 8.2 Road safety in our towns and villages. An event is being organised, 3/3/16. Does BPC wish to attend? The clerk is asked to book two places.

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

- 9.1 Street light G, on Church Close, has still not been repaired, Ringway promise to fix it but does not do so. Today the clerk received a promise from Ringway that it will be fixed tomorrow.
- 9.2 There is a lot of rubbish caught up in the hedge alongside Benham's field.
- 9.3 There is mud in the gutters along the B4380 from the Four Crosses towards Shrewsbury. The clerk will ask SC to send a sweeper.
- 9.4 Opposite to the entrance to the 85 care home development, on the B4380, some hefty bollards have been installed. It is thought that the property owner did this. They are a potential danger to traffic. The clerk will enquire as to whether they are legal.
- 9.5 Cllr Blackmore reported that there is now a number to phone to report dog fouling, 0345 678 9006.
- 9.6 Cllr Grennan reported that she had a near miss when a car shot out of the school without stopping.

10. **NEXT MEETING** to be held on Tuesday 12th January 2016. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall.

MEETING CLOSED 9.32 pm
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