

2016-Dec.a.

BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Richard Brett

DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING 2016 Dec Held on 13th December 2016. 8pm in Bicton Village Hall

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, Roy Bound, Sally Maddox, Sue Llewellyn, Deirdre Grennan, Martin Davies, Rod Warren. Parish clerk-Peter Anderson, PC Jon Summerfield, Mathew Mead, Plus 6 parishioners,

POLICE REPORT. There was no reported crime in Bicton this last month. Parking around the school continues to be a problem and it is on Jon's list of things to deal with. Parking on the verge by Muriel's Little Wood is becoming an issue. As is parking, on the pavement, by the kiosk, on The Oval.

OPEN FORUM

Cllr Blackmore went again to Wags and Whiskers to talk to the owners about the dog barking issue. The dogs do bark somewhat but whether this amounts to actual noise nuisance is a subjective matter. The owners appear to do their best to control this barking. Summer is the worst, winter is not so bad. Ultimately this may become an Environmental Health issue for Shropshire Council to deal with.

Tom Llewellyn and his partner intend to apply for planning permission to build an affordable house at Rossall Grange Farm. The plans will be submitted soon.

0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

0.1 4.2, Cllr Davies, he is the lengthsman. 5.2, Cllr Blackmore, he is a neighbour.

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

2. **MINUTES** 2016-Nov of previous meeting held on 8/11/16 were confirmed and signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Cllr Blackmore had previously volunteered to speak to SC Cllr Everall about Cllr Everall's difficulty in attending BPC meetings. Cllr Everall has eye trouble and it is difficult for him to drive but he is willing to do whatever he can for BPC if asked. SC Cllr Claire Wild has volunteered to help John with any Bicton problems, Cllr Brett will speak to her. John has indicated that he will step down at the May elections.

3.2 Cllrs Davies and Blackmore inspected Bicton Pool. Nature has taken over, there is not enough water and rushes are growing out of control. The pool cannot retain what water there is. Mud from the Severnway has filled the pool. For the time being it is thought best to maintain the area with grass cutting. Ideally the lane needs to be built up, this would be quite a job and it is Shropshire Council's responsibility. Tom Llewellyn is aware of the Severnway problems.

3.3 Churncote Island lights have been repaired. The problem was that a car had left the road and hit a control box.

3.4 The neighbours with the overshadowing tree issue appear to be moving towards an amicable settlement.

4. PARISH MATTERS

4.1 Bicton Primary School *Standing Agenda Item* A production Of 'Joseph' is being undertaken.

4.2 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item* Martin has removed the damaged bus shelter panel and cleaned the road signs. There is a dead wych elm in the hedge on Isle Lane, Martin is asked to cut it down.

4.3 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item*.

4.4 Some trees have been ordered on the SC free tree scheme. Should BPC consider buying some more? 5 oaks have been promised from the scheme. Cllr Warren has 5 more that he will donate. It is not necessary to have any more for the moment. If the scheme runs again next year it may be appropriate to apply again. Cllr Llewellyn will contact Zoe Hinton to ask about the possibility. A 'village orchard' could be a valuable asset for Bicton to have. This would require a land donation.

5 PLANNING

5.1 Milns Bridge, extension, 16/04085/FUL. SC granted. Noted.

- 5.2 Westside workshops, Welshpool Road, change of use, office to 3 retirement apartments, 16/04328/FUL. The BPC decision is to object. 1, There is not enough parking. 2, A business is being run on the site at the moment and lorries serving this business do dangerous manoeuvres to access and leave the site. 3, The drainage is by septic tank which is inadequate for the present dwellings/business; also this site already has planning permission for 5 extra dwellings, construction of which has not yet begun.
- 5.3 Rose Villa, Calcott Lane, garage/gym/home office, 16/05573/FUL. BPC has no objections.

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 321 £37,420.16, verified by Chairman.

Cllr Maddox entered the meeting with apologies for being late (which were accepted) she had been delayed at work.

- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, Cllr Maddox reported that all is safe. Some discussion about the future of the Wood ensued. One speculative suggestion was that it would better serve the community if it were to be converted to an orchard. The clerk is asked to take the advice of tree surgeon Max Jellicoe on this matter.
- 6.3 Update briefing on the Local Plan Review. Mathew Mead explained the situation. SC has to keep Core Strategy under constant review to prove that it has a 5 year land supply. The intended policy will continue to be to satisfy the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) requirements but in a controlled way which is best for Shropshire. Development will be concentrated in the market towns but any Local Plan is a guideline and not an absolute limit.
- 6.4 A draft BPC budget for 2017/18 was tabled for councillors to consider. Further discussion and a decision on this will be made at the 10/1/17 BPC meeting.

7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

- 7.1 Bus shelter cleaner, Jim Griffiths, Oct-Dec 2016, £42.50 chq 1046
- 7.2 Clerk's salary, Oct-Dec 2016, £1351.00 chq 1047
- 7.3 Highline Electrical, street light repairs, £168.00 chq 1048
- 7.4 Street light electricity, 2016/17, 3rd quarter, £299.14 chq 1049
- 7.5 Martin Davies, lengthsman duties, £40.00 chq 1050
- 7.6 Payment of the above accounts, proposed Cllr Grennan, seconded Cllr Llewellyn and agreed.

8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

- 9. **EXTRA INFORMATION** Any *Additional Information* not specified on the agenda.
- 9.1 A speed limit is needed on Isle Lane, the clerk is asked to take advice from Mike Davies of SC.
- 9.2 An annexe to the hospice, behind Oxon Hall, is being planned. Discussions are taking place between the Hospice and Oxon Hall management committees. No formal plans have yet been submitted.
- 9.3 The Calcott Lane nameplate, at the Welshpool Road end is missing, presumed stolen. The clerk will ask SC to replace it.
- 9.4 Grange Bank is in need of a litter-pick. Gordon Wallach volunteered to arrange this.
- 9.5 Sally did a litter-pick along Bicton Lane a few days ago, for which she was thanked.
- 9.6 At the meeting to train people how to use the de-fibrillator only 4 people attended. This was fewer than expected, however, there are fool-proof instructions on the box.

- 10. **NEXT MEETING** to be held on Tuesday 10th January 2017, at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall

MEETING CLOSED 9.46 pm
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