

2019 -Dec.a.

BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Richard Brett

MINUTES (Draft until signed) of meeting 2019-Dec, 10th December 2019, 8pm in Bicton Village Hall

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, Sally Maddox, Wendy Horan, Sue Llewellyn, Deirdre Grennan, Mandie Lee, Rod Warren, Paul Quartermaine, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson, 3 parishioners.

POLICE REPORT There were 3 recorded incidents plus PC Ross Cookson sent an email warning of scam calls asking people to transfer money.

OPEN FORUM.

Report from SC Cllr Lezley Picton. The NWRR situation is ongoing. SC recycling rate is 55% but needs to be much better. Part of the problem is persuading people not to put recyclables into the general bin, all of which goes into the incinerator. There is a common mistaken belief that all recycling gets dumped in to the same lorry; but lorries are, in fact, multi-compartment. Paper and card should be separated but all else can go together. Bottles and tins should be rinsed and the tops removed. SC is one of the few councils which collect grass. The automatic plastic sorters cannot 'see' black. Anyone with a garden is encouraged to compost at home. Lezley was thanked for the comprehensive reports which she brings to BPC.

0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

2. **MINUTES** 2019-Nov of previous meeting held on 12/11/19 were confirmed and signed after a slight alteration. 6.7 now reads that there were 2 in favour and 5 against.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Cllr Warren requested the speed and traffic data.

3.2 Cllr Maddox reported to SC, again, that Bicton Lane needs sweeping.

4. PARISH MATTERS

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item*

4.2 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* The footpaths are soggy. The Severnway is particularly bad. The main damage is caused by big tractors. There is no easy solution. The dangerous horses on the East Grove to Lion Lodge footpath are still particularly dangerous; another incident has been reported to us.

4.3 Speeding traffic in Montford Bridge, some observations from a resident. The problem is how to enforce a speed limit? Some drivers just do not consider that the criminal law of speeding applies to them. The police cannot spend all of their time there and engineering works are very expensive. A VAS (vehicle activated sign) may have some persuasive effect. MPC (Montford Parish Council) is pursuing the possibility of using some CIL money for VAS for the whole of Montford Bridge. If the entire length of the B4380 from Shelton to Montford Bridge was a 40mph limit this could reduce the average speed.

4.4 Where to locate the 'dog poo posters'? The more locations the better.

4.5 From Cllr Lee; a report of the Bicton Circular Walk that took place on 23 November. There were 27 participants representing: local residents, Friends of the Earth, the Civic Society and BPC. The route passed places that will be affected by development and the NWRR. Significant trees and ancient hedgerows were noted. More walks are planned for the new year.

4.6 Below is an extract from an MPC agenda, these are issues which involve Bicton and BPC.

1, **Smart Water** consider launching a Montford Parish project ?

2, **Montford Bridge Traffic Scheme** SC review of MPC's £15k Local CIL bid of 19.03.19. any progress ?

3, **Improving Grange Bank Footway** not in our parish but we have undertaken to liaise with Bicton.

4, **North West Relief Road** effect on Holyhead Road traffic Bicton+Montford Bridge: any MPC views?

1, It is logical that Montford and Bicton should be SmartWater areas; being together will multiply the deterrent effect. 2, Montford Bridge is one settlement but it is divided between 2 parishes but some issues benefit from considering the settlement as a whole. MPC has taken up the idea of a traffic scheme; BPC supports this and just for the moment, it is best that BPC lets MPC get on with it and not muddy the waters by duplicating its work. 3, Grange Bank, Montford residents also use this path. MPC agrees with the principle of improvement but in the meantime the path should be maintained as best as maybe. 4, The NWRR will have implications beyond its actual route; it will put (or remove) traffic on/from other roads and will create development opportunities. Whether, or not, there should be a traffic island at Shelton requires some careful thought.

5 PLANNING

5.1 19/05257/FUL Plum Cottage, Bicton Lane, Erection of single and two-storey extensions; erection of single storey study/store; alterations to vehicular access. For decision. It is not evident, from the plans, how close it is to the neighbours. A blank wall faces the neighbours. This is a big extension, almost doubling the existing; and is right up to the boundary. The drawings are insufficient. BPC is minded to object but before it does so formally more information is needed. The clerk will ask for an extension to the deadline so that this can come up again at the next meeting on 14/1/20.

- 5.2** A request from a Preston Montford resident: *I would like to ask that the Parish Council would consider my request in contacting Shropshire Planning Dept to make a formal request to include Preston Montford to be included in the review even at this late date.* BPC's response: This request is bound up closely with SC planning policy. BPC needs some advice from Eddie West, who is now the head of SC Planning Policy. Cllr Warren volunteered to contact him.
- 5.3** 19/03961/FUL 10 The Oval, Bicton, Erection of single storey rear extension and single storey extension to existing garage; conversion of garage to residential use SC Grants Permission. Noted.
- 5.4** 19/04553/FUL Barn West Of East Grove Farm, Change of use from agricultural building to a single dwelling SC Decision: Grant Permission
- 5.5** 19/04591/FUL 8 The Cottage, Montford Bridge, Erection of a single storey rear extension following demolition of single storey part and alterations to garage and covered area including formation of privacy fencing. SC granted.
- 5.6** 19/03945/FUL Tall Trees Calcott Lane, Conversion of stables to living accommodation, construction of a link building between the stables and existing dwelling and a new front porch design (re-submission) SC granted.

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.1** Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 359 £37,006.59 verified by Chairman.
- 6.2** Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. The Wood continues to be a safe place to visit. Tom Llewellyn has put in a quote for repairing the fence. Quotes were sought from 4 sources. Tom was the only one to reply. Previous work that he has done for BPC has been highly satisfactory so BPC accepts his quote of £870.00.
- 6.3** Bicton survey, response update. So far there have been 154 responses, which is nearly 30%. This is good. More may yet come in; the deadline is extended in to January. Cllr Quartermaine volunteered to help to collate the returns. Cllr Warren has done a great deal of work on this survey and it is much appreciated.
- 6.4** Brief report on the Community and Rural Strategy workshop attended by Cllr Lee. A report is being drawn up about parishes merging and the redefining of boundaries; this could impact, considerably, as to which authorities the future CIL payments will be made. This could be of particular relevance to Bicton as Shrewsbury expands.
- 6.5** Report on Salc 70th AGM attended by Cllrs Grennan and Lee. This is a good networking opportunity to meet representatives from other parish councils and to learn how they deal with things. A wide range of subjects came up, formally and informally, which made attendance very worthwhile. It was suggested that BPC may like someone to come along and explain the Armed Forces Covenant. BPC would like this.
- 6.6** There is a request from Jan Bevan: The Marches and Mid Wales Freight Strategy was published in February 2018. Please could you tell me if BPC responded? Answer: BPC has no record or recollection of this matter.
- 6.7** SmartWater progress. 85 kits have been distributed so far. The recent Saturday event only attracted 7 applicants. The name SmartWater is causing some confusion; it is being conflated with water and smart meters. A different name would be better, such as 'Forensic Marker' or 'Security Marker Fluid'. It is important to distribute the set number of kits because then the signs will be provided by the Police and Crime Commissioner and it is the signs around the parish which will be the deterrent.
- 6.8** Suggestions for the 2020/21 BPC budget. The clerk will email last year's budget to Cllrs and a decision can be made at the 14/1/20 BPC meeting.

7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

- 7.1** Clerk's salary Oct-Dec 2019, £1449.00 chq 175
- 7.2** Web site maintenance, quarter to November 2019. £105.00 Chq 176
- 7.3** Payment of the above accounts, 1er Cllr Grennan, 2er Cllr Llewellyn and agreed.

8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

- 9. EXTRA INFORMATION** Any *Additional Information* not specified on the agenda.
- 9.1** The horses in the field with a footpath by Lion Gates are a real and present danger to anyone walking the right of way.
- 9.2** Seedfield 19/01538/FUL, BPC objected to this planning application partly because there was clear glass in an upstairs window which overlooks the neighbours. BPC understood that it was agreed that this window would have obscure glass. Now that it has been built it has clear glass.
- 9.3** 10 The Oval, 19/02226/FUL, BPC objected to this because the off-road parking was insufficient. It has now been built and the off-road parking is insufficient causing parking on the pavement on the bend. It may be 12 months before enforcement can be initiated.
- 9.4** Vehicles still park on the pavement at Four Crosses. It may be best if the PCSO deals with this.
- 9.5** The Oxon Pool renovation has been delayed by the weather. It could be that the flooding has been made worse by run-off from The Coppice development.
- 9.6** The white lines at the Bicton Lane/Church Lane junction have been repainted.

- 10. NEXT MEETING** to be held on Tuesday 14th January 2020. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall.

MEETING CLOSED 10.30pm
2019 Dec.b.