

2025-Feb.a.
BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES (Draft until signed) of meeting 2025-Feb. 11th February 2025, 7.30pm in Bicton village hall.

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, Sally Maddox, Sue Llewellyn, Mandie Lee, Paul Quartermaine, Deirdre Grennan, Wendy Horan, SC Cllr Ed Potter, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson and 4 parishioners

NEIGHBOURHOOD ALERT, REPORT.

OPEN FORUM Lee Jones spoke about his children using Muriel's Little Wood for cycling. This use is very good for the health and well-being of children; they can play for hours with no need to go on dangerous roads. BPC replied that the wood must be safe for all users and if it is left in a safe condition then children are welcome. A 'Pump Track' was suggested for somewhere in the village, this would need community action by parents and children. Cllr Potter volunteered to look in to the possibilities.

SC Cllr Potter report: The SC budget is being finalised. There is a review of local government which is likely to result in Shropshire being grouped with a neighbouring county under an elected mayor. SC has been awarded only an extra £4,000 for social care. £28m of saving must still be found. 3 weekly bin collections is being suggested but Cllr Potter is against this. The Cornovii development at Bicton Heath will not result in any CIL for BPC, but it may be possible to gain some benefits for Bicton, such as environmental schemes or a pump track. Cllr Potter will negotiate on behalf of BPC.

0. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Cllr Lee, 5.3, she is a close neighbour.
- 0.1 **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: Rod Warren, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, NOTED
2. **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES**, 2025-Jan, dated 14/1/25. Verified and signed.
3. **MATTERS ARISING**
 - 3.1 The small gate school exit. Cllr Blackmore has spoken to the head and some extra signs are going to be put up.
 - 3.2 Cllr Blackmore's contractor cut some hedges on Calcott Lane and Shepherd's Lane. David Wilson Homes/Barrats will pay for this. The hedge against Oxon Pool still needs cutting.
 - 3.3 The 'Clean Up Your Dog's Poo' signs have been erected.
 - 3.4 Cllr Llewellyn has reported to SC that the Isle Lane road markings need repainting.
 - 3.5 There has been no response from SC about the narrow lane markings at the turn in to Calcott Lane on the Welshpool road.
 - 3.6 Grove Farm exit on to Isle Lane needs its give-way line repainting.
4. **PARISH MATTERS**
 - 4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions Standing Agenda Item
 - 4.2 Parish footpaths, Standing Agenda Item. Chapel Hill footpath has still not been marked. Cllr Blackmore will speak to the farmer. Footpaths are generally swampy.
 - 4.3 Bicton Place Plan, Standing Agenda Item
 - 4.4 Register to be part of Plantlife's No Mow May for 2025? See email sent to all Cllrs. BPC will register its intention to be part of this.
 - 4.5 Bicton Pool botanical survey? Mark Duffel of Arvensis Ecology has quoted £467.20 to do a survey and report. BPC feels that it is not the right time for this and will ask the Preston Montford Field Centre and the Wildlife Trust for help. The adverse possession will also include the lane past the old churchyard. This will not affect the right of way

- to the fields but it will allow BPC to maintain this lane and so prevent mud from entering the pool. The drainage rings will need covers in due course.
- 4.6 Severn Trent grants. This could be appropriate for Bicton Pool, the clerk will investigate.
 - 4.7 Monthly Audit of Accounts and financial report. Current account, £20,143.72 Deposit account £62,272.57 Noted.
 - 4.8 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Rod had a fire to remove excess stuff. Spring is coming and the wood is attractive. See also Open Forum above.
 - 4.9 Vas, speed Indicator devices, a progress report. Cllr Blackmore has spoken to Dave Gradwell of SC who said that Swarco is contracted to put the posts in during March.
 - 4.10 Best kept village competition. Does Bicton wish to participate? Yes! Cllr Maddox will make a start.

5 PLANNING

- 5.1 24/04659/TPO Oxon Hall, Cut back by 4-8ft four branches of 1no European Ash (T14) and 1no Horse Chestnut (T9), works (potentially fell) to 1no Cedar (T20) & lift crown to 7ft and shape outer branches to 12ft of 1no Yew (G1) protected by the Shrewsbury & Atcham Borough Council (Oxon Hall) Tree Preservation Order 2003 (Ref: SA/379) SC Grant Permission. Noted.
- 5.2 24/04533/FUL Rossendale, Shepherds Lane, Proposed two storey side extension utilising existing utility at ground floor level SC Decision: Grant Permission. Noted.
- 5.3 25/00157/VAR Montrose, Shepherd's Lane, Variation of Condition No.5 (window) pursuant to planning permission 21/03958/FUL to allow for the south facing first floor bathroom window to be openable. For Decision. Cllr Lee withdrew from the decision. BPC strongly objects. The original planning condition, of obscure and unopenable, was imposed to protect the privacy of the neighbour. This window 'looks' into the bedroom window of that neighbouring property. The window could be changed for one that opens in such a way as to guarantee the privacy of the neighbour or, if ventilation is needed, an extractor fan could be fitted.

6 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

7 EXTERNAL ITEMS

8. **EXTRA INFORMATION** Any *Additional Information* not specified on the agenda.
 - 8.1 Someone has been walking their dog on the school grounds during school time! A note will be put in the newsletter saying that this is not on.
 - 8.2 The de-fibrillator has been checked.
 - 8.3 Street light Y at The Crescent Montford Bridge is reported as not working. The clerk will check it tonight on his way home.
 - 8.4 Tom Llewellyn will start work on Grange Bank on 24 Feb. There are some drain covers 'lifting' and some 'tactile paving' has sunk.

9. **NEXT MEETING** due to be held on Tuesday 11th March 2025. at 7.30pm in Bicton Village Hall.

MEETING CLOSED 8.59 pm.
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