

2025-Mar.a.

BICTON PARISH COUNCIL
Chairman Elliott Blackmore

Paul Watson, of Halls, explained 5.1 This is an outline application, the reserved matters will come later. This will be a maximum of three houses; or possibly just one, this is a reserved matters decision. Storm water drainage will be by soak-away and surfaces will be permeable. SC is positive about this application.

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

PRESENT:

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD ALERT, REPORT.

OPEN FORUM

SC Cllr Picton report: In Cllr Picton's absence SC Cllr Ed Potter reported. SC has just about balanced its budget with a 5% increase in council tax. Councillors are now in 'Purdah' because of the 1st May elections. SC almost has a 5 year land supply, at the moment the definition is a "moveable feast". The Local Plan is withdrawn until the 5 year land supply is sorted out. The National Planning Policy Framework now demands of Shropshire double the previous number of houses to be built.

0. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Cllr Llewellyn, 7.5, she is Tom's mother.

0.1 **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received from: SC Cllr Lezley Picton, Sally Maddox. NOTED

2. **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES**, 2025-Feb, dated 11/2/25. Agreed and signed.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 The hedge against Oxon Pool still needs cutting.

3.2 Cllr Llewellyn has reported the road markings on Isle Lane and has had a response but they have not yet been repainted.

3.3 Grove Farm exit; Cllr Llewellyn will ask Robin Morris if he could have the give-way lines painted again.

4. **PARISH MATTERS**

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions Standing Agenda Item Tom Llewellyn has cut the hedge and cleared the footway on Grange Bank. The job has been done to a high standard and has attracted many compliments. The tarmac is degraded at the hedge side and it needs some stone to firm it up. Graham Downes, of SC, has promised to do this but if he cannot then BPC will undertake the task. Some cones, on the soft edge, have appeared over the weekend. Tom will spray the under-hedge weeds at no extra charge. The wood-chip is in Muriel's Little Wood.

The footway on the Holyhead Road, past Villa Lane, needs soil removing from it. Elliott will inspect it and ask Kevin to see to it.

4.2 Parish footpaths, Standing Agenda Item Mr Price has promised to mark the Chapel Hill footpath.

4.3 Bicton Pool, Preston Montford Field Centre cannot help with a survey. The deadline for this tranche of Severn Trent grants was the end of February. BPC Cllrs decided, by email, with a vote of 5 to 3, to instruct the clerk to not press ahead with the application this time but to wait for the next round of applications and to have a detailed application prepared.

4.4 Best kept village competition, a progress report. Cllr Maddox has volunteered to take the lead on this and to do the application. Decisions need to be taken about what to include and what to exclude and where to draw the boundaries. It is understood that the boundary needs to be continuous.

5 **PLANNING**

5.1 25/00518/OUT The Hollies, Villa Lane, Outline application (to include access) for the erection of up to 3 no. Dwelling-houses, garaging, alterations to existing access and associated works. BPC comments are;

a, Car parking. There are often more than two cars per house, plus visitors. Provision needs to be made for extra car parking.

b, The junction of Villa Lane on to the B4380 Holyhead Road needs to be improved for the extra traffic that will ensue.

c, Storm water drainage must be a major consideration. This area is prone to surface water flooding and recently two houses on Villa Lane were flooded.

d, If the above conditions can be met then Bicton Parish Council has no objections to this application.

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts and financial report. Current acc. £20,143.72 Deposit 62,438.06 Noted.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Cllr Brett reported that all is safe. Tom Llewellyn has put in some new roadside fence rails for free. The rear fence is water-logged for the moment. Cllr Llewellyn will supply and install some bird boxes for free. Cllrs Llewellyn and Grennan volunteered to spread the woodchip; other volunteers will be welcome.
- 6.3 Vas, speed Indicator devices, a progress report. Cllr Blackmore has negotiated with Dave Gradwell, of SC, to have Swarco, SC's contractor, install the posts for free, next week. The devices will be mounted at the same time.

7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

- 7.1 Street light electricity Jan/Mar £230.82
- 7.2 Web site maintenance/annual managed maintenance fee/renewal of ownership £350.00
- 7.3 Clerk's salary, Jan/Mar £1,860.00
- 7.4 Clerk's expenses Oct/Mar £375.00
- 7.5 TRJL Contracts, Grange Bank hedge and footway, £5,730.00
- 7.6 Highline Electrical, Streetlights Q and Y £986.40
- 7.7 Payment of the above accounts agreed.

8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

8.1 The next meeting of the SALC Shrewsbury Area Committee shall take place on **Thursday 6th March 2025 at 6.00pm** either in person at the Shrewsbury Town Council Office in St Johns Hill, Shrewsbury or via the Teams Link that has already been forwarded or via the agenda attached. Cllr Lee will report on this at the next meeting.

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

9.1 There are some spindly trees in danger of falling in to the road by Oxon Lodge, the ownership of these trees is uncertain.

9.2 Some rubber traffic monitoring strips have appeared on Bicton Lane by Bicton Farm. It is not known what the purpose of these strips is. Elliott will ask Dave Gradwell.

10. **NEXT MEETING** due to be held on Tuesday 8th April 2025. 7.30pm in Bicton Village Hall.

MEETING CLOSED 9.35 pm.

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