

2025-Ap.a.

BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Elliott Blackmore

MINUTES (Draft until signed) of meeting 2025-Ap. 8th April 2025, 7.30pm in Bicton village hall.

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, Sally Maddox, Sue Llewellyn, Mandie Lee, Paul Quartermaine, 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: This will be Lezley's last meeting at BPC as she is retiring from active politics after 40 years service. BPC has been very pleased to have Lezley as its SC Cllr for the last 8 years and she was warmly thanked.

0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

0.1 **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: Deirdre Grennan, NOTED

2. **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES**, 2025-Mar, dated 11/3/25. Accepted and signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Cllr Maddox has asked for Oxon Pool hedge to be cut but it is still not done.

3.2 Cllr Llewellyn has asked for Isle Lane road markings to be redone but they have not been done.

3.3 Highline Electrical has made a mistake with the last invoice and has offered a refund of £654.19. It has not yet arrived.

3.4 The owner of the trees at Oxon Hollow is not known.

3.5 The monitoring strips on Bicton Lane have gone. They were nothing to do with SC and their purpose is not known.

4. PARISH MATTERS

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions Standing Agenda Item. Kevin knows about "No Mow May".

4.2 Parish footpaths, Standing Agenda Item Chapel Hill footpath has not been marked.

4.3 Bicton Pool, reply from the Wildlife Trust

We do have a pond restoration project running, however restoration under that scheme is only possible if the pond is dry. Alternatively we are able to offer a paid for advice service if that would be of interest.

£240 would allow for a two hour site visit and a follow up letter of our recommendations.

We can quote for more extensive works, surveys or full project management.

If you send me a photograph and exact location of the pond I may be able to comment more fully. BPC declines the offer. The clerk is instructed to ask Jane Ing. She did a survey of the pool in 2010.

4.4 Is anyone on the Parish Council that would like to join the village hall committee. I would be grateful if you could ask the Parish Council members. Our AGM will be held in the club on Sunday 18th May at 8pm. Noted.

4.5 Best Kept Village competition, report on progress from Cllr Maddox. An organiser is coming to see Cllr Maddox to advise. The school has provided information.

5 PLANNING

5.1 25/00940/OHL The Oaks Farm, Shepherds Lane, Proposal: Upgrading of pole-mounted transformer. BPC's comments:- There are many things which are not clear on this application, chief amongst these things is why is it a planning application at all? Given that, from the information available, it looks more like maintenance than a material change, then BPC can find no objections to this "application".

5.2 25/00157/VAR Montrose, Shepherds 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. SC Decision: Grant Permission. Noted.

6. **OFFICIAL MATTERS**

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts and financial report. Current £10,607.25 deposit £62,621.78
 - 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Cllr Maddox reported that all is safe and that there are not many flowers this year and the daffodils are over.
 - 6.3 Vas, speed Indicator devices, a progress report. The devices are installed but one is not working because the battery is defective; a new battery is being supplied for free. Andrew Leighton has purchased a 'magnetic pole' to turn on the wifi. One vehicle is recorded at 95mph, although, this may be the system bedding in. The average was 45mph. Month on month patterns are best. Reporting, to the police, regular speeders at regular times will help in catching them. There were 2,000 cars each way per day. Thank you to Andrew.
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7 **PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment**

- 7.1 Bicton Newsletter subscription £5.00. Not paid. This sub is paid to the Village Hall. It is intended to pay it with the meetings fee. An invoice has been requested but it does not arrive. Cllr Blackmore will speak to the booking secretary.
- 7.2 Clock repair fund, £200.00
- 7.3 Kevin Williams lengthsman duties, £256.00
- 7.4 Payment of 7.2 and 7.3 agreed.

8. **EXTERNAL ITEMS**

- 9. **EXTRA INFORMATION** Any *Additional Information* not specified on the agenda.
- 9.1 Sally and the team did a litter pick on 22 March. 11 sacks were filled. The Plymouth Brethren did Grange Bank. The playing field was very much littered with broken glass by the MUGA.
- 9.2 The de-fib has been checked.

- 10. **NEXT MEETING** due to be held on Tuesday 13th May 2025. at 7.30pm in Bicton Village Hall.

MEETING CLOSED 8.30pm.
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