

**2024-May.a.**  
**BICTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** (Draft until signed) of meeting 2024-May. 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024, 8.00pm in Bicton village hall.

This begins with the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, which is a statutory requirement to allow parishioners to raise any subject that they wish. Then follows the ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING. Also, normal parish business is conducted.  
**PRESENT:** *Parish Cllrs:* Richard Brett, Sally Maddox, Sue Llewellyn, Mandie Lee, Rod Warren, Paul Quartermaine, Deirdre Grennan, Wendy Horan, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, SC Cllr Ed Potter, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson and 8 parishioners.

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Mathew Mead report on the progress of Bicton Place Plan priorities. 40mph along the B4380, The Coppice development is going to extend the limit towards Bicton but the logic is that the whole length of the B4380 through to Montford Bridge should be included. This may be subject to the regulations. The Coppice footpath to Clayton Way. This is expected to go ahead in conjunction with Severn Trent laying new water pipes. Cycleway from Shelton, this is subject to the availability of funds. Water courses in Bicton; there is some dispute as to where the responsibility lies for Bicton Brook. There is strong evidence that National Highways is responsible but it is reluctant to accept this. School Road Safety, SC is piloting a scheme for improving road safety outside schools. 30mph on lanes generally, the lanes do not meet the legal criteria but it may be possible to apply the "Quiet Lanes" initiative. The Bicton to Montford Bridge cycle way/footpath widening, is only aspirational as it would cost many hundreds of thousands of pounds.

- 1 **Annual Parish Council report.** Chairman's report. Financial report. Attached to the minute book
- 2 **Report from Shropshire Council** Attached to minute book. This will be Lezley's last BPC Annual Meeting because Bicton will be moved from Tern to Loton Division. Lezley has been assiduous in attending BPC meetings and doing everything that she can for the good of the parish. BPC is very grateful and sad to lose Lezley but pleased to welcome Ed Potter as the SC Councillor;...subject to the 2025 elections, of course.
- 3 **Police Report.** BPC receives regular reports throughout the year on the Neighbourhood Alert scheme. PC Rich Walters, and his PCSOs attend BPC as often as their other duties allow. Bicton parish continues to be a relatively low-crime area.
- 4 **Representations from Parishioners.** (Open Forum) Any comments, views or requests?  
There is much concern about the proposed farm track from Bicton Lane, along the Severnway and then across the fields to the chicken farm. It will run close to the rear of several properties. It has the potential to take farm traffic, tractors and lorries, away from the bad corner on Bicton Lane. Heavy traffic along the Severnway past Bicton Pool, with all the drainage issues there could have adverse effects.

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**B ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2024-May.** To immediately follow the Annual Parish Meeting.

**BICTON PARISH COUNCIL (BPC) APPOINTMENTS**

0. Elect BPC Chairman	presently
1. Elect BPC Vice Chairman	Sally Maddox stood down
2. Appoint BPC Press Officers	Elliott Blackmore Now chairman
3 Confirm BPC representative to Bicton Village Hall	Mandie Lee stood again
4 Appoint BPC representative to Bicton Primary School	Richard Brett stood down
5 BPC Trustee for St Chad's Charity	Wendy Horan stood again
	Tina Richards stood again

Cllr Maddox stood down from the chair but will remain a Cllr. Cllr Blackmore, although absent, has agreed to assume the chairmanship if no one else is able to do it; therefore he is now chairman. For the moment there is no vice chair. Cllr Brett will no longer be the village hall rep.

The clerk was asked to find out the details of St Chad's charity work.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** In items on the agenda Cllrs Maddox, Warren, Horan and Brett, 4.2, they live on Bicton Lane.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Received and accepted. Cllr Blackmore
2. **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES 2024-Ap, dated 9/4/24.** The words "by the wet weather" were deleted from 4.3. The word "built" was changed to occupied in 6.5. With these changes the minutes were accepted and signed.
3. **MATTERS ARISING**
  - 3.1 Muriel's Little Wood bench; Cllr Llewellyn is investigating the possibilities.
  - 3.2 No reply has been received from National Highways about the culverts on Bicton Brook.
  - 3.3 Vas, SC has not given a timescale for installation. The clerk will write to the PCC and explain the situation.

**PLANNING**

- 4.1 24/00652/FUL Old School House , Holyhead Road, Proposed erection of a single storey side extension, a two storey rear extension and the installation of solid wall insulation. SC Decision: Grant Permission. Noted
- 4.2 24/01422/AGR Agricultural track to access arable land to avoid using the unclassified lane (Bicton Lane). Bicton Farm, Bicton Lane. Cllrs Maddox, Warren, Horan and Brett declared an interest because they live on Bicton lane and they left the room. Cllr Lee was voted in to the chair. This is a 'General Permitted Development' request, not a planning application. Comments are allowed but not invited. BPC decided not to comment. BPC Cllrs can comment as individuals but not on behalf of BPC. It should be noted that BPC has never advocated for a farm track. BPC has made strenuous efforts to make the road safer and to educate the lorry drivers.
- 4.3 24/01139/FUL Severn Hospice , Proposed ground mounted Solar Array. BPC supports.

4.4 24/01028/ADV Proposed Residential Development Land To The South Of, Welshpool Road, Bicton Heath  
Proposal: Housing development sales signage. SC Decision: Grant Permission. Noted

#### 5. **PARISH MATTERS**

- 5.1 Muriel's Little Wood, safety report. Cllr Warren reported that all is safe. There is a fence rail missing, Cllr Llewellyn will see to this. The wood has greened up nicely after the clearing work. Cyclists do use the wood and build ramps.
- 5.2 Lengthsman report and instructions. The lengthsman has left more of the verges to grow up and just cut the edges for road safety. An explanation of this new policy will be put in the newsletter.
- 5.3 Footpaths report. They are dry. The gate by Grove Farm was not mended. Cllr Llewellyn will ask Tom to report it. The Church Bank footpath has been ploughed.
- 5.4 B4473 Preston Montford Lane, closure Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Noted
- 5.5 Road Closure: Shepherds Lane, Bicton Heath 22nd July 2024 to 30th August 2024 - Severn Trent Water, Installation of rising main diversion and connections to existing sewer network. Noted
- 5.6 Report of a potential problem with surface water entering the A5 from a pipe in the gravelled area of the building known as The Yews, Montford Bridge SY4 1EB and terminating in a (the nearest) drain much further down the road. The clerk will report this to SC

#### 6. **OFFICIAL MATTERS**

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts; current £20,111.36 and deposit £60,495.10 Noted.
- 6.2 Summary of accounts for the past year. Accepted and attached to minute book
- 6.3 The 2024/25 precept has been received, £14,746.00 Noted
- 6.4 CIL of £17,225.30 is allocated to BPC but has not yet arrived. (It is due "on or around" the 28<sup>th</sup> April) Noted
- 6.5 Insurance for Bicton Parish Council is due for renewal on 01 June 2024, premium is £300.00 including tax. The details of the insurance cover have been examined by Cllrs and found to be acceptable.

#### 7 **PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment**

- 7.1 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties £326.00
- 7.2 Insurance £300.00
- 7.3 SALC affiliation fee £604.16
- 7.4 Payment of the above accounts 1er Cllr Lee 2er Cllr Maddox and agreed.

#### 8. **EXTERNAL ITEMS**

- 8.1 From 9 April to 20 May Shropshire Council is carrying out a six-week consultation on proposals to introduce an annual subscription fee of £52 for the collection of garden waste – and about the future operation of the council's five household recycling centres. Noted

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

- 9.1 Nathalie with retire from the school headship as of September.
- 9.2 Heavy traffic, tractors and lorry, were seen struggling to get past the school at school leaving time and mounting the kerb.
- 9.3 The Dairyscope yard is untidy with a large pile of scrap wood which might be a fire hazard.
- 9.4 Chris Davies, of Shrewsbury Storage, continues with his voluntary litter picking on Isle Lane. For this he is thanked.

- 10. **NEXT MEETING 2024-Jun** to be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall.

MEETING CLOSED 10.29 pm.  
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