

2025-May.a.
BICTON PARISH COUNCIL
Chairman Elliott Blackmore

MINUTES (Draft until signed) of meeting 2025-May. 13th May 2025 7.30m 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: BPC Cllrs; Blackmore, Horan, Griffin, Lee, Swain, Maddox, Llewellyn, Brett, SC Cllr Potter, clerk Peter Anderson and 6 parishioners.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

1 Annual Parish Council report. Chairman's report, attached to minute book. Cllr Blackmore made a point of thanking recently retired Cllrs and welcoming the new council after the 1 May elections when 8 BPC Cllrs were returned unopposed. Financial report. Attached to minute book.

2 Report from Shropshire Council

From Retiring SC Cllr. Lezley Picton; Please would you pass on this message at the next PC Meeting.

My enormous thanks for the beautiful orchid, chocolates and card from you lovely lot at Bicton.

It has been an honour to represent the area for the last 8 years and to be Leader and it's a privilege that I haven't taken lightly.

I wish you all the very best for the future and I very much hope that our paths will cross again at some point.

My very best wishes, Lezley xx

From Newly elected SC Cllr for Loton Ed Potter; The administration has changed from Conservative to Lib-Dem, Heather Kid is the new council leader, and the auguries are good. The intentions are to be open and transparent and there is to be cross-party working. The financial situation is still the same. There are 5 parish councils in Loton. Cllr Potter will liaise between parish councils and SC. Issues that are reported on 'Fix my Street' should be kept on a pending list until they are fixed. Cornovi, which is building 283 houses in Bicton Heath, which is now in Shrewsbury parish, should be expected to confer some benefit to Bicton because it is so close that inevitably Bicton amenities will be used by the residents. Cornovi will be asked to contribute to a 'pump-track' if land can be found. Bicton Village Hall committee has a meeting soon, Ed will attend and explain the benefits of having a 'pump-track' on the playing field. Ed will negotiate with Cornovi on behalf of BPC.

3 Police Report. West Mercia. PCC's newsletter. Noted.

4 Representations from Parishioners. (Open Forum) Any comments, views or requests?

Stuart Leighton reported that car parking and car dismantling on the street is a problem at The Crescent, Montford Bridge. This is an issue for the police and/or the housing association. Cllr Potter will look in to this.

Paul Roberts found some fly-tipped car mats by the pump station at the Four Crosses. There was a receipt with them to identify culprit. Paul reported this to SC.

Lorraine Anderson-Morgan was concerned about the state of Isle Lane; potholes, adverse camber and speeding. To fix these issues would be expensive and SC does not have the money.

Alan Boyd mentioned speeding on Calcott Lane. It is a 40mph limit and there are no plans to reduce this.

Calcott Lane will become a cul-de-sac if the NWRR/Oxon Link Road is built, the situation on this was explained by Cllr Potter; NWRR probably not, Oxon Link possibly (it would be a 'road-to-nowhere'). The situation is complicated by the £39m of grant money that SC has so far spent and whether it would need to be repaid.

B ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2025-May. To immediately follow the Annual Parish Meeting.

BICTON PARISH COUNCIL (BPC) APPOINTMENTS

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| 0. Elect BPC Chairman | Elliott Blackmore |
| 1. Elect BPC Vice Chairman | Sally Maddox |
| 2. Appoint BPC Press Officer | Sue Llewellyn |
| 3. Confirm BPC representative to Bicton Village Hall | Richard Brett |
| 4. Appoint BPC representative to Bicton Primary School | Wendy Horan |
| 5. BPC Trustee for St Chad's Charity | Tina Richards |
| 6. SALC representative | Mandie Lee |

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST In items on the agenda Cllr Brett, 4.1, he is a neighbour.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

2. **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES 2025-Apr, dated 8/4/25.** With some changes to 2025 Apr 4.5 the minutes were approved.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

PLANNING

4.1 For information only; 25/10648/ENF Bicton Farm, Bicton Lane. Alleged breach of planning control in relation to the change of use of agricultural land to a commercial waste site, without planning permission. Noted

4.2 25/00940/OHL The Oaks Farm, Shepherds Lane, Upgrading of pole-mounted transformer

SC Decision: No Objection OHL/Circular Notification Noted.

4.3 For information only 25/10663/ENF Cowpat Barn, Montford Bridge. Alleged breach of planning control, in relation to the unauthorised change of use of residential buildings to commercial business use. Noted.

4.4 25/00518/OUT The Hollies, Villa Lane. Outline application (to include access) for the erection of up to 2 no. Dwelling houses, garaging, alterations to existing access and associated works. SC Decision: Grant Permission. Noted.

5. **PARISH MATTERS**

- 5.1 Muriel's Little Wood, safety report. Cllr Llewellyn has installed some bird boxes for free. Cllr Maddox reported that the wood is alright.
- 5.2 Lengthsman report and instructions. Kevin is aware of no-mow-May.
- 5.3 Footpaths report. Chapel Hill footpath has still not been marked by the farmer. This has been reported to SC. The paths are dry. The Severnway behind Bicton Farm is still prone to flooding. The uprooted tree on the Severnway by Swains Corner will be cleared up by Mathew Egerton.
- 5.4 Road Closure: Calcott Lane, Shrewsbury 19th to 30th May 2025. To complete the tie in of the new housing development to the existing road. Whilst the road is closed the weight restriction will be temporarily rescinded. Noted.
- 5.5 Best Kept Village Competition report. Cllr Maddox completed the application and gave a detailed account of the difficult process. 1st prize is £500 and 2nd £250.
- 5.6 A parishioner has asked if BPC is able to get something done to clear the pavement from Churncote Island towards Ford. This is for Highways England or SC Fix-My-Street. Cllr Potter will send a contact.
- 5.7 Bicton Pool; Jane Ing has visited the Pool on 8/5/25 and has written a flora report. She also found the 2010 report that she and the clerk wrote. The clerk is instructed to start the Severn Trent grant application.

6. **OFFICIAL MATTERS**

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts; Precept received £14,746 current acc. £24,893 deposit £62,785.41 Noted.
- 6.2 Summary of accounts for the past year. See above. Noted and accepted.
- 6.3 VAS data report. Remote data collection cannot be done on solar panel devices. To make it possible would cost £1,000 per device.
- 6.4 Insurance for Bicton Parish Council is due for renewal on 01 June 2025, premium is £300.00 including tax. Noted and agreed. .

7 **PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment**

- 7.1 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties £256.00
- 7.2 Insurance £300.00
- 7.3 Best Kept Village Competition entry fee £35.00
- 7.4 SALC affiliation fee £591.06
- 7.5 Bicton Village Hall, fees Jan to Dec 2024, £180.00
- 7.6 Payment of the above accounts agreed.

8. **EXTERNAL ITEMS**

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

- 9.1 Mr Embry will clear the ditch by The Crescent, Montford Bridge, after harvest.
- 9.2 The chairman welcomed 2 new councillors, Steve Griffin and Edward Swain and they briefly described themselves.
- 9.3 The de-fibrillator has been checked.

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

Meeting closed 9.22pm.