

2024-Jun.a.

BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES (Draft until signed) of meeting 2024-Jun. 11th June 2024, 8.00pm in Bicton village hall.

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, Sally Maddox, Sue Llewellyn, Rod Warren, Paul Quartermaine, Deirdre Grennan, Wendy Horan, SC Cllr Ed Potter, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson and 2 parishioners

NEIGHBOURHOOD ALERT, REPORT.

OPEN FORUM

SC Cllr Picton report: In Cllr Picton's absence Cllr Ed Potter reported. Due to the upcoming general election on 4th July SC is in "Purdah".

SC's last year's overspend was less than expected. Moving forward the situation looks to be more promising. **The Riverside redevelopment will start soon.** The drainage in this area is complicated by centuries of building. **VAS;** it will make sense to treat the Holyhead Road, from Shelton to Montford Bridge, as one project. The SC officer in charge of this project, David Gradwell, is off sick at the moment. **Shrewsbury Town Centre, Traffic Control,** the idea behind the plan is to allow traffic in to the centre of town for access to businesses but to prevent through traffic. This is still at the planning stage.

0. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Cllrs Warren, Maddox, Horan and Brett, 5.1, they live on Bicton Lane.

0.1 **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: Mandie Lee, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, NOTED

2. **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES**, 2024-May, dated 14/5/24. The last two sentences of 4.2 should be recorded under 9.5. With this change the minutes were approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING

4. PARISH MATTERS

- 4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions Standing Agenda Item The verge, from Muriel's Little Wood to the Old Vicarage, has been cut, against BPC's wishes, by a contractor. BPC does not instruct, or pay, this contractor. The Preston Montford/Holyhead Road junction grass was cut, for road safety, by Kevin. The Grange Bank hedge has been cut, the invoice will come in next month.
- 4.2 Parish footpaths, Standing Agenda Item Chapel Hill footpath; no actual path, through the crop, has been made but it is possible, for the moment, to walk up the wide crop-rows. The Severnway, by The Crescent, Montford Bridge, is an impassable quagmire, Cllr Maddox will tell SC's Shona Butter. The motocross race track(s) are encroaching on the footpaths.
- 4.3 Bicton Place Plan, Standing Agenda Item SC's Mathew Mead is working on the agreed updates. Cllr Warren has updated the BPC Place Plan and it is on the BPC website.

5 PLANNING

- 5.1 24/01422/AGR Farm Track; Shropshire Council (SC) decision, Prior Approval Required and Refused. Noted.
- 5.2 24/01993/LBC Grove Farm, double garage, summer house, gates, terrace, and landscaping. BPC's decision is 'neutral'.

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts and financial report. Current account, £36,106.50; deposit account, £60,700.95 £17,225.30 CIL has been received. Verified by Chairman.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item.* Cllr Warren reported that all is safe. The wood is now airy but dark. Children do play in the wood and move logs and dig holes. Tom Llewellyn will replace the missing fence rail.
- 6.3 Vas, speed Indicator devices, a progress report. The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has acknowledged that all of the required documents, for the grant, have been received and are in order.
- 6.4 To review the Standing Orders. It was decided to make additions about the election of the chair, the duration of the chair's service, notification of the chair's intention to not seek re-election and the terms of service of a vice chair. The wording will be added for approval at the next meeting.
- 6.5 To complete the external audit. This was completed and signed in accordance with all of the guidelines

7 **PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment**

- 7.1 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties, May, £496.50
- 7.2 Data protection fee renewal, £40.00 (£35.00 if paid by direct debit)
- 7.3 Street light electricity April-June £230.82
- 7.4 Clerk's salary April to June £1,860.00
- 7.5 Richard Brett, web site maintenance, £120.00
- 7.6 It was decided to pay 7.2 by direct debit. Payment this and of the other accounts 1er Cllr Maddox, 2er Cllr Llewellyn and agreed.

8. **EXTERNAL ITEMS**

- 8.1 Montford Parish Council (MPC) July Meeting - proposed Joint Parish Forum with Bicton. Wingfield Arms, 7.30pm 16/7/24. this is felt to be a good idea in principle. The clerk will attend on behalf of BPC and any BPC Cllrs who feel able to will also attend.
- 8.2 SC Local Plan Examination. Noted.

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

- 9.1 The defibrillator has been checked.
- 9.2 Bicton Primary School will become an 'academy' in September.
- 9.3 The phone box library is being cleaned. Thank go to the volunteers who do this..

10. **NEXT MEETING** due to be held on Tuesday 9th July 2024. at 8pm in Bicton Village Hall.

MEETING CLOSED 9.56 pm.
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