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BICTON PARISH COUNCIL
Chairman Elliott Blackmore

MINUTES (Draft until signed) of meeting 2025-Jun. 10th June 2025, 7.30pm in Bicton village hall.

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs.: Elliott Blackmore, Sally Maddox, Sue Llewellyn, Mandie Lee, Edward Swain, Steve Griffin, SC Cllr. Ed Potter
SC Cllr Ed Potter, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson and 4 parishioners

NEIGHBOURHOOD ALERT, REPORT. There has been a shed burglary in Montford Bridge and a ride-on-mower stolen from a house on Bicton Lane.

OPEN FORUM **Jill Downes and Heather James** were concerned about the potential extra traffic on Calcott Lane and the Welshpool Road/Churncote junction caused by the SWSUE development. They inquired if Calcott Lane and Shepherd's Lane might be made in to cul-de-sacs even if the NWRP does not happen? Cllr Blackmore will contact SC's Dave Gradwell with the idea.

Stuart Leighton reported that the Montford Bridge bus shelter is a bit messy. Kevin the lengthsman will be asked to have a look.

SC Cllr Ed Potter: An extra highways' team has been put on to fill potholes. Ed explained that there is a system of assessing the danger of the pothole according to the traffic burden on the road. **There is a an SC/PCs** consultation that BPC is urged to take part in. **There is also an annual** survey of highways. **Ed attended the Bicton Village Hall AGM,** the committee cannot have a pump track on the playing field because of cost and liability reasons. The replacement of what's there is very expensive anyway. Ed will explore the possibility of BPC assuming ownership/liability for the playing field. **SC committees** have started and are bedding in nicely. **BPC Cllr Steve griffin pointed out to Ed** that to fill a pothole cheaply is to fill it twice. He also suggested land down Lower Calcott Lane for a pump track but this is too far away from the village where the children are.

0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

0.1 APOLOGIES for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: Richard Brett, Wendy Horan, NOTED

2. VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES, 2025-May, dated 13/5/25. Agreed and signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Bicton Farm planning enforcement, Mat Egerton has moved tyres and is working on tidying the yard.

4. PARISH MATTERS

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions Standing Agenda Item Grange Bank hedge will be cut next week. Tom Llewellyn will spray the under-hedge weeds after that. Preston Montford Lane junction needs spraying too. The hedge at the Isle Lane junction needs cutting.

4.2 Parish footpaths, Standing Agenda Item. National Highways has agreed to clear the A458 footpath. Chapel Hill footpath has been cleared by the farmer. The Churncote to Ford f.p. is in hand.

4.3 Best Kept Village competition report. There is no news as to the visit of the judges; BPC will be given 2 days notice. Sally keeps the phone box library in good order. She will ask Russ Maxim and the Plymouth Brethren team to litter pick the Holyhead Road. There is rubbish and untidiness by the Four Crosses Nursery. Cllr Lee volunteered to keep the planters watered if they were planted up.

5 PLANNING

5.1 25/01466/FUL, South of Cowpat Barn Montford Bridge, 1 Dwelling, for decision. This is within the Montford Bridge village setting and BPC supports the application.

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts and financial report. CIL of £57,609.59 is due but not arrived at agenda setting. Highline Electrical refund, £654.19 Current acc £24,180.88 Dep acc £69,940.91 Noted.

6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item.* Cllr Griffin has been in the wood and reported that all is in good order and is safe.

6.3 Vas, speed Indicator devices, report. Trees need cutting back from the devices. Andrew Leighton took the readings and reported them to BPC. They will be published in the newsletter. A speed of 100mph was recorded; a pattern is emerging with last month's 95mph.

- 6.4 The data protection fee of £52 will be taken by direct debit on 11/7/25. Noted.
- 6.5 Severn Trent grant application for Bicton Pool. Next Agenda.
- 6.6 To complete the external audit. This was gone through in some detail; it was agreed and signed.

7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment *Plus any additional late accounts*

- 7.1 Street light electricity April to June £225.54
- 7.2 Clerk's salary April to June £2046.00
- 7.3 Web site maintenance, quarter to May, £120.00
- 7.4 Payment of the above accounts, agreed.

8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

- 8.1 SALC area committee 26/6/25 6pm STC offices and on Teams. Cllr Lee will attend.

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

- 9.1 There is a blocked drain on Isle Lane, Cllr Llewellyn will report it on fix-my-street.
- 9.2 Parking on pavements. Outside of London it is not an offense to park on a pavement if it does not cause an "obstruction". An obstruction may be taken to mean that a pushchair cannot safely get past. A car has more than once obstructed the pavement on Church Lane; when once politely asked to move his car the driver politely moved it. These incidents have been reported to the SNT PC Rich Walters.
- 9.3 The de-fibrillator has been checked.
- 9.4 There has been some 'surveying' in the field opposite the church along Bicton Lane.
- 9.5 "Roy's Wall" on The Mount (An unsupported gable end that has for years been ready to fall) has gone.
- 9.6 Pile driving at the SWSUE has been shaking houses in Bicton.

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

MEETING CLOSED 9.23 pm.
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