

2024-Sep.a.

BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Elliott Blackmore

MINUTES (Draft until signed) of meeting 2024-Sep. 10th September 2024, 8.00pm in Bicton village hall.

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Elliott Blackmore, Richard Brett, Sally Maddox, Sue Llewellyn, Mandie Lee, Rod Warren, Paul Quartermaine, Deirdre Grennan, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, SC Cllr Ed Potter, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson and 6 parishioners

NEIGHBOURHOOD ALERT, REPORT.

OPEN FORUM. Jill Downes gave some information about 5.3. She owns the drive. Parking will be a problem and the deeds specify the restrictions. There are several houses on Calcott Crescent and Southfields is at the end. The Access off Calcott Lane is 'blind'. Permission for another house in the Crescent was refused partly because of this. There is a busy rush-hour on Calcott Lane which is also dangerous for pedestrians at all times. The age of children at Southfields would be 8 to 17 years. There are many inaccuracies in the application which has the hallmarks of a 'cut-and-paste' from other places. SC Cllr Picton is of the opinion that this property is inappropriate for this use.

Stuart Leighton reported that there was an event at the Four Crosses nursery which resulted in cars being parked on the pavement. Cllr Blackmore will have a word with Rachel.

Calcott Lane verges grass has still not been cut. SC Cllr Picton will check this out.

Grange Bank some of the hedges need cutting. Cllr Blackmore again.

SC Cllr Picton report: There is an important survey that will be forwarded to BPC. **SC is looking to expand the 'lengthsman'** concept in to parish councils. **SC is looking to cut 'non-statutory'** services in order to balance the books. **The Local Plan Adoption process is underway;** it is likely that the NPPF will be changed and the process will have to start over again. **There is a scheme for resurfacing** the A458, it will be forwarded to BPC. **There is a parking fine scam** involving QR codes we should all beware. **Green Waste permits,** the sticker should go under the handles. **The Household Recycling Centres (HRC)** are to have a booking system to avoid the lengthy queues; if a 'man-in-a-van' offers to take away your rubbish check their licence. **Food waste collection** will start next year.

0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

2. **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES, 2024-Aug,** dated 13/8/24. Agreed and signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1 Severnway flooding near The Crescent Montford \Bridge. Cllr Blackmore spoke to Shona Butter of SC. It is not the river Severn flooding that causes this problem. The stream needs clearing out up and downstream. SC is understaffed and underfunded. Cllrs Warren, Maddox and Llewellyn volunteer to help clear it. Cllr Blackmore will speak to the Wingfield agent.
- 3.2 The issue with the BPC website, which was pointed out at the last meeting by a parishioner, was a very minor glitch which has been corrected.
- 3.3 Church Clock maintenance; The clock was installed, as the war memorial, in 1920 at a cost of £168 The ring of 6 bells was cast in 1885. Their peal is shared with the clock.

4. PARISH MATTERS

- 4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions Standing Agenda Item
- 4.2 Parish footpaths, Standing Agenda Item There are no floods apart from 3.1 above. The Severnway is the best ever; although there is a branch down at Swain's Corner. The maize is still blocking the footpath on Chapel Hill. All footpaths are not bad despite the recent rain.
- 4.3 Bicton Place Plan, Standing Agenda Item. 30mph limit and weight restriction on Bicton Lane is allowed but is very low on SC's priority list; it may be possible for BPC to pay out of CIL; the clerk will enquire. Other lanes in Bicton do not meet the criteria for a 30 limit. The 30mph past The Coppice is promised for before the NWRR is built. There is a scheme for the footpath from The Coppice to the Uplands.
- 4.4 BPC meetings start time. The yoga session times have been changed and BPC meetings can now start at 7.30pm.

5 PLANNING

5.1 24/02601/VAR Community Centre, Shepherds Lane, Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) and 12 (retail floor area) attached to planning application 19/03600/FUL SC Decision: Grant Permission. Noted.

5.2 Hubs. An explanation of Bicton's allocation of houses from Dan Corden of SC. Attached to minute book.

5.3 24/02986/FUL Southfields, Calcott Crescent, Change of use of existing residential dwelling (C3) to a residential institution (C2) Applicant: Laretta Homes Ltd (6 Spinney, Slough, SL1 2YG) For the reasons stated in Open Forum BPC objects.

5.4 24/02916/LBC Field Studies Council, Preston Montford Field Centre, Replacement 5 sliding sash windows on 1st floor, 6 windows adjacent to external fire escape and replacement external doors to fire escape. BPC decision; support.

5.5 24/03429/CPE Proposed Residential Barn Conversions At Bicton House, Holyhead Road, **Lawful development certificate** for the commencement of development approved under planning permission reference 21/01345/FUL and listed building consent reference 21/01346/LBC Applicant: Mr And Mrs Richards (Bicton House, Holyhead Road, Bicton, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY3 8EQ) Noted.

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts and financial report. Current account £38,661.34 Deposit account £61,308.34 To be verified by Chairman. Noted.

6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. It is safe. The BPC newsletter report will ask those youths who do cycling in the wood to not do 'excavations'. The clerk is asked to write to the village hall committee to explore the possibility of a skate park on its land.

6.3 Vas, Speed Indicator Devices. SC has given permission and there are quotes to consider. It is decided to go with the Swarco quote of £10,983 for the 3 devices with Wifi data collection. BPC has also decided that it wants two of the "Thank You/Slow Down" signs and one of the "Smiley Face/Sad Face" signs. The clerk will put the order in.

6.4 Review of standing orders. There was a query about 13, *"If a member requests it, how he/she voted will be recorded in the minutes, and if a member requests it, how each councillor/member voted will be recorded in the minutes."* This is a 'Statutory' regulation and cannot be varied or omitted. It was decided to add just one standing order which is *If the chair decides to stand down at the May elections they should state their intention to do so no later than the April meeting.*

6.5 Bicton Pool to progress the adverse possession. For the next agenda.

7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

7.1 Web site maintenance, quarter to August 2024. £120.00

7.2 Clerk's salary July to Sept £1,860.00

7.3 Clerk's expenses April to Sept £375.00

7.4 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties, £148.00

7.5 Payment of the above accounts was agreed.

8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

8.1 CPRE. Parish Councils and planning - Tuesday 28 September 6pm - 8pm. Clr Lee volunteered to attend.

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

9.1 The defibrillator has been checked.

9.2 A roaming dog has been reported to the dog warden. It is believed to come from the Chicken Farm.

9.3 In the field adjacent to the lane to Bickley Coppice a hedge has been removed and big machines have been digging. It is not known to what purpose. Should this lane be registered as a public footpath?

9.3 Fast Eddy motocross tracks are expanding across the fields.

9.4 There are a big heap of road plane-ings against the boundary wall (with Bicton Farm) of The Granary, Bicton Lane. Cllr Blackmore will endeavour to speak to Mat Egerton.

10. **NEXT MEETING** due to be held on Tuesday 8th October 2024. at 7.30pm in Bicton Village Hall.

MEETING CLOSED 10.20 pm.
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