

2017-Oct.a.

BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Richard Brett

MINUTES (Draft until signed) of meeting 2017 Oct, 10th October 2017. 8pm in Bicton Village Hall

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Elliott Blackmore, Sally Maddox, Sue Llewellyn, Deirdre Grennan, , Rod Warren, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, Mathew Mead, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson, Plus 9 parishioners.

In the absence of Cllr Brett Cllr Blackmore took the chair.

POLICE REPORT none received.

OPEN FORUM

Parking on the pavement around The Oval continues to be a problem. Cllr Blackmore volunteered to speak to the owners of two vehicles that were seen on the pavement.

A van has been seen parking on the verge on Bicton Lane and the driver walking back in to the village. If permission could be obtained from the village hall committee to use the car park it would be better to park there.

David Pannet pointed out that BPC was misinformed about the planning application at Milns Bridge. If BPC had all the facts then it would not have objected, he said.

Grange Bank footpath improvement. Mathew Mead advised that a specification needs to be drawn up and a quote obtained. SC is appointing new contractors who may be able to help with this. An evidence base is needed. There will be stiff competition for any SC CIL money. Core highways budget will never have enough money for this project. This a Sustrans cycle route but it is not known if any funds are available. For comparison the Minsterly to Pontesbury footpath cost about £200,000.

SC Cllr Lezley Picton reported; the draft Local Plan will be published on Wednesday, the LJC is expected to meet in November when a planning policy officer will explain the intentions of the Local Plan. Cllr Picton will see what can be done about a dog waste bin for Bicton. She is meeting Cllr Brett next week, on site, in Bicton Lane. There has been more damage to a house caused by a large lorry going to the chicken farm. Cllr Blackmore will speak to Mark Gethin about this. Cllr Picton was asked if there might be a possibility of creating a cycle path from Shelton to Shepherd's Lane? This verge has been badly damaged by construction traffic at The Coppice.

0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1. **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: Richard Brett, Jane Mullineux, Wendy Horan, Martin Davies. NOTED

2. **MINUTES** 2017-Sept of previous meeting held on 12/9/17 were confirmed and signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 The hedge at the Grove Farm Drive/Isle Lane junction has been cut but this junction is still subject to some dangerous driving. Drivers tend to pull out on to Isle Lane without due consideration. It may be that something more is needed at this junction; perhaps some speed reduction engineering and signage. Cllr Blackmore will speak to Nicola.

3.2 Steve Barker has said that he needs his landlord's permission to remove the dead tree.

3.3 Nicola has no knowledge about a kissing gate being tied shut. Although the problem may be the farm gate next to Nicola's bungalow which has no post and is wired in to the hedge. Tom Llewellyn will be asked to look at it.

3.4 Nicola has complained about loose dogs on this footpath. As far as is known the dogs in question may not have been on a lead but they are obedient and were under close control.

4. PARISH MATTERS

4.1 Bicton Primary School *Standing Agenda Item* The school has won a prize from the Heart Of England In Bloom Schools Competition. The Shrewsbury Mayor, Jane Mackenzie, came to the school on 19/9/17 to present the prize. BPC is well pleased with this news and asks the clerk to write to the school congratulating everyone who took part.

4.2 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item* There is a dangerous wych elm at number 1 Isle Lane. Cllr Llewellyn will speak to Ed Tate about this. Kevin Williams is very pleased at BPC's expression of thanks for his work in the parish. The stream alongside Muriel's Little Wood needs cleaning out. It is not know exactly where the boundary is, the clerk will look at the deeds.

- 4.3 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* The condition of paths is much as before. Tom Llewellyn has sent an email saying that “Hopefully something is in the pipeline for the worst affected areas of The Severnway”.
- 4.4 Litter continues to be a problem on Shepherd’s Lane, there is a request for No Littering signs. Jan Bevan has asked SC for these signs.
- 4.5 Should the old phone box be left in situ with a de-fibrillator in it? This is felt to be a good idea. The Community Heart Beat Trust are now the owners of old phone boxes. Grants may be available from the British Heart Foundation. Mathew Mead will send information. Cllr Llewellyn will research the possibilities.

5 PLANNING

- 5.1 Hospice, day care centre, 17/01305/FUL, SC granted. Noted.
- 5.2 11 Montford Bridge, single storey rear extension and side porch extension. 17/04584/FUL for decision. BPC has no objections.
- 5.3 Milns Bridge, demolition and rebuild, 17/03202/FUL. SC granted. Noted.
- 5.4 The Coppice, 2 illuminated signs and 2 non illuminated signs, amended application. 17/04615/ADV. BPC strongly objects. This is a rural area and these signs are urbanisation. There will be light pollution. Why does it need signs if it is residential? There are only 32 parking spaces, this is not enough anyway and advertising a cafe will make the situation worse..

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 332 £56,355.17 verified by Chairman. £2,029.88 has been received from the transparency fund. This is partly to pay for the BPC website and partly to pay for equipment to aid open government. What is needed is a laptop and projector in order to share planning applications and other information during meetings. The purchase of a laptop is approved but it is felt that a large TV screen mounted on the wall would be better than a projector. The clerk will contact Richard Brett to ask him to take this idea to the village hall committee.
- 6.2 Muriel’s Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Cllr Warren and Cllr Maddox have been clearing brush. New paths have been made. There is a large heap of leafy waste. Cllr Llewellyn will arrange for the removal of this, if it is too much she will hire a chipper at a cost of about £60, this is approved. There are a large number of self set cherries and a rare elm has been found. The stream is overgrown and rubbish filled. The wood is safe for people to walk through.
- 6.3 Montford Parish Council (MPC) is pleased to support BPC in its Grange Bank footpath campaign. MPC has no funds to offer but it does offer moral support. MPC requests that the present footpath is swept regularly of the soil that tumbles on to it in order to maintain its maximum possible width. If this maximum width is maintained it is just possible to keep a pushchair on the path. BPC is exploring the options for improving this footpath but in the meantime it obviously makes sense to maintain what there is.
- 6.4 The external audit has been completed, Mazars’s opinion is that “*The annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern*”. Noted.

7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

- 7.1 Mazars, external audit, £150.00 chq 1080
- 7.2 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties, £262.00 1081
- 7.3 Street light electricity, Ap-Jun 2017, £342.43 1082
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- 7.5 Highline Electrical, street light repair, £146.40 1084
- 7.6 Payment of the above accounts 1er Cllr Grennan, 2er Cllr Maddox and agreed.

8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

- 8.1 North West Relief Road consultation Oxon Church Community Hall, 25/10/17, 2pm to 8pm. Noted.
- 8.2 SALC AGM 28/10/17, Noted.

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

- 9.1 Some councils have tried to deal with the dog mess situation by spraying it with yellow paint. This is intended to highlight the problem and to shame the dog owners into not letting it happen. Just for now this idea is felt to be not appropriate for Bicton.
- 9.2 The barking from Wags and Whiskers has been very bad at times. Cllr Warren has ordered 20 yards of hedging plants for the boundary of the site. This may help but will not cure the problem. Cllr Blackmore will speak to the owners. SC Cllr Picton will take some advice from SC Environmental Health.

9.3 The street light opposite the church is out. The clerk will report this.

9.4 The clerk has received a request to repair the lower panels of the Bicton bus shelter because it is draughty. Martin will be asked to take a look at it.

10. **NEXT MEETING** to be held on Tuesday 14th November 2017. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall

MEETING CLOSED 9.24 pm
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