

2024-Oct.a.

BICTON PARISH COUNCIL
Chairman, Elliott Blackmore

MINUTES (Draft until signed) of meeting 2024-Oct. 8th October 2024, 7.30pm in Bicton village hall.

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, Sally Maddox, Sue Llewellyn, Mandie Lee, Rod Warren, Paul Quartermaine, Deirdre Grennan, Wendy Horan,
SC Cllr Ed Potter, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson and 4 parishioners

NEIGHBOURHOOD ALERT, REPORT. BPC's 3 policing priorities are speeding traffic, school parking and burglaries.

OPEN FORUM

Stuart Leighton reported that the grass verges on Calcott Lane have still not been cut. SC Cllr Ed Potter will prompt the relevant department. The street lights in Montford Bridge, on the Bicton side of the river, are not working. These lights belong to SC. The Penton's lorry that was parked at the Four Crosses nursery was there for educational purposes.

Mrs Shaw requested that the BPC accounts should be published on the web site.

SC Cllr Picton report: In Lezley's absence Ed Potter reported. **There have been 52,000 subscribers** to the green bin scheme; some of the bin stickers don't stick. **The SC budget is very tight**, £62m must be saved; only health and safety matters can be afforded. Highways will be an increasing problem this winter. **Motocross** is considered as a 'permitted development' if it is just a few days a year. Noise nuisance is difficult to prove. For a planning enforcement to be effective a lot of evidence is needed. **The SC car parks** have been sold off on a sell and lease back arrangement.

0. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Cllrs Warren, Brett, Maddox and Horan, 6.5, they live on Bicton Lane.

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

2. **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES**, 2024-Sept, dated 10/9/24. Verified and signed.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

4. **PARISH MATTERS**

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions Standing Agenda Item

4.2 Parish footpaths, Standing Agenda Item The Severnway is waterlogged.

4.3 Bicton Place Plan, Standing Agenda Item The extension of the 30mph along Bicton Lane could be paid for from the BPC CIL. Dave Gradwell will be asked for an estimate.

4.4 Welshpool Road closures; 14/10/24 to 1/11/24 9.30am to 4pm. Noted.

4.5 Enquiry from David Wilson Homes; *"I'm getting in touch as our client would like to know if you've got any local events coming up in Bicton that they might be able to support? We'd be keen to hear of any opportunities available, and we can pass these onto our client for consideration."* There are several possibilities which will be passed on.

4.6 Grange Bank footpaths overgrowth; a request from Montford Parish Council (MPC) BPC does its best with this ongoing problem. The hedges have been cut but weeds grow out from the base.

4.7 Skate park on village hall land, reply from the VH committee. There are problems with the space available, potential noise, health and safety issues, and the legal/insurance position.

4.8 Fast-Eddy motocross tracks expansion across the fields. **Motocross** is considered as a 'permitted development' if it is just a few days a year. Noise nuisance is difficult to prove. For a planning enforcement to be effective a lot of evidence is needed

5 **PLANNING**

5.1 22/02464/FUL (validated: 26/05/2022) Land Adjacent To Churncote Island. Development of roadside services including - a Petrol Filling Station with ancillary retail (Sui Generis) and a drive-through unit (Class E) SC Decision: Grant Permission. Noted.

5.2 24/01139/FUL (validated: 26/04/2024) Severn Hospice, ground mounted Solar Array
SC Decision: Grant Permission. Noted.

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts and financial report. Deposit acc. £61,507.03; current acc. 36,458.34; £300 has been received from The Brethren for the maintenance of the bus shelters.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. It is safe. Some lads volunteered to fill in the pits. The ramps are also reduced. The fence against the Ashworths field needs some repair. Cllr Llewellyn volunteered to look at it; she also has some bird boxes.
- 6.3 Vas, speed Indicator devices, a progress report. The devices have been ordered and the posts will be installed by SC. Andrew Leighton and Cllr Llewellyn volunteered to do the data collection. The initial maintenance will be covered by a 5 year warranty. The clerk will enquire as to the insurance costs and the cost of the posts.
- 6.4 External Auditor's Report; "*On the basis of our reviews of section 1 &2 of the AGAR, in our opinion the information is in accordance with proper practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern*". Noted.
- 6.5 Bicton Lane 30mph, Message from Mathew Mead; "*Unfortunately in this case Dave Gradwell has perhaps given you false hope that CIL funding could be used for this 30mph scheme which is unlikely*". Dave Gradwell is to be asked for an estimate of the cost.
- 6.6 Bicton Pool, adverse possession. A search of the Land Registry is necessary to determine if the pool is registered. It may be sufficient for BPC to assume ownership, to then publicise this fact and then wait for a challenge.
- 6.7 Drainage issues around Bicton. Shropshire Council and National Highways cannot agree on some of the drainage responsibilities in Bicton. What is to be done? The drain under the Holyhead Road is flowing. The drain under 'Pig Lane' is still blocked. Given the dire state of SC finances it is not in a position to do anything if it is not a threat to life or property.

7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

- 7.1 PKF Littlejohn, External Audit, £252.00
- 7.2 £15 refund to the clerk for Cllr Lee to attend; Parish Councils and planning - *Tuesday 28 September 6pm - 8pm*
- 7.3 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties 148.00
- 7.4 Payment of the above accounts agreed. Cllrs Maddox and Llewellyn will do the transfer.

8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

- 8.1 SALC Conference; NATURE RECOVERY TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS
Friday 6 December, 10am-4pm. The clerk will book in Cllrs Lee and Warren.
- 8.2 SALC - AGM 30th October 2024 in the Council Chamber, Shirehall, Shrewsbury. Cllr Lee and the clerk will attend.
- 8.3 Report from Cllr Lee on; *Parish Councils and planning - Tuesday 28 September 6pm - 8pm* For next meeting.

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

- 9.1 The watercourse that causes the Severnway flooding at Montford Bridge needs clearing out. The Wingfield Estate has given permission. Cllrs Warren, Maddox and Llewellyn volunteer.
- 9.2 3 acres of land, adjacent to the Bickley Coppice track, has been sold for horse keep.
- 9.3 The proposed farm track to the chicken farm will not now go ahead.
- 9.4 The straying dog, Tank, has not been seen recently.
- 9.5 Dog poo, around The Oval and along Bicton Lane, is a problem again.
- 9.6 The Defibrillator has been checked.
- 9.7 There is ash die back in the coppice by Oxon Hall, the trees may fall towards the road. The clerk will report this to SC.

10. NEXT MEETING Tuesday 12th November 2024. at 7.30pm in Bicton Village Hall.

MEETING CLOSED 9.29 pm.
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