

DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING 2017 Ap Held on 11th April 2017. 8pm in Bitton Village Hall

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Elliott Blackmore, Wendy Horan, Sally Maddox, Sue Llewellyn, Deirdre Grennan, Martin Davies, Rod Warren. Parish clerk-Peter Anderson, Plus 9 parishioners.

Chairman Cllr Brett had sent his apologies for absence so vice chairman Cllr Blackmore took the chair.

Police Report A speed control patrol has been conducted in Montford Bridge. Bitton Primary school was attended on Red Nose Day. The school was awarded 'Safer School Accreditation'. Beware of shed break-ins. Crime in the area is low. A quad bike was stolen from Ford. In the last month Bitton has had 2 counts of violence and 2 of criminal damage.

OPEN FORUM

When the Hardy Plant Society met at Bitton village hall the cars overflowed the car park and crowded the road. The society is moving its meetings to another venue. It is expected that the car park improvements will prevent this kind of problem in the future.

A problem with a lorry struggling to negotiate a corner on Bitton Lane was reported. It is thought that the lorry had been delivering to Woodlands Farm. Cllr Blackmore and SC traffic engineer Perry Muir have looked in to the issue. The best way of resolving the problem would be if all drivers were trained in how to deal with the lane; some road markings might help with this. Cllr Blackmore will ask Cllr Brett if he could make a video of a lorry taking this bend.

The property on Shepherd's Lane called Milnsbridge which has planning permission for an extension has been demolished. It is supposed that this is in accordance with the regulations and that SC is monitoring it.

Mr Potts of Westside, Welshpool Road has had his planning application for 2 dwellings granted by SC. However, he was concerned about BPC's reasons for objecting to his application. BPC was able to reassure him that it was nothing personal but was caused by the revised application not coming with any revised plans.

0. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Cllr Davies, 4.2, he is the lengthsman.
1. **APOLOGIES for ABSENCE** were received and accepted, from: Richard Brett, Roy Bound, SC Cllr. John Everall. NOTED
2. **MINUTES** 2017-Mar of previous meeting held on 14/3/17 were confirmed and signed.
3. **MATTERS ARISING**
4. **PARISH MATTERS**
 - 4.1 Bitton Primary School *Standing Agenda Item* Cllr Horan reported that the school has 140 pupils plus 25 in the pre-school. There are 7 teachers plus some teaching assistants and 2 kitchen staff. There is no pressure, at the moment to take more pupils. There are no plans to expand the school.
 - 4.2 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item* Martin has removed 2 dead trees from the hedge on Isle Lane. The Woodside road sign has been fixed by persons unknown.
 - 4.3 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* The footpaths are drying out. The Severnway is still bad. A kissing gate has been installed at the far end of the Severnway. Way markers have been erected. The bench by Bitton Pool has been seen to be used.
 - 4.4 Phone box removal. BT is waiting for the electricity to be disconnected then it will remove the box and make good the site. Noted.
 - 4.5 Dog waste bags, bins and signs, to decide on the best system. The proposition is to buy a dog poop bag dispenser and bin, and a sign saying 'Clean up after your dog'; at a cost of £288. To be installed by the church. 1er Cllr Maddox, 2er, and agreed unanimously. Before the order is placed the clerk is asked to check that SC will empty the bin.

4.6 Wags and Whiskers, the barking problem, a progress report. The barking continues to be loud and intrusive. The original planning permission requirement to landscape and plant screening has not been done. A thick hedge could help. Stuart Leighton is continuing to keep a log of the noise for the Environmental Health officer. Vehicles delivering and collecting the dogs have been observed driving too fast. It was decided to not report these issues to the SC planning enforcement until Cllr Blackmore has visited the owners yet again to see if they are working towards a resolution.

4.7 The Church Lane sign needs replacing. The clerk will ask SC to replace it with a proper embossed metal sign.

5. PLANNING

5.1 Day care centre, Hospice, Clayton Way, 17/01305/FUL, for decision. BPC supports this application.

5.2 Bicton housing strategy, to consider the BPC response to SC Local Plan Review and how this might lead on to a formal BPC policy. The clerk's response to the SC review was approved. This review has thrown up some questions; What is 'criteria based'? How is 'cumulative impact' measured? What is meant by 'proportionate'? What exactly is 'infill'? How will SC impose 'hubs'? How can clusters have no boundaries? Is the SC core strategy to include more bungalows? Is it possible for a green belt to be established in Bicton? Is good agricultural land to be built upon? When will the NWRR be built? Will the affordable house building policy allow more single plot exemptions? What are the plans for extending Shrewsbury into Bowbrook? How secure is the 5 year land supply? For BPC to have a meaningful housing strategy it needs answers to these questions. An SC planning policy officer will be invited to BPC at an opportune moment.

5.3 Tom Llewellyn has been told that the site at Rossall is suitable for a single plot exemption for an affordable dwelling. The actual application can now go forward. It was thanks to the efforts of BPC, Claire Wild and Lezley Picton that SC was persuaded to change its mind.

5.4 Westside, 2 dwellings, 16/04328/FUL, SC granted. Noted.

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 325 £ 32,424.87 verified by Chairman.

6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. The underbrush has been cleared and the result is good, clear sight-lines and a safe wood. To maintain it at this high standard quotes are to be sought from tree surgeons. As part of the maintenance plan Cllr Warren volunteered to be part of a regular volunteer maintenance team.

7. PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

7.1 Street light electricity, £299.14	chq 1061
7.2 SALC membership renewal, £402.44	chq 1062
7.3 Street light repair, £78.15	chq 1063
7.4 Clock repair fund £200.00	chq 1064
7.5 Clerk's electronic copy of the Bicton newsletter £5.00	chq 1065
7.6 Max Jellicoe, tree surgeon, £460.00	chq 1066
7.7 Martin Davies, lengthsman duties, £75.00	chq 1067
7.8 Payment of the above accounts 1er Cllr Warren, 2er Cllr Llewellyn and agreed.	

8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

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

9.1 The road sweeper is needed around The Oval. The clerk will request this.

9.2 Grange Bank, beyond Mayfield is still being used as a rubbish transfer site. The clerk is asked to report this to SC and to the Environment Agency.

9.3 For some days a car has been parked by the A5 bridge at Preston Montford.

9.4 Cllr Warren reported that 2 oak trees have been planted along Bicton Lane and others on Calcott Lane.

10. NEXT MEETING to be held on Tuesday 9th May 2017. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall

MEETING CLOSED 9.57 pm

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