BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on 13th October 2026. 7.30pm Bicton Village Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT: Parish Cllrs: Elliott Blackmore (Chairman); Mandie Lee; Sue Llewellyn; Edward Swain; Sean Quigley.
SC Cllr Ed Potter; Parish Clerk-Maxine Baker and 12 parishioners.

Neighbourhood Alert - there was no report received this evening.
Open Forum – Residents raised concerns about weeds, speeding on Holyhead Road and the lack of a bus shelter opposite The Coppice. An update was received regarding Bicton Pool, and the Village Hall advised that its solar panels require replacement. Grant funding options for the project were discussed.
Report from Shropshire Councillor Ed Potter: Devolution proposals remain under consideration. A parking review is underway, with increased charges likely to support the Sunday Park and Ride service. The Local Plan is currently expected to be finalised in 2028, although delays are anticipated. The campaign for a direct Shrewsbury-London rail link has been unsuccessful. A Transport Consultation is ongoing, and Social Care services are under review, with no significant cost changes expected in the short term.

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received and accepted from Cllrs Stephen Griffin and Sally Maddox
2. **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Quigley – Agenda item 5i – a relative has an alleged pecuniary interest.
3. **Verify draft Minutes dated 8th September 2026** - the minutes were approved and signed as a true copy.
4. **Matters arising:**
   i. Lengthsman – nothing to report.
   ii. Updates from the last meeting: None.
5. **Parish Matters**.
   i. **Bicton Pool** - correspondence dated 8th September from HM Land Registry was received. Consideration was given for acceptance of the proposed blue marked area. It was **RESOLVED** acceptance of the proposed blue marked area.
   ii. **BKVC** – a notification of Bicton Parish being awarded Best Village - North Runner Up in this year's Awards was received and noted. The Chairman wished to express his thanks for all volunteers who assisted.
   iii. **Footpath** –details of diversion for footpath no 7 and footpath no 8 was received. It was **RESOLVED** that the Council would not submit any comments regarding the diversion.
   iv. **Street Light Inspection Report & Replacement -**
      a. the Street Light Inspection Report was received and considered.
      b. consideration was given for replacement of the old concrete columns that have failed with a new column and Network Service Transfer at an approximate cost of £2,770.00 per column. It was **RESOLVED** that the Chairman Cllr Blackmore would obtain further quotations, the expenditure could be funded with CIL monies as an Infrastructure improvement.
   v. **Dog Waste Bin** - to receive a quotation sheet and to consider the purchase of an additional dog waste bin. It was **RESOLVED** to defer to the 10th of November's meeting.
   vi. **Noticeboard –** consideration was given to the purchase of a 2-bay, 4 × A4 outdoor recycled plastic noticeboard at a cost of £1,460.10 It was **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation for the recycled plastic noticeboard in the colour option of golden Oak.
   vii. **Dog Foul Signage –** to consider the purchase of dog foul signage and to agree an appropriate budget for the required number of signs It was. **RESOLVED** to defer to 10th November's meeting.
   viii. **Watering Rota of Planters -** to consider arrangements for the ongoing watering of parish planters and to agree a rota or alternative long-term solution to ensure regular maintenance. It was **RESOLVED** to defer to 10th November's meeting.
   ix. **Residents Correspondence –**
      a. Proposed development by Leith planning Ltd –a resident's email dated 29th September 2026 was received and considered. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would write to the ICB to ascertain if they were funding the project.

b. a residents' request for a bus shelter & reduction in speed limit at the Coppice, Bicton Heath. The meeting shared the residents' concerns; the Council however were of the understanding that the area now fell into Shrewsbury Town Council following the last Boundary Review.

6. **Planning Decisions & Planning Applications:**
   i. To note planning decisions made since the last meeting:
   ii. 26/03073/FUL Address: West Winds, Preston, Montford Lane, Montford Bridge - **APPROVED**
   25/02946/OUT Address: Land To The North of Holyhead Road Bicton – **Pending consideration.**
   25/04181/OUT Address: Land To The West Off Bicton Lane Bicton – **Pending consideration**.
   26/02496/FUL Address: Horton lane Farm, Cruckton – **Pending consideration**
   26/02564/FUL Address: West Of Isle Lane Bicton – **Pending consideration**
   iii. To consider and agree responses to planning applications:
   26/03455/FUL Address: Field House Shepherds Lane SY3 8BT; Proposal: Extension to form entertainment space, conservatory, balcony, and garage
   It was **RESOLVED** no comments to be submitted
   26/03544/FUL Address: North West Of Bicton Lane Bicton; Proposal: Erection of an agricultural storage building.
   It was **RESOLVED** that no comments would be submitted other than if the proposal were to be approved mitigation measures should be put in place for the badger sets.
7. **Reports**
   i. Muriel's Little Wood: Safety Report No issues reported - Bench installed; however, it was considered that the proposed canopy would not be suitable due to concerns that children may climb on the structure.
   ii. VAS – Speed indicator Devices – The progress report was received and noted. The Clerk to share the data for the Police.
8. **Financial Reports**
   i. **RESOLVED** approval of the list of payments:

PAYEE	Amount	VAT	Description
Maxine Baker	£462.20		Wages (September 2026 - 7)
Highline Electrical	£200.00	£40.00	Lighting Inspection Survey 2026
K Williams	£178.00		Lengthsman Duties
Sally Maddox	£37.97	£6.33	Plants
PKF Littlejohn LLP	£378.00	£63.00	External Audit Fee
RP&J Minton Ltd	£3450.00	£575.00	Tarmacadam surface, drop kerb

   ii. **RESOLVED** approval of the latest reconciliation of banking statements dated 30th September 2026.
9. **Extra Information –** For inclusion at next meeting – none
10. **Date of the next meeting** - to note that the next meeting shall be held on November 10th, 7.30 pm at Bicton Village Hall

[21.18 meeting closed]