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**BITTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Chairman Richard Brett

MINUTES (Draft until signed) of meeting 2019-Mar, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019, 8pm in Bicton Village Hall

**PRESENT:**

*Parish Cllrs:* Richard Brett, Sue Llewellyn, Elliott Blackmore, Wendy Horan, Deirdre Grennan, Mandie Lee, Martin Davies, Rod Warren, , Parish clerk-Peter Anderson, 5 parishioners, Tim Williams and Sgt. Ram Aston.

**POLICE REPORT** Tim Williams and Sergeant Ram Aston of the crime prevention initiative “We Don’t Buy Crime” told us about Smart Water. This scheme brings the community together. Smart Water was invented in the 1990s, it is a solvent with a unique code made up of rare earth metals that shine under UV light. The substance is completely harmless. If 70% of the community sign up the cost will be £8.90 per household. Signs and stickers are provided at no extra cost. There are 80% fewer crimes in rural areas with Smart Water. Insurance companies *may* reduce premiums. For this scheme to work in Bicton BPC needs to buy the Smart Water for approx. £2013, then to enrol parishioners and so recoup the cost. The unanimous decision of this meeting is to go ahead.

**SC Cllr Lezley Picton** was poorly and sent an email report.

1, Reporting of pot holes, defective street lights, missing road signs etc. Shropshire Council has a new system for the reporting of these matters and although it has not been fully launched, the early signs are very promising. If you need to report a pot hole etc please use the link: <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/roads-and-highways/report-a-fault-or-concern/> You can then register for a “My Shropshire” Account which will allow you to see the progress of any matters raised. It is working really well and I urge you all to use it. 2, There are a number of Parish Councils who are looking at purchasing some of the VAS signs like the ones installed in Baschurch. These cameras capture data as well as giving a positive or negative message regarding the car’s speed and can also use a pictorial graphic. These signs are having a very positive effect on the speed of traffic. If the PC were looking to purchase any further signs, purchasing in bulk can bring the costs down from £2,500 per camera to £2,000. If you are interested and would like further details please let me know. 3, I note your comments on Planning matters and the next round of consultation will be later in the year, October time I understand. The strategic sites will be put out for consultation following Cabinet on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019. These sites do not affect Bicton in anyway.

**OPEN FORUM**

Some of the ‘Save The Village’ sign are damaged. This may have been caused by the recent high winds.

**0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

0.1 4.1, Cllr Davies, he is the lengthsman.

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

2. **MINUTES** 2019-Feb of previous meeting held on 12/2/19 were confirmed and signed.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 What is allowed by the EMG (Environmental Maintenance Grant (lengthsman) application? The clerk has not got the details to hand; he will bring them to the next meeting.

3.2 A tractor will be needed to cut the grass verge from Oxon Hall to Shelton.

3.3 The bad bend on Bicton Lane really does need high kerbs.

3.4 Grange Bank, big improvements will take serious money which is unlikely to become available for some years. In the mean time it will be advantageous to hire a mini digger to scrape the path clear. Kevin Williams can drive the digger.

3.5 Defibrillator training is arranged for next Tuesday.

3.6 The hanging branches, on Mark Bebb’s property, opposite Muriel’s Little Wood, are still hanging.

**4. PARISH MATTERS**

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item*

4.2 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* SC is making an order to divert footpath 13 because of the building of the day care centre at the hospice. Noted.

5 **PLANNING**

5.1 There are no planning applications this month so now could be a good time to consider how to prepare to deal with issues such as, Shelton Rough (300 houses) East of Calcott Lane (300 houses) Myton Oak Road (800 houses). BPC needs all the information and all the support that it can get. How is it best to go about this? BPC has a very good record of consulting with the Bicton community. To further gather even more good quality evidence it is suggested that every household in the parish should be asked for facts, and opinion, through a questionnaire. Cllr Warren has volunteered to compile such a document. He will do a draft and submit it to BPC for comment.

5.2 Tall Trees, Calcott Lane, porch and extensions, 18/05725/FUL. SC granted.

6. **OFFICIAL MATTERS**

6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 349 £42,329.07 verified by Chairman.  
6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Cllr Warren reported that all is safe.  
6.3 To sign the CIL agreement with SC. The chairman, Richard Brett, signed this document with the approval of BPC.

7 **PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment**

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| 7.1 CPRE membership, £36.00   | chq 141 |
| 7.2 Clerk's expenses Oct 2018 to Mar 2019, £350.00                                  | chq 142 |
| 7.3 Clerk's salary, Jan to Mar 2019, £1405.00                                       | chq143  |
| 7.4 Web hosting and maintenance, £185.00  | chq144  |
| 7.5 Payment of the above accounts, 1er Cllr Grennan, 2er Cllr Llewellyn and agreed. |         |

8. **EXTERNAL ITEMS**

8.1 'Keep Britain Tidy' is having a Great British Spring Clean from 22 March to 23 April. It is possible to sign up to this campaign. Noted.

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

9.1 The phone kiosk has been cleaned by Sue and Deirdre, it now looks very presentable. Our thanks go to them. It is suggested that it could be used as a 'seed swap library'.  
9.2 The defibrillator in the village hall porch had to be mounted quite low to avoid other fittings. A sign at eye level would guide a stranger to it in an emergency.

10. **NEXT MEETING** to be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall

MEETING CLOSED 10.01 pm  
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