

2019 -May.a.

BITCOT PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Richard Brett

MINUTES (Draft until signed) of meeting 2019-May, 14th May 2019, 8pm in Bictot Village Hall

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Richard Brett, Sue Llewellyn, Elliott Blackmore, Sally Maddox, Wendy Horan, Deirdre Grennan, Mandie Lee, Rod Warren, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson, 9 parishioners,

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

1 **Annual Parish Council report.** Chairman's report. Financial report. Attached to the minutes book.

2 **Reports from Parish Organisations.**

3 **Reports from external organisations, including; Shropshire Council and Police.** SC Cllr Lezley Picton's report is in the minutes book. The police report continues to show that Bictot is a low-crime area but to keep it this way Smart Water would be a good idea. There is also an initiative called 'Cardboard Coppers' which places images of policemen outside schools to remind drivers to be careful at school time.

4 **Bictot Primary School** The school is thriving but it would benefit from having more pupils in order to ensure that teachers can be kept.

5 **Representations from Parishioners.** Any comments, views or requests?

6 **Bictot Village Hall**, car park improvements, a report. The format of the car park has not been changed and it has been resurfaced.

B ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2019-May. To immediately follow the Annual Parish Meeting.

BICTON PARISH COUNCIL (BPC) APPOINTMENTS

0. Elect BPC Chairman
1. Elect BPC Vice Chairman
2. Appoint BPC Press Officers
3. Confirm BPC representative to Bictot Village Hall
4. Appoint BPC representative to Bictot Primary School
5. BPC Trustee for St Chad's Charity
6. Elect a representative to the Local Joint Committee
7. Elect a deputy rep. to the Local Joint Committee.

presently
Richard Brett
Elliott Blackmore
Sue Llewellyn
Richard Brett
Wendy Horan
Tina Richards
Elliot Blackmore
Sue Llewellyn

The proposal is to re-elect en-bloc, this is agreed unanimously.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST In items on the agenda; Cllr Maddox, 7.2

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

2. **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES 2019-Apr, dated 9/4/19.** The chairman signed the verified minutes

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

- 3.1 Leaf litter against the fence at Udlington; Mr Morris has agreed to get this removed.
- 3.2 White lines have been painted at the exit to Isle Lane business-park and at the exit to Grove Farm.
- 3.3 Horses in the field by Lion Gates, people, and dogs, using the footpath there have experienced some frightening incidents. The clerk is asked to write to Ed Tate about this.
- 3.4 The hedge at the Shepherd's Lane/Welshpool Road junction has been cut.
- 3.5 Dairyscope, lorries unloading and causing obstruction on the road; often there is just one person in the office and lorry drivers do their own unloading.
- 3.6 Pig Lane, cracked verges, these have been marked up for repair for the last 9 months.
- 3.7 De-fibrillator training; there were 11 people at the last training session. Another session can be organised if there is the call for it.
- 3.8 BPC Cllrs are invited to The Coppice for afternoon tea on 31/7/19.
- 3.9 Smart Water, there was a report in the Shropshire Star about some stolen solar panels that were recovered because they were marked with Smart Water.

4. **PLANNING**

- 4.1 Seedfield, Shepherd's Lane, reconsultation due to amendment on application 19/01538/FUL. Erection of double garage, new dormer roof, alterations to front gable and formation of vehicular access. The BPC decision is to object because the large garage is too close to the road and there is clear glazing in the extension which over-looks the neighbours.

5. **PARISH MATTERS**

5.1 Muriel's Little Wood, safety report. Cllrs Warren and Brett reported that all is safe.

5.2 Lengthsman report and instructions. The Severnway needs strimming opposite Swain's Corner. Kevin will be asked to do it.

5.3 Footpaths report. The Severnway is suffering from the usual problems in the usual places; by Bicton Pool, Swain's Corner and by The Crescent, Montford Bridge. A finger post, opposite Woodlands Farm has become hidden.

5.4 To recognise Harry Fox's work litter picking; this is for a Duke of Edinburgh Award. BPC is very pleased to recognise Harry's work. Cllr Maddox has made a certificate to present to him.

5.5 Shepherd's Lane will be closed 13th to 15th May for sewer connection. This work has already been completed and the road is now open.

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 352, £51,947.68 verified by Chairman.

6.2 Summary of accounts. The clerk tabled this and it is attached to the minutes book.

6.3 The 2019/20 precept has been received, £11,950.00. Noted.

6.4 CIL of £501.06 has been received. Noted.

6.5 To consider if there are any merits in Bicton having a Neighbourhood Plan. BPC carefully considered all of the pros and cons and has decided not to proceed with a Neighbourhood Plan at the moment; but does not rule it out for the future.

6.6 Community Speed Watch (CSW), there are now 6 volunteers and the scheme could be initiated if West Mercia Police has the capacity. The clerk will start the application.

6.7 To sign off the external audit. After careful examination the chairman and the clerk signed the audit papers.

6.8 To consider the draft housing questionnaire. Cllr Warren has refined the form taking in to account all of the feedback that he has received. BPC is now ready to invite Mathew Mead to come to a meeting so that he can advise on the next step. The clerk will invite him.

7. PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

7.1 Insurance renewal, £459.81. This involves entering a 3 year agreement. Chq148

7.2 Refund to Cllr Maddox for litter picking equipment. £28.30 Chq 149

7.3 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties £337.00 Chq150

7.4 Payment of the above accounts 1er Cllr Horan, 2er Cllr Blackmore and agreed.

8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

8.1 Shrewsbury Rural North Place Plan Meeting, Guildhall, 7pm Wednesday 15th May. Cllr Warren and the clerk have volunteered to attend.

8.2 Report from Cllr Mandie Lee on the SALC Area Committee 11th April meeting. 1. The chairperson mentioned that there is a lot of development planned in Bicton and consequently there is a lot of CIL money. He went on to say that whether some money should go to Shrewsbury is under discussion but he didn't say who was doing the discussing. 2. The proposed school at Bowbrook is being partly funded by CIL. 3. Some of the CIL funding applications are: Berrington - improved parking, Hanwood - a fixed speed camera, Longdon - Sharks teeth as VAS aren't as effective 4. The Local Plan Review received 4,000 responses. Results are expected end May/beg June. There could be changes to some sites, for example, at Ford the developers want 300 houses not in the current plan but they could be in the revised plan. The final plan will be in Autumn. 5. Shropshire Council are looking at reducing the number of area planning committee meetings from 3 to 2. If the proposal goes forward it will be on 16 May agenda. A reduction in meetings could mean that a planning application could be reviewed by people who are not familiar with the area. The chair commented that this is taking away the democratic process. If anyone writes to SC - contact Mark Barrow - about the proposal, SALC requests they are copied in. 6. There are major changes (restructuring) in the highways department at the moment. 7. Training: I didn't catch the dates but I think they are all in June CIL, planning application, Neighbourhood plan. 8. Local Joint Committees don't have anyone looking after them. If they are needed, or wanted, email Mark Barrow. 9. A local parish clerk requested a contact list as finding the right person at SC was not easy. It was agreed that such a list should be drawn up.

8.3 Planning and CIL training, Friday 7th June 2pm-4pm, Shirehall. Noted.

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

9.1 Half of the verges on Bicton Lane have been cut. The effect is messy but consideration must be given to wildlife and wild flowers.

9.2 Dog mess continues to be a problem on the Bicton Lane verges especially in front of houses where people want to cut the grass.

9.3 The footpath by the Four Crosses Garage is damaged and is dropping away. This may be being caused by cars parking on it. Cllr Blackmore will have a look.

9.4 Cllr Maddox has applied for a grant from SC for litter picking equipment. If this is approved she will arrange a community litter pick.

9.5 Some road signs need washing, Kevin will be asked to do it.

9.6 The hedge by the little school gate needs cutting, Kevin will be asked to do it.

9.7 The white lines at the Bicton Lane/Church Lane junction need re doing. The clerk will report this to SC.

10. **NEXT MEETING 2019-Jun** to be held on Tuesday 11th June 2019. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall

MEETING CLOSED 10.30 pm
2019 May.b.

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