BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on 8th September 2026. 7.30pm Bicton Village Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT: Parish Cllrs: Elliott Blackmore (Chairman); Stephen Griffin; Wendy Horan; Mandie Lee; Edward Swain; Sean Quigley.

SC Cllr Ed Potter; Parish Clerk-Maxine Baker and 4 parishioners.

Neighbourhood Alert - there was no report received this evening.

Open Forum – A resident raised a concern about horse manure on the pavement near the kiosk. The resident was advised that there are no laws specifically relating to horse manure on pavements.

A representative of the Village Hall Management Committee enquired about dog-fouling signage for the village hall field. The representative explained that the committee wished to prioritise improvements to its new website and address issues with the solar panels, which had not been fitted correctly when originally installed. The representative also reported that two areas of the car park had sunk and that the tarmac was lifting. The Chairman, Cllr Blackmore, advised that he would inspect the affected areas and meet with the contractor.

Samantha Scott, representing Harry Wilson, addressed the meeting regarding a proposed development that is at a very early stage. She outlined changes to the National Planning Policy Framework and advised that Shropshire Council could not demonstrate a five-year housing land supply. Her clients are currently at the consultation stage and hope to hold a community consultation on Tuesday 29 September, from 3.00 pm to 7.00 pm, to provide residents with an opportunity to view the plans and ask questions. A highways consultant will also be present to answer questions about the proposed highway changes and access from the site. Ms Scott added that the proposed development would include a doctors' surgery, a care home and a pump track. Interest in the doctors' surgery has already been confirmed

Report from S.C. Ed Potter Cllr Potter reported that the missed bin would be formally added to the collection round from 21 September. Shropshire Council is also in the process of selling a number of its assets to raise capital and remains in a difficult financial position, which may require parish councils to take on additional responsibilities.

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received and accepted from Cllrs Sue Llewellyn and Sally Maddox
2. **Declarations of Interest** – None.
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. **BKVC** – The Chairman advised that he had tried to clean the Perspex on the kiosk although they are better, there is still a sticky substance on them. Ivy removed from the noticeboard. Many jobs still need doing – the Oval requires cleaning, and it was suggested that this could be undertaken by the Brethren, who had kindly offered assistance. Removal of ivy from Bicton Lane Wall.
   ii. **Residents Correspondence** – **Overgrown Hedge by Electricity Pylon.** Correspondence and a photograph were received and considered. The meeting was advised that National Power would cut back the branches if they became too high
   iii. **SALC Pay Awards Agreement** – The meeting noted the 3.3% pay award agreed by SALC and **RESOLVED** to increase the Clerk's salary by 3.3%, in line with the SALC pay scales**.**
   iv. **Councillor.Gov. Uk email's -** Councillors were advised to use their official *.gov.uk* email addresses for all Council business. The Clerk is available to provide support where required.

6. **Planning Decisions & Planning Application**
   i. To note planning decisions made since the last meeting:
   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**
   ii. To consider and agree responses to planning applications:
   26/03073/FUL Address: West Winds, Preston, Montford Lane, Montford Bridge, PROPOSED - Single storey front and rear extensions, first floor side extension, alterations and improvements work inc. windows, doors, and changes to external wall finishes
   RESOLVED no comments.
7. **Reports**
   i. Muriel's Little Wood; Safety Report No issues reported.
   ii. VAS – Speed indicator Devices – The progress report was received and noted.

8. **Financial Reports**
   i. **RESOLVED** approval of the list of payments:

PAYEE	Amount	VAT	Description
Maxine Baker	£418.69		Wages (August 2026 - 6)
K Williams	£38.00		Lengthsman Duties
Shropshire Council	£236.42	£39.40	2nd Quarter Joint Energy Costs

   ii. **RESOLVED** approval of the latest reconciliation of banking statements dated 31st August 2026.
9. **Extra Information –** For inclusion at next meeting – a new poo bin and missing bolts on the climbing frame; dog fouling signage
10. **Date of the next meeting** - to note that the next meeting shall be held on October 13th, 7.30 pm at Bicton Village Hall

[20.33 meeting closed]