

2017-Dec.a.

**BITTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Chairman Richard Brett

**MINUTES** (Draft until signed) of meeting 2017 Dec, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017. 8pm in Bicton Village Hall

**PRESENT:**

*Parish Cllrs:* Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, Sally Maddox, Sue Llewellyn, Deirdre Grennan, Martin Davies, Rod Warren, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson, plus 6 parishioners.

**POLICE REPORT** 2 ASB reported this month, no drug related offences, 2 burglary offences reported, 2 criminal damage offenses reported. 1 violence related offense.

**OPEN FORUM** Stuart Leighton reported that the grit dispensers in the village have been refilled. He also noted that the gritter had not been around the village.

**Sam Blackledge and Russell Plant**, who are members of The Brethren, made a brief presentation about a charity called the 'Rapid Relief Team'. This is a global charity concerned with compassion within communities. They have supported such causes as the Hope House Lantern Walk, National Sleeping Bag Week and The Ark in Shrewsbury. They suggested that they would like to work within Bicton contributing to such projects as path clearing, litter picking and the new defibrillator.

**0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

0.1 Cllr Davies, 4.2, he is the lengthsman, and 5.1 where he is a near neighbour. Cllr Brett, 7.4, he does the website maintenance.

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

2. **MINUTES** 2017-Nov of previous meeting held on 14/11/17 were confirmed and signed.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 The problems with the stile, gate and way marker by Grove Farm are being seen to by Tom Llewellyn.

3.2 A bus has been seen speeding, again. The police were doing speed checks a few days ago, on the B4380. The results of these checks are not known.

3.3 Lorries using Bicton Lane are still a problem on the tight corner. SC is in some confusion about whether or not it will allow Mark Gethin to install a kerb. At first it forbade it but now, apparently, it will allow it.

3.4 Grove Farm Drive/Isle Lane junction, white lines, to attempt to slow the traffic exiting the drive, are proposed.

3.5 The dead wych elms in the hedge on Isle Lane are being dealt with by the tenant and landowner.

**4. PARISH MATTERS**

4.1 Bicton Primary School *Standing Agenda Item* From now on the school will be putting its own report in the Bicton Newsletter so this will cease to be a standing agenda item. Noted.

4.2 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item* Martin can fix the damaged panel on the Bicton bus shelter. A sheet of 8mm polycarbonate will be £70, on top of this will be the cost of fitting. Martin is instructed to go ahead.

4.3 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* Mostly OK, considering the time of the year and the weather. The Severnway by Bicton Pool is still bad.

4.4 Grange Bank, SC hopes to have new contractors appointed by spring 2018. Possibilities for Grange Bank can start to progress from then. Noted.

4.5 CPR training, how would it be best to organise this? A suitable date will be set when there is more information about how to install a defibrillator in the old phone box because the training for both can be run together.

**5 PLANNING**

- 5.1 9-10 Isle Lane, 2 storey side and rear extension, 17/05565/FUL, for decision. This is a reasonable development and BPC supports it.
- 5.2 11 Montford Bridge, rear extension and porch, 17/04584/FUL, SC granted. Noted.
- 5.3 Oak tree crown reduction, churchyard, 17/05107/TPO. This tree overhangs a neighbour's garden and he has put in the application. The tree looks safe with no dead branches. It may cause some shade and bird droppings in the garden. Cllr Warren has contacted the SC tree officer. This is a grand old tree and as far as possible its character should be kept but BPC will not object to any necessary work.

## 6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 335 £52,076.21 verified by Chairman.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. The recent snow has made everything look beautiful. All is safe. Cllr Llewellyn is arranging for Tom to mount some legal disclaimer signs.
- 6.3 To prepare the 2018/19 budget. The general principles were discussed. The clerk will now draw up a detailed budget proposal for the next meeting.
- 6.4 To update the Place Plan. This was agreed, a copy will be put on file for reference and the new Place Plan will be sent to SC.
- 6.5 To complete the response to the SC Local Plan Review. This was completed, a copy will be put on file and the response will be sent to SC.
- 6.6 Cllr Jane Mullineux has been compelled by ill health to resign from BPC. It is with regret that BPC accepts this resignation and the reasons that caused it. The clerk will send to Jane BPC's best wishes and thanks.
- 6.7 Report from the Town and Parish Council forum meeting of 23/11/17 attended by Cllr Warren. Cllr Warren reported that this meeting discussed; lengthsman grants, the local plan review, the hierarchy of settlements and the library strategy, amongst other things. It is important that BPC should be represented at these meetings.

## 7. PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

- 7.1 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties, £219.00 chq 1089
- 7.2 Bus shelter cleaning, Oct to Dec £42.50 chq 1090
- 7.3 Clerk's salary Oct to Dec £1378.00 chq 1091
- 7.4 Website Maintenance, quarter to Nov 2017, £90.00 chq 1092
- 7.5 Payment of the above accounts 1er Cllr Grennan, 2er Cllr Llewellyn and agreed.

## 8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

- 8.1 The Wrekin Housing Trust invites BPC to a preview of the Coppice, 19/12/17, noon onwards, noted.

- 9. **EXTRA INFORMATION** Any *Additional Information* not specified on the agenda.
- 9.1 The Bicton litter pickers have been active. BPC sends its thanks to them all.

- 10. **NEXT MEETING** to be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall

MEETING CLOSED 10.46 pm  
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