

BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on 14th April 2026. 7.30pm Bicton Village Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT: Parish Cllrs: Elliott Blackmore (Chairman); Richard Brett; Stephen Griffin; Wendy Horan; Mandie Lee; Sue Llewellyn; Sally Maddox; Edward Swain.

SC Cllr Ed Potter; Interim Parish Clerk-Maxine Baker and 3 parishioners

Neighbourhood Alert - there was no report received this evening.

Open Forum – A representative from the Village Hall Management Committee advised the meeting that it was good to see how quickly the alterations to the car park are being done and thanked the Chairman, Councillor Elliott Blackmore.

A resident mentioned if a bench could be placed in Muriel's Wood. There was a concern that it would get covered in bird droppings.

Another resident asked if Shropshire Council were going to purchase the old Rea Valley Tractor site. No one was sure but Councillor Ed Potter thought that Shrewsbury Town Council might purchase the site as they are taking on more ground's maintenance services.

An EMW Design representative were proposing a New Doctors Surgery opposite the 4 Crosses Garage next to the Brethren site and needed to build 150 homes to fund the build. The representative was seeking Councillors' input on needed village facilities like a care home, chemist, and doctors' surgery. Mytton Oaks requires a new surgery, and the proposed 21-acre site (on the same side as the Plymouth Brethren Church, extending to the pumping station) could include the above. Four acres of the site would be dedicated to public open space, one large central area for functional use, for a pump track, children's play area, family space, etc. Active Travel with a cycle route into Shrewsbury town centre was mentioned.

Report from S.C. Ed Potter – Councillor Ed Potter reported that waste bin collection services have experienced issues following the transition to a new contractor. He noted that a settling-in period is expected, after which collections should return to normal. Monitoring the situation over the next six weeks and documenting any instances of missed collections would be beneficial. Councillor Ed Potter then went on to advise that the new financial year has started and devolution has kicked in. The Local Plan is moving at pace with a public consultation due to take place soon. Report potholes on fix my street.

1. **Declarations of Interest** –none.
2. **Verify draft Minutes dated 10th March 2026** - the minutes were approved and signed as a true copy.
3. **Matters arising:**
 - i. **Length Mans** – nothing to report.
 - ii. Updates from 10th March meeting: Cllr Griffin advised the meeting that he had delt with the tree at Muriel's Wood
4. **Parish Matters.**
 - i. **BKVC** – The meeting was advised that the school is enthusiastic in taking part and Cllr Swain said a team from Severn Trent has offered help in weeding.
 - ii. **CIL Funded Projects** – Project details and costings were received. Consideration for approval of CIL expenditure for the following proposals was considered:
 - a. **Bicton Village Hall - Kitchen:** Refurbishment of kitchen. (CIL Eligibility: improvement to community infrastructure). It was **RESOLVED** that quotations for the whole kitchen project are required before further consideration.
 - b. **Bicton Village Hall – Toilets:** Refurbishment of toilets. (CIL Eligibility: improvement to community infrastructure).It was **RESOLVED** that a grant be awarded of £8,750.00 towards the cost of the toilet refurbishment.

- iii. **Openreach Fibre Community Partnership** – residents’ correspondence was received and noted. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would place an item in the village magazine encouraging residents to register their interest in fibre via the Openreach website.
- iv. **Bicton Parish Community Priorities Survey** –the analysis of responses was received and considered. It was **RESOLVED** that the findings would be published on the Parish Councils website and will be referred to when considering future planning applications.
- v. **EMW Design** - a developer’s request for informal Councillor suggestions on infrastructure needs (for discussion only). Refer above to the Open Forum.
- vi. **Recruitment of Parish Clerk:** confirmation of the appointment of Maxine Baker as the Parish Councils Clerk to start 1st May 2026 was provided by the Chairman Cllr Blackmore.

5. **Planning Decisions & Planning Applications**

- i. To note planning decisions made since the last meeting:
 - 25/02946/OUT Address: Land To The North of Holyhead Road Bicton – Pending consideration.
 - 26/00352/FUL Address: The Haven Shepherds Lane – Permission Granted.
 - 25/04181/OUT Address: Land To The West Off Bicton Lane Bicton – Pending consideration.
 - 25/04420/OUT Address: Land Off Bicton Lane, Bicton - Refused.
 - 26/00013/FUL Address: The Bungalow, Calcott Lane, Bicton – Pending consideration

6. **Reports**

- i. Muriel’s Little Wood; Safety Report,
- ii. VAS – Speed indicator Devices, Progress report
- iii. Defibrillator quarterly report – all ok, but Cllr Maddox reiterated that the defibrillator would need to be replaced in 2027/28.
- iv. Clerks Report was received and noted.

7. **Financial Reports**

- i. The list of payments was approved:

Maxine Baker	£332.96	Wages (March 2026)
Bicton Bowling Club	£4,900.00	Reimbursement (bowling green)
Bicton Village Hall	£20,000.00	Interim CIL payment for car park extension and drainage improvements
K Williams	£352.00	Lengthmans Duties

- ii. The latest reconciliation of banking statements was approved
- iii. The year end accounts dated 31st March 2026 were received. **RESOLVED** approval for the Chairman to sign off the presented accounts.

- 8. **Extra Information** – The Chairman, Cllr Blackmore advised that the bowling green pathway had been completed. Car park drainage was found to have been silted up. Storm crates and new pipework to the drains have been installed, however the new drain will need to be cleaned out monthly and needs to be signed off, as being done. Future agenda items: new double door noticeboards, a parish Map showing new boundary (to enquire the Environmental Board). The Nursery at the four crosses needs weeding.
- 9. **Date of the next meeting** - to note that the next meeting shall be held on May 12th, 7.30 pm at Bicton Village Hall

[Meeting closed at 21.19pm]