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BITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Richard Brett

MINUTES (Draft until signed) of meeting 2018-Dec, 11th December 2018. 8pm in Bicton Village Hall

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Richard Brett, , Elliott Blackmore, Sally Maddox, Martin Davies, Rod Warren, Wendy Horan, Deirdre Grennan, Mandie Lee, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson and 4 parishioners.

POLICE REPORT PC Ross Cookson has met with Ros Tate to discuss the parking issues at the Four Crosses Inn. The Police Traffic Management Officer, Brian Williams, has suggested that some bollards may help.

SC Cllr Lezley Picton reported: Under the new Local Plan it is intended to have a 'Shrewsbury Urban' and a 'Shrewsbury Rural'. It may be that areas of Bicton, such as Shelton Rough, will become part of the Urban. SC is not involved with the removal of redundant phone boxes. Ian Walshall is prepared to meet Cllr Blackmore on Grange Bank to work out how to improve the footpath. Property on the bad bend on Bicton Lane has suffered some more damage; Mark Gethin has promised that the improvements will be carried out over the new-year when there are no poultry in the sheds. It is very likely that a boundary review will be carried out in 2021; many settlements in Shropshire have expanded, especially Shrewsbury, and a review is due.

OPEN FORUM

Jan Bevan reported that she had attended the Shrewsbury Town Council Planning Committee meeting. Helen Howie presented the plan for Shelton Rough which she had previously presented to BPC. Helen Howie stated that BPC was supportive of the plan. This is the opposite of what was the case. BPC objected strongly. The clerk will write to STC and to Helen Howie to ask how this misleading statement came to be made?

BPC was asked, once again, about Neighbourhood Plans. NPs were conceived by central govt as a way of increasing the numbers of houses being built. They are not a way of preventing development. The inducement for a parish council is that it will receive more of the CIL money if it does have an NP. The disadvantage is that it could take years of work, cost 10s of thousands of pounds and is limited, by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) as to what it can achieve. BPC does have a strong planning policy which has been arrived at by working closely with SC. A Bicton NP is very unlikely to arrive at a better policy and is unlikely to raise more money for BPC because much of the development is on the edge of Shrewsbury and the logic is that these developments will become part of Shrewsbury after the boundary review and therefore the CIL money will go to STC.

Removing the redundant phone box should be straightforward; but it is not. The owners are now The Community Heartbeat Trust and there is the electricity supply to deal with. At the moment the way forward is not clear.

Wags and Whiskers are making efforts to deal with the barking noise problem. One dog was expelled, the hedging has been planted and the fencing netting is more or less in place because the wind blows it about. The place is licensed for 30 dogs but they take fewer, and 7 people are employed.

0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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1. **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: Sue Llewellyn, NOTED

2. **MINUTES** 2018-Nov of previous meeting held on 13/11/18 were confirmed and signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Bicton Lane safety; the school gate by the sub-station is kept closed but not locked and not attended. The hedge removal cannot be considered, by the school, at the moment because of the pressure of work and there is no money available.

4. PARISH MATTERS

- 4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item*
- 4.2 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* Most are 'great' except the Severnway; the ditch is full and the drain is blocked. A new pipe is needed. Pat Price has promised to do something with a digger. Matthew Egerton has promised to move a stack of soggy bales which are contributing to the problem.
- 4.3 What to do with the old phone box? Until the box owners have been contacted the problem is unresolved.
- 4.4 Russ Maxim of the Brethren's Rapid Response Team has confirmed that they are able to clean the bus shelters. Such volunteering is most commendable and is to be encouraged.

5 PLANNING

- 5.1 Shropshire Local Plan Review- 'Preferred Sites' Consultation. This was studied in some detail, the clerk took notes and will fill in the form.

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 346 £42,140.26 verified by Chairman.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Litter was picked today and all is safe.
- 6.3 A draft budget was tabled, a final decision will be taken at the next meeting.

7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

- 7.1 Jim Griffiths, bus shelter cleaning, final salary, £14.00 chq 134
- 7.2 Clerk's salary, Oct-Dec 2018, £1405.00 chq135
- 7.3 Web site maintenance, quarter to Nov 2018. £90.00 chq136
- 7.4 Payment of the above accounts 1er Cllr Blackmore, 2er Cllr Maddox and agreed.

8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

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

- 9.1 On Bicton Lane, opposite Muriel's Little Wood, some boughs are dangling over a cable and threatening to bring it down. This is the land owner's responsibility. Cllr Blackmore has spoken to Mr Bebb who has given assurances that he will deal with it.
- 9.2 The verges at the far end of Calcott Lane have not been cut. This is Winfield territory. Cllr Blackmore has the problem in hand.
- 9.3 The Coppice; signs have been put up for 'Staff Parking'.
- 9.4 The de-fibrillator in the village hall porch has been wired in. It now awaits its EIC certificate.
- 9.5 There have been some comments about the new street lights; they are very bright. The settings are made at the factory and cannot now be altered.
- 9.6 An Arriva service bus stopped by the refuge outside The Coppice; this effectively blocked the road and created a dangerous situation. It would be best if the refuge was removed and a bus pull in was made. The clerk is asked to write to SC to this effect.

10. NEXT MEETING to be held on Tuesday 8th January 2019. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall

MEETING CLOSED 10.05 pm
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