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**BICTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Chairman Richard Brett

**DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING 2016 Oct Held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016. 8pm in Bicton Village Hall**

**PRESENT:**

*Parish Cllrs:* Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, Roy Bound, Sally Maddox, Sue Llewellyn, Deirdre Grennan, Rod Warren. Parish clerk-Peter Anderson, Plus 4 parishioners,

**OPEN FORUM**

**Dogs barking loudly in the early morning at 'Wags and Whiskers'** have been reported as a problem.  
Cllr Blackmore will have a word with the proprietors.

**Shropshire Council picked the litter on Shepherd's Lane recently.** This was not expected but it is very welcome.

**The police report revealed that there was no reported crime in Bicton last month.** For comparison; Bicton Heath had 20 Anti-Social-Behaviour incidents and 12 other crimes.

**0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

1. **APOLOGIES for ABSENCE** were received and accepted, from: Wendy Horan, Martin Davies, SC Cllr. John Everall, NOTED
2. **MINUTES** 2016-Sept of previous meeting held on 13/9/16 were confirmed and signed.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

- 3.1 Cllr Bound reported that the planned water main installation work on the B4380 at Oxon will be finished sooner than expected.
- 3.2 The broken panel in the Bicton bus shelter has still not been removed but Cllr Blackmore has inspected it and is of the opinion that it is not dangerous and is best left in place. BPC agrees with this and the decision is to leave the panel in place.
- 3.3 The section of hedge at the Four Crosses cross roads has been cut by Tom Llewellyn. BPC sends its thanks to him.
- 3.4 Bicton Pool sluices have not yet been cleared.
- 3.5 Cllr Blackmore spoke to Bill Morris, the owner of Isle Lane Business Park, about the untidy front area. It was originally intended to store building timber for Galliers but the deal fell through. Mr Morris agreed that it needs screening.
- 3.6 Cllr Blackmore also spoke to the owner of Salop Storage. This yard is very tidy. The problem is with the position of the gate. In January it will be moved deeper into the yard so that vehicles can pull off the road even when the gate is shut.
- 3.7 The inspection cover came off the lamppost at the top of Church Close. Cllr Blackmore temporarily fixed it with cable ties. When the contractors are coming out anyway they will be asked to fix it.

**4. PARISH MATTERS**

- 4.1 Bicton Primary School *Standing Agenda Item* The builders will be finished building the eco-room in about one month.
- 4.2 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item* Cllr Blackmore will have a word with Martin about how best to plan the completion of the outstanding lengthsman's jobs.
- 4.3 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* There has been very little rain recently and the paths are in good condition.
- 4.4 Shropshire Council's Community Tree Scheme; trees are available. A village orchard would be a good thing. Cllr Warren has marked a map with some suggestions about where it might be desirable to plant some trees. Oaks would be best. It would be necessary to not create problems with hedge and verge cutting. It was decided that, in principle, BPC will apply for some trees. Cllr Llewellyn will phone around the local landowners to explain the scheme. The deadline for applying for the trees is 22/11/16. This item will be put on the next agenda.

- 4.5 Mr Barratt, who lives in Montford Bridge, is concerned about speeding traffic. Mr Barratt has contacted Shropshire Council about this problem. He has not told BPC what response he got and it is not clear what he expects BPC to do about it. The clerk is asked to enquire as to the cost of a VAS (vehicle activated sign).
- 4.6 Mr Boyd, who lives on Calcott Lane, is concerned about speeding traffic. Mr Boyd suggests that the speed limit should be lower than 40mph. At times there are walkers, cyclists and children using the lane. Mousecroft lane is comparable and it has a 30mph limit. Extra signage such as CHILDREN IN ROAD is to be requested. The clerk is asked to contact SC traffic engineer Mike Davies.

## 5 **PLANNING**

- 5.1 Bicton Hall, ancillary outbuilding, 16/03485/FUL. SC granted. Noted.
- 5.2 Milns Bridge, Shepherd's Lane, extension, 16/04085/FUL, for decision. BPC strongly objects to this. It is out of keeping. It is detrimental to the historical landscape. It is too large. The materials are unsuitable. In effect it is a new build and is urbanisation.
- 5.3 The Uplands, entrance canopy, 16/03370/FUL, SC granted. Noted.
- 5.4 Severn Hospice, conservatory, 16/04035/FUL, for decision. This could act as a day-room. It will be below the present roof line. BPC has no objections.
- 5.5 Four Crosses petrol station lights, the planning situation. Lights on commercial properties do need planning permission. To determine whether the present lights are within the permitted limits would need an interpretation that only a trained planning officer can do. If BPC wants this interpretation it must report the matter to SC Planning Enforcement. The lights are left on 24/7. This does make for some light pollution. Cllr Brett will have a word with Lawrence, the garage owner.

## 6. **OFFICIAL MATTERS**

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 319 £38,702.24 verified by Chairman.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Cllr Brett reported that all is safe.
- 6.3 The external auditor's report is that "the annual return is in accordance with proper practices". Noted.

## 7 **PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment *Plus any additional late accounts***

- 7.1 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties, £224.00 chq1039
- 7.2 Street light electricity, 2016/17, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, £299.14 chq1040
- 7.3 Street light electricity, 2016/17, 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, £299.14 chq 1041
- 7.4 There are two street light electricity bills together because SC is somewhat behindhand with its invoices.
- 7.5 Payment of the above accounts proposed Cllr Grennan, seconded Cllr Llewellyn and agreed.

## 8. **EXTERNAL ITEMS**

- 8.1 BPC is invited to Shrewsbury's Remembrance Day Service. 13/11/16 at St Chad's. Noted.
- 8.2 SALC AGM is on 19/11/16. Noted.

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

- 9.1 The street light opposite Glenford, to the rear of Bicton Hall, is not working. The clerk will report this.

10. **NEXT MEETING** to be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall