

BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

MINUTES

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

SC Cllr Ed Potter; Parish Clerk-Maxine Baker and 5 parishioners.

Neighbourhood Alert - there was no report received this evening.

Open Forum – A resident asked Shropshire Councillor Ed Potter what the works are for at The Mount Shelton, because the works are causing chaos. Councillor Potter said he would talk with Highways. Yew trees and hedges at Montford Bridge need trimming back.

Report from S.C. Ed Potter – Cllr Potter updated the meeting on the recent site visit to Calcott Lane and Shepherds Lane. During the visit, cars were not travelling at speed. As works are already planned for Calcott Lane, Shropshire Council will not make any interim changes because of the cost; any changes will be carried out as part of the planned works. Shropshire Council must sell its underused assets to help address its financial difficulties. The Station entry is being resolved, and traffic around Shrewsbury is under review.

1. **Declarations of Interest** –none.
2. **Verify draft Minutes dated 9th June2026** - the minutes were approved and signed as a true copy.
3. **Matters arising:**
 - i. Lengthsman – nothing to report.
 - ii. Updates from the last meeting: Cllr Maddox advised that there has been some back and forth with the Police and the ongoing issue of parking on pavements. The Police have spoken to the owners of the Garage. Cllr Blackmore has fixed a skirt to the phone box.
4. **Parish Matters.**
 - i. **BKVC** –
 - a. an update and agree to a schedule of works and assignment of tasks/volunteers: The meeting was advised that Severn Trent has volunteered two days in August. The meeting decided the following tasks for the volunteers: removal of all the grass in the curbs around the village; Muriel's Wood needs a little bit of work; Rights of ways need clearing; Littlewood hedge & past. The meeting also mentioned that the three-way finger post needs work, Shropshire Council can provide the posts. The Brethren to be asked to trim and remove clippings at Isle Lane and branches obscuring the VAS sign. The meeting asked Cllr Potter to check with Shropshire Council regarding the Rights of way Closure Notice on the rights of way from Shepherds Lane and Calcott Lane by the boundary which is closed off.
 - b. the meeting was advised that the planters by the Nursery are not being watered and are failing to thrive. Consideration was given for the planters to be relocated and for a volunteer to water them. It was **RESOLVED** that the planters would be moved to the bus stop and Mrs M Quigley kindly volunteered to water them.
 - c. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Maddox could purchase strong black bin liners at a cost of approximately £15.95 for 200 for the use by volunteers for tidying and litter picking the village.
 - ii. **Open Gardens 2027** – an update was given by Cllr Maddox who advised the meeting that little interest had been shown for the Opens Gardens 2027, but more positive response was made to for a scarecrow competition.

- iii. **Casual Vacancy** – the meeting was advised that the Parish Council had received notification from Shropshire Council that no request has been made to fill the Casual Vacancy arising from the resignation of Richard Brett therefore the Parish Council can fill the vacancy by co-option. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the advertisement for Co-option and that the vacancy could be advertised.

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.
 25/04181/OUT Address: Land To The West Off Bicton Lane Bicton – Pending consideration.
 26/01366/FUL Address: Land Adjacent to Units 8 8A and 9, Bicton Business Park, Isle Lane – **Granted**
 26/-0800/FUL Address: 8 The Crescent, Montford Bridge - **Granted**
- ii. To consider and agree responses to planning applications:
26/02496/FUL, Address: Horton lane Farm, Cruckton, SY5 8PN Proposal: Proposed demolition of an outbuilding currently used for storage and replacement with a detached single storey building to provide annex accommodation to the main house.
 It was **RESOLVED** that the council would support the application, but to advise that the Parish Council would like the windows to be in keeping with the original main house windows.

6. Reports

- i. Muriel's Little Wood; Safety Report – it needs a little bit more work. Concern was raised that the bench might be constantly covered in bird poo. It was thought that a canopy with a shingle roof could be built over the bench.
- ii. VAS – Speed indicator Devices – the progress report was received and noted.
- iii. Defibrillator – checks have been completed and Circuit updated.

7. Financial Reports

- i. **RESOLVED** approval of the list of payments:

Maxine Baker	£398.04		Wages (June 2026)
K Williams	£404.75		Lengthsman Duties
TDP	£554.94	£92.49 (VAT)	Ratification - Bench for Muriel's Little Wood
Village Hall	£5,000.00		Ratification – CIL Balance Car park Grant
Village Hall	£8750.00		Ratification – CIL Toilet refurbishment
Village Hall	£45.00		Room Hire April-June 2026

- ii. **RESOLVED** approval of the latest reconciliation of banking statements dated 30th June 2026.
- iii. **RESOLVED** approval of the presented half year end accounts dated 30th June 2026.

- 8. **Extra Information** – Cllr Llewellyn advised that she had drawn up a very basic risk assessment and would provide a draft copy at the next meeting. The meeting was advised that there were a lot of high vis tabards at the Village Hall that could be borrowed. Grange Bank needs to be trimmed and sprayed on a more regular basis. **Resolved** approval for the area to be trimmed and every quarter for spraying, and the area will be monitored. Cllr Blackmore advised that he has spoken with Severn Trent on vehicles turning 360° at Bicton Lane junction which is churning up the road surface, the lorries should pull past and reverse back to turn. If anyone sees a Severn Trent lorry turning 360° degrees at the junction to let Cllr Blakemore know.
- 9. **Date of the next meeting** - to note that the next meeting shall be held on August 11th, 7.30 pm at Bicton Village Hall

[20.42 meeting closed]