

2019 -Oct.a.

**BICTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Chairman Richard Brett

**MINUTES** (Draft until signed) of meeting 2019-Oct, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019, 8pm in Bicton Village Hall

**PRESENT:**

*Parish Cllrs:* Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, Sally Maddox, Deirdre Grennan, Mandie Lee, Rod Warren, Paul Quartermaine, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson, 7 parishioners, and Tim Williams.

**POLICE REPORT** There was no report this month.

**OPEN FORUM**

BPC was asked 'Is it possible to have speed cameras on the Holyhead Road?' Proper cameras are very expensive, in the region of £10s of thousands. Cllr Picton will raise the subject with SC. For the Community Speed Watch (CSW) to progress they need a 'base-figure'. The clerk will enquire about progress on this. As Shrewsbury expands, and the NWRR is built, it is going to put more pressure on the B4380. The road needs cycle lanes and should be a 40mph from Shelton to Montford Bridge.

Parking on the pavement around The Oval continues to be a problem.

BPC was asked about the proposed development to the East of Calcott Lane. The previous application was refused. There is no current application and it is not a preferred site in the present plan: but, developers are still interested in the site.

SC Cllr Picton reported: There is an SC spending review but no further cuts are expected. There is a library consultation but this is not about cuts. A 'Gateway' into Bicton, at Shelton, is possible but could be expensive. Cllr Picton was thanked for her regular attendance at BPC meetings and for her pursuit of Bicton's interests.

**0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

0.1 Cllr Blackmore, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, he is a neighbour.

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

2. **MINUTES** 2019-Sep of previous meeting held on 10/9/19 were confirmed and signed.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 The Bicton housing survey is progressing. It is not possible to be precise as to the total cost because it will depend on the response rate. The collection will be by post but to keep costs down volunteers will deliver by hand.

3.2 Speeding on Isle Lane, there has been no response from SC to the request for traffic calming measures.

**4. PARISH MATTERS**

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item* Calcott Lane bench has been strimmed around. The trees over-hanging the 40mph sign on Calcott Lane will be done soon. The other 40mph signs will be cleared by tractor contractor Mr Edwards.

4.2 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* Dog poo on the Severnway continues to be a problem. Cllr Maddox will make up some polite notices asking dog owners to clean up. SC has asked that when making a report about footpaths, an O.S. number, a code number, and the name of the land owner should be provided.

4.3 Oxon Pool, a reply from STC. STC are the managing agents of this site. Some necessary safety work is underway; it is expected to take 6 weeks and then it will be re-opened.

4.4 An email has been received complaining about weeds around The Oval and dog excrement. Incidentally, this email also praises BPC for all the hard work that it does. It is hoped that polite notices will prick the conscience of the dog owners and SC usually deals with the weeds.

**5 PLANNING**

5.1 Westside, Welshpool Road, 19/03935/FUL, 1 dwelling and detached garage. For decision  
5.2 Westside, 19/03936/FUL, ditto the above. For decision  
5.3 Westside, 19/03923/FUL, again, ditto the above. For decision  
The above, in effect, is 3 houses at Westside but the applications have come in with separate numbers. BPC objects on the grounds that it is outside the development boundary and outside SWSUE. It is 'serial development' especially when the rest of the site is taken in to consideration. The plans are difficult to read, the houses could be 2 or 3 storey and they could be 3 or 4 bedrooms. It is not known if these houses will be self-build or whether there will be a CIL contribution. The clerk will contact the planning officer, Jane Raymond, for clarification. Cllr Blackmore withdrew from the discussion and the decision.  
5.4 Tall Trees, Calcott Lane, conversion of stables, link to stables and dwelling, new porch.  
19/03945/FUL. For decision. BPC has no objections.

## 6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 357 £39,940.27 verified by Chairman.  
6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. There has been some 'cyclo-cross' activity, there are some small humps and the fence has been squashed. The bench from the churchyard was seen there but has now disappeared. Also the churchyard back gate was unhinged but has now been locked. Cllr Grennan saw some youths and told them that this behaviour is not good enough. The clerk will write this up in the newsletter and ask for the return of the bench.  
6.3 Parish gateway a report on possible designs. A quote is dependent on the design, there could be yellow bars, coloured road surface, dragon's teeth or visual narrowing. A full gateway might cost £5,500; an entry picket fence £1,550. This could be paid for by a 106 agreement with a developer after the NWRR is built.  
6.4 Progress report on the parish survey. Progress is good. Renee Wallace of the RCC is very busy but will soon have time to help us. Cllr Lee will design a poster to put up around the parish.  
6.5 To confirm the arrangements for the SmartWater roll out on 12<sup>th</sup> Oct. 10am-2pm Bicton village hall. Noted. The next event will be Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 10am to 2pm. If more events are necessary they could be at 7.30pm on a BPC meeting night.

## 7. PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

7.1 D.K. Williams, lengthsman duties, £218.00 chq 169  
7.2 Grange Bank hedge cutting, £78.00 chq 170  
7.3 Payment of the above accounts, 1er Cllr Lee, 2er Cllr Grennan and agreed.

## 8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

9. **EXTRA INFORMATION** Any *Additional Information* not specified on the agenda.  
9.1 Planning application; Seedfield 19/01538/FUL, extension; which came to BPC in April agreed to have opaque glass in the upstairs windows but it has been built with clear glass.  
9.2 There is an event at The Coppice, 'Community Led Housing; Building a Vibrant and Sustainable Parish', 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 9.30am to 5pm. Cllr Quartermaine has volunteered to attend.  
9.3 Sewage is flooding on to Shepherd's Lane. This happens when there is a storm and sometimes when there is not a storm. Severn Trent has promised new pipes in about 2 year's time.  
9.4 Friends of the Earth have called a meeting, 'Better Shrewsbury Transport', University Centre, 17<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm, to make the case against the NWRR.

## 10. NEXT MEETING to be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall

MEETING CLOSED 10.20 pm  
2019 Oct.b.