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BITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Richard Brett

MINUTES (Draft until signed) of meeting 2018-Jul, 10th July 2018. 8pm in Bitton Village Hall

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Richard Brett, Sue Llewellyn, Elliott Blackmore, Sally Maddox, Wendy Horan, Rod Warren, Deirdre Grennan, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson, 7 parishioners.

Public Consultation! Bitton Village is a Hub! More houses will be built. How many should there be? Where should they be put? The answers are up to you. Come to this meeting and state your opinion.

The results of this public consultation have reinforced the findings of all the previous public consultations that BPC has carried out over the years. Viz; Bitton is rural and should remain so; there should be a clear separation between Bitton and Shrewsbury; there should be no large estates; applications should be considered on their own merits on a case by case basis; Bitton has traditionally grown at an average rate of one or two houses per year and should continue to do so; Bitton old village and Bitton new village should not be joined by building in the fields in between; the obvious next Shrewsbury growth point is in to Bowbrook, which is within the parish of Bitton, this should be taken in to account when deciding how many houses Bitton must have.

BPC is now well prepared to meet Eddie West, SC Principal Planning Policy Officer, the clerk will invite him to come at his earliest convenience.

POLICE REPORT

The SNT is proposing to issue these reports every other month. Bitton is still being lumped in with Bitton Heath. Assault 2, ASB personal 1, Theft 1, Road Traffic Incident 6, ASB nuisance 2. Concern for safety 2, Suspicious Circumstance 2.

BPC has some concern that not all incidents are properly reported here. A threatening phone call to an elderly person was reported to the SNT and received no response at all. BPC is now told that this kind of call should be reported to SC Trading Standards. Also a young person suffered a road rage incident which has not appeared in the report.

OPEN FORUM

Grange Bank hedge has been cut, now the other side needs doing. The Future Fit Consultation will start soon, it will also be online.

0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

0.1 Cllrs Horan, Maddox and Brett, 5.1, they are neighbours.

1. APOLOGIES for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: Martin Davies, NOTED

2. MINUTES 2018-Jun of previous meeting held on 12/6/18 were confirmed and signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 The village hall committee is preparing the car park grant application.

3.2 Pat Price will clean out the ditch on the Severnway as and when it is appropriate to do so.

3.3 Smart water; Jim Griffiths will be attending a training course soon and then he will advise BPC. Cllr Blackmore has been pressing for answers about the Grange Bank waste site and is receiving no replies.

3.5 Kerb on the bad bend, Bitton Lane; Mark Gethin was set to do this sometime ago, then SC forbade, now SC allows but the contractors are not available.

3.6 Calcott Lane Bench, damaged by the hedge-cutter, Martin estimates that it will cost £200 to repair, Cllr Llewellyn will supply some oak.

3.7 Kevin Williams de-weeded the Montford Bridge bus shelter.

3.8 Isle Lane speeding, Robin Morris has volunteered to paint some white lines to try to mitigate this problem.

3.9 Robin Morris also agreed to screen the messy yard.

4. PARISH MATTERS

- 4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item* Martin has repaired the Muriel's Little Wood gate post. Calcott Lane bench needs repairing.
- 4.2 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* The Severnway by Nicola's bungalow is overgrown. The wet bit of the Severnway is wet and disgusting. The diagonal footpath is well maintained.

5 PLANNING

- 5.1 Matthew Egerton is applying for permission to build an affordable house. A decision is needed to support him. Matthew is as local as it is possible to get, BPC fully supports him.
- 5.2 The Smithy, Holyhead Road, extension, 18/02831/FUL, for decision. This proposal is appropriate, the decision is to support this application.
- 5.3 Land North West of Wingfield Cottage, affordable dwelling, amended description, 17/05964/FUL, for decision. The applicant has taken note of BPC's concerns and has altered the plans accordingly; BPC now has no objections.

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 342 £54,940.80 verified by Chairman.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Rod has cut the brambles on the footpaths and trimmed the hedge line. All is safe.

7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

- 7.1 Web site maintenance, quarter to Feb. 2018. £90.00 chq 114
- 7.2 ICO (Information Commissioner) GDPR regulations make this fee compulsory. £40.00 chq 115
- 7.3 Highline Electrical, LED street light installation, £7,764.00 chq 116
- 7.4 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties, June, £291.00 117
- 7.5 Defibrillator, £780.00 chq 118
- 7.6 Cabinet for defibrillator, £402.00 chq 119
- 7.7 Martin Davies, lengthsman duties, 38.87 chq120
- 7.8 Payment of the above accounts, 1er Cllr Grennan, 2er Cllr Horan and agreed.

8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

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

- 9.1 Stuart is exploring ways of having the old phone box removed.
- 9.2 The defibrillator has arrived and can be stored at the village hall until its installation can be arranged. The cabinet is still to come.
- 9.3 The car parking situation around The Oval is somewhat ameliorated.
- 9.4 The Summer Fayre at The Coppice is to be opened by our very own Chairman of the parish council, Richard Brett; (note: a parish council can become a town council just by declaring itself to be so and then the chairman becomes the mayor!)
- 9.5 Parking at The Coppice is tight on a very strange doubling-up arrangement, it cannot possibly cope with a well attended Summer Fayre!
- 9.6 It was briefly discussed that many parish councils do not have an August meeting. This is the holiday season and it takes the pressure off Cllrs to attend. Disadvantages are that the work can build up and deadlines can be missed. The clerk is given the power to decide whether an August 2018 meeting is necessary. Cllr Llewellyn then said that BPC can expect an important planning application in August; therefore it was decided that there WILL be an August 2018 BPC meeting as normal!

10. NEXT MEETING to be held on Tuesday 14th August 2018. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall

MEETING CLOSED 9.23 pm
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