

BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on 9th June 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 2 parishioners.

Before the formal commencement of the meeting, the Chairman, Cllr Blackmore, presented a Certificate of Thanks from the Parish Council to Paul Roberts in recognition of his over 40 years of winding the Church clock. Cllr Blackmore also presented Paul with a personal gift as a token of his appreciation.

Neighbourhood Alert - there was no report received this evening.

Open Forum – Questions were raised about the legal position of vehicles parked on pavements and whether this contravenes the Equality and Diversity Act. Concern was expressed that parked vehicles at the garage prevent residents from the care home from accessing the village. Cllr Blackmore agreed to speak with the garage. A resident raised concerns about overgrown foliage on the pavement up Grange Bank; Cllr Blackmore agreed to contact the landowner.

Report from S.C. Ed Potter – Cllr Potter advised that potholes are being fixed rapidly, there are just a lot of them. Cllr Maddox asked Cllr Potter if Highways could put a pavement at the end of Calcott Lane and the Welshpool Road; Cllr Potter said he would ask.

1. **Declarations of Interest** –none.
2. **Verify draft Minutes dated 12th May 2026** - the minutes were approved and signed as a true copy.
3. **Matters arising:**
 - i. **Length Mans** – nothing to report.
 - ii. Updates from 12th May meeting: Cllr Maddox reminded the meeting of the community survey priorities and the risk of losing unspent CIL money. The meeting agreed to highlight this in the next edition of Bicton Parish Magazine.
4. **Parish Matters.**
 - i. **BKVC** – those present at the Community Meeting signed up to be added to the volunteer database. Thanks were given by the Chairman to all those that helped over a very busy weekend getting the village tidy and bus stops painted. The council had received little notice, for the judges visit; the judges intend a second visit. Hi Vis, vests are needed and safety guidance for volunteers.
 - ii. **CIL Funded Projects – Village Hall** – Cllr Blackmore updated the meeting. The meeting was advised that the rubble would be removed; Andy Jones will install the cycle rack if Cllr Lee wished to identify a suitable location; Tom Llewellyn will install the bench. Cllr Maddox advised the meeting that the land was bought by the Village Hall Management Committee, not donated as previously thought, its purpose specifically for a Village Hall, and a reading room.
 - iii. **Bench** –the purchase and installation of a bench to be situated in Muriel's Little Wood was considered. It was **RESOLVED** to purchase a bench made from recycled plastic.
 - iv. **Noticeboards** –
 - a. Consideration was given to the purchase of Parish noticeboards. It was **RESOLVED** that the noticeboard by the Village Hall be replaced with a new double-sided lockable plastic composite noticeboard capable of displaying eight A4 notices. The existing noticeboard will be repurposed at Montford Bridge, beside the bus stop.
 - b. Consideration was given for a volunteer to keep updated the Church Noticeboard. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllrs Blackmore and Horan would keep the noticeboard updated.

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.
26/00013/FUL Address: The Bungalow, Calcott Lane, Bicton – Approved.
26/01366/FUL Address: Land Adjacent to Units 8 8A and 9, Bicton Business Park, Isle Lane, Bicton – Pending consideration.
- ii. To consider and agree responses to planning applications:
26/01800/FUL Address: 8 The Crescent, Montford Bridge. Proposal: Single Storey oak framed rear extension. It was **RESOLVED** to support the application.

6. **Reports**

- i. Muriel's Little Wood: Safety Report – Cllr Griffin would trim the area.
- ii. VAS – Speed indicator Devices, Progress report was **received and noted**.
- iii. Clerks Report was **received and noted**.

7. **Financial Reports**

- i. The list of payments was approved:

Maxine Baker	£380.02	Wages (May 2026)
K Williams	£356.00	Lengthsman Duties
Shropshire Council	£236.42	Joint Energy costs 1 st Quarter

- ii. The latest reconciliation of banking statements was approved: Savings Account: £64,687.51
Current A/C: £102,415.11. Outgoings for May £8,190.68. Income: VAT Refund - £425.17; Interest - £135.03.
- iii. The year end accounts dated 31st May 2026 were received and approved.
- iv. The Annual Return for 2025/26 including the Internal Audit report was received and approved.
- v. Section 1, the annual Governance Statement dated 31st March was received and considered. Approval was given to the authorisation for the Chairman of the meeting and the Responsible Finance Officer to immediately sign the document.
- vi. Section 2, the Accounting Statements was received and approved. Authorisation was given for the Chairman to immediately sign the document.

8. **Extra Information** – Cllr Maddox asked when the storm skirt could be added to the book kiosk; Cllr Swain said he would do it as soon as he can; Bicton Lane needs to be cut before the borage and wild parsley has seeded; National Garden Trail would the council be interested in taking part in 2027. The meeting agreed for Cllr Maddox to put an article in the next Bicton Magazine to gauge the community interest. Cllr Llewellyn asked if a TPO could be put on the trees at the Spinney in Isle Lane because if these trees are cut back it would totally change the outlook of the area. Concerns were also raised with the recently installed fence and not being in keeping with the area. To talk with the Planning department.
9. **Date of the next meeting** - to note that the next meeting shall be held on July 14th, 7.30 pm at Bicton Village Hall.

[Meeting closed at 21.12pm]