

2015-May.a.

BITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Richard Brett

DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING 2015-May Held on 12th May 2015. 8pm in Bicton Village Hall

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, Roy Bound, Wendy Horan, Sally Maddox, Sue Llewellyn, Deirdre Grennan, Martin Davies, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson, CSO Angie Roberts, Plus 8 parishioners.

A ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

- 1 **Annual Parish Council report.** Chairman's report. Financial report. These are attached to the minute book.
- 2 **Reports from Parish Organisations.**
- 3 **Reports from external organisations, including; Shropshire Council and Police.** SC Cllr John Everall is poorly and sends his apologies. CSO Angie Roberts gave the police report. She was thanked for her attendance and for all that the police do for Bicton.
- 4 **Bicton Primary School.** Natalie, the acting head, sends her thanks to BPC for its support of the school.
- 5 **Report from The Local Joint Committee.** Due to the cuts the LJC will not be able to make any more grants. The LJC system of having a meeting to prepare a meeting has become onerous. The LJC boundaries have changed and Bicton does not feel that it has any natural affinity with its new group. Its complaints about this have so far fallen on deaf ears. Cllr Blackmore, who has done such sterling work for Bicton on the LJC, cannot see the point of continuing to attend the LJC meetings.
- 6 **Representations from Parishioners.** Any comments, views or requests?
- 7 **Report from the Bicton Planning Forum. (BPF)** This has been formed as a spontaneous reaction, from Bicton parishioners, to the pressure being put upon the parish by speculative building applications. BPF is not nimby, but wants truly sustainable development as per SAMDev. For further information visit the website www.savethevillage.com.

B ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2015-May. To immediately follow the Annual Parish Meeting.

BITTON PARISH COUNCIL (BPC) APPOINTMENTS

0. Elect BPC Chairman	Richard Brett
1. Elect BPC Vice Chairman	Elliott Blackmore
2. Appoint BPC Press Officers	Roy & Sue
3 Confirm BPC representative to Bicton Village Hall	Richard Brett
4 Confirm BPC representative to Bicton Primary School	Wendy Horan
5 BPC Trustee for St Chad's Charity	Tina Richards
6 Elect a rep. to the Local Joint Committee.	Elliott Blackmore

Cllr Llewellyn stood down from the position of deputy rep to the LJC.

Everyone else was re-elected en-bloc. Proposed Cllr Bound, seconded Cllr Davies and agreed.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST In items on the agenda. Cllr Llewellyn 4.6, she is a neighbour. Cllr Bound 4.2 he is friendly with the applicant. Cllr Maddox 4.3, she is a neighbour. Cllr Davies 6.3, he is the lengthsman.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** SC Cllr Everall.
2. **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES 2015-Ap, 14/4/15.** The Chairman signed the verified minutes
3. **MATTERS ARISING**
 - 3.1 Bicton bus shelter. The clerk has put up a no smoking sign. Some members of Reflexions School staff have been seen smoking near the shelter recently.
 - 3.2 Lorries going to the chicken farm on Bicton Lane during the night. Cllr Blackmore has spoken to Mark Gethin who said that he does his best to prevent night time lorries but if drivers insist then he cannot prevent them. In the case of this recent complaint it was one lorry only.
 - 3.3 Kevin Williams is now cutting the grass on both sides of the B4380 at The Four Crosses.
 - 3.4 Bicton lane potholes, these were shoddily repaired and now they are getting worse already. Calcott Lane potholes have been filled in a similar manner.
 - 3.5 The footpath from Four Crosses to Shelton has been swept.
 - 3.6 Martin has installed the bench on Shepherd's Lane. He has also filled in the hole in Muriel's Little Wood.
4. **PLANNING**
 - 4.1 Email from Planning Manager Andy Gittins explaining how consistency is maintained in planning decisions. Noted.
 - 4.2 Land to the East Of The Cottage, Calcott Lane, 11 dwellings, 14/03319/OUT, SC refused. Noted.
 - 4.3 Bicton Hall, 2 dwellings in the walled garden, 13/04790/FUL, SC granted. (This is the 2013 application) Noted.
 - 4.4 West of Villa Lane, plot1, detached dwelling, 14/03075/FUL, SC granted. Noted.
 - 4.5 West of Villa Lane, plot 2, detached dwelling, 14/03077/FUL, SC granted. Noted.

- 4.6 Rossall Barn (adjacent) conversion, 15/01484/FUL. BPC strongly objects because; 1, This should be a retrospective application because the barn has been occupied for 5 years. 2, Access is via a long private drive not belonging to the applicant. 3, the application has serious omissions and inaccuracies. 4, There is a restrictive covenant, to protect the living arrangements of the neighbours
- 4.7 Hollyhurst, Bicton Lane, extension and detached garden store, 15/00734/FUL, SC granted. Noted.

5. PARISH MATTERS

- 5.1 Muriel's Little Wood, safety report. Cllr Maddox reported that all is safe.
- 5.2 The next meeting of the Bicton Planning Forum is 7.30pm 13th May 2015, Bicton village hall. Noted.
- 5.3 Footpaths report. Most parish footpaths are in good order. Part of the Severnway has been ploughed and some gates have sagged. Tom Llewellyn is seeing to these issues.

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 301, £33,897.00, verified by Chairman.
- 6.2 Summary of accounts; these are accepted as accurate and are appended to the minute book. The external audit is to be completed at the BPC 9/6/15 meeting. Noted.
- 6.3 Renewal of Bicton Lengthsman's contract. The present arrangement works very well and it is proposed to continue with it. Agreed.
- 6.4 The 2015/16 precept has been received, £11,643.00. Noted.
- 6.5 Bicton's share of the Community Infrastructure Levy (Neighbourhood Fund) has been received, £8,266.72. Noted.
- 6.6 Planning Committee Feedback Questionnaire from SC. The SC proposal is to reduce access to planning committees. BPC is very much opposed to this and is of the opinion that in these difficult planning times that even more democratic accountability in planning decisions is needed.

7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

- 7.1 Insurance renewal, £385.69. (Last year £370 .45), this requires that BPC remains in the long term agreement. Chq 994
- 7.2 Church clock annual maintenance, £231.60. Chq 995
- 7.3 Installation of Shepherd's Lane Bench, £112.87. Chq 996
- 7.4 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties, £346.50. Chq 997
- 7.5 Payment of the above accounts proposed Cllr Llewellyn, seconded Cllr Grennan and agreed.

8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

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

- 9.1 Posts have been erected at the entrance to Bicton Hall on Bicton Lane. The purpose seems to be to prevent parking on the verge. These posts are rigid and at least they need reflectors on them; or better still, they should be the proper flexible plastic posts.
- 9.2 The footpath from Four Crosses to Shelton (this stretch of road is called Oxon Hollow) has been swept and to complete the job the gutter needs sweeping. The clerk will ask SC to do this.

10. **NEXT MEETING 2015-Jun** to be held on Tuesday 9th June 2015. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall

MEETING CLOSED 9.47pm
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