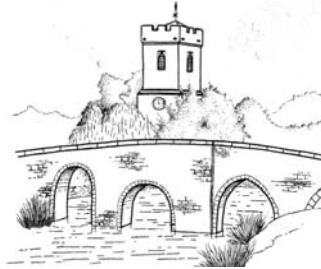


BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL
In the County of Warwickshire



To all Members of the Parish Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of the Parish Council to be held at the Parish Council Meeting Rooms, Bramley Way on Monday 20th August 2018 at 7.30 pm to transact the following business

15th August 2018

Elisabeth Uggerløse
Clerk to the Parish Council



AGENDA

- 1. To receive** and accept apologies
- 2. To receive** any Declaration of Interest on Items on the Agenda
 - i.** All members of the Council are respectfully reminded that in order to comply with the Code of Conduct adopted by the Parish Council on 18th December 2017, if any matter arises during the meeting in which they have declared an Interest, which could be personal or prejudicial, they should declare so and leave the room.
 - ii.** Written requests for Dispensations for DPI should be received by the Clerk no more than 24 hours prior to the meeting.
Dispensations will be granted as appropriate
- 3. To approve**
The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 30th July 2018

4. **Youth Forum** – an opportunity for the young of the parish to put their concerns to members of the Parish Council. Approx 15 mins. (Public Participation at Council Meeting Guidance Notes apply)
5. **Public Forum** - questions from members of the public. Please be aware that Council will only be able to respond to issues relating to the business to be transacted at the meeting. Approx. 15 minutes in total; 3 minutes per person. (Public Participation at Council Meeting Guidance Notes apply). Please note that this is the **only** opportunity members of the public have to raise issues as, once the meeting has started, all discussions are limited to the Council and Officers.
6. **Councillor Forum** – questions from members of the Council in respect of items on the Agenda or Matter Arising (Councillors should be aware this is not a forum when administrative issues are to be raised – this can be done directly with the Clerk and, if deemed appropriate, can be added to the Agenda as a separate item)
7. **To receive** a report from the County Councillor
8. **To receive** a report from the District Councillors
9. **To receive** Clerk's Report (if relevant)
10. **To receive** Reports from the Parish Council's Working Groups (if relevant)
 - i. **Amenities WG** – Report with recommendations circulated
 - ii. **Business Development**
 - iii. **Communication & Marketing** –
11. **To consider** a representation to WCC in respect of the petition to reinstate chaperones on school buses for children aged 4 – 11 years of age.
12. **To consider** the Community Organisers Report sent and whether to progress this further.
13. **To consider** the following correspondence
 - i. **SDC** – Tree Management Protocol - consultation
 - ii. Thank you letter from Northants and Warwickshire Air Ambulance
 - iii. Thank you letter form Bidford Pantomime Group
14. **To consider** the following planning application:
 - i. **18/01781/AMD Bovis Homes Ltd – Land to the rear of 18 Salford Road**
To consider proposed non-material amendments
 - ii. **18/02063/FUL Mr M Morris Golden Cross, Wixford Road, B50 4LG**
Proposed single storey building containing 4 units of en-suite bedroom accommodation
Please note the Parish Council is being **notified** as an adjoining local council.
 - iii. **18/02180/FUL and 18/02181/LBC Ms Young, 38-40 High Street, B50 4AA**
Sub-division of 38-40 High Street, Bidford, to form two separate dwellings. 38 High Street will be renovated to form a two bed townhouse and 40 High Street will be renovated throughout.
15. **To approve** :
 - i. Accounts for the month of July 2018 (circulated)
 - ii. this month's payments (circulated)

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Item 9 - CLERKS REPORT – August 2018

- **Broom** - Remedial work has been carried out to remove some branches from a tree that fell into the garden of Riverside cottage damaging the fence. The tree will be removed in the autumn and the fence repaired when the ground is softer.
- **Black Poplar Tree** – this has been removed and I am pleased to advise Council that the cuttings taken from it last year are doing very well and, hopefully, can be replanted in 2020.
- **Street naming for the Miller Homes development**
I was requested to make some changes as there are guidelines regarding when you can call it a Way, Close, etc. Changes are:
 - Opal Row instead of Close
 - Prolific Place instead of Way
- **Bloor Homes/Jacksons Meadow POS** – following a number of site visits with Bloor Homes and the PC's contractor, we are aiming for a takeover date of 1st September subject to Bloor Homes finalising the clearing of the site or undertaking, in writing, to do so after 1st September.
The commuted sum will be transferred to the PC's account.

- **Planning Appeals**
 - The applicant of Planning Application No. 17/03267/FUL (The Croft, Bidford Road, Broom) has gone to appeal.
Following the standard Parish Council policy, I have sent the Council's written representation to the Planning Inspectorate reiterating the comments made when replying to the application that it is contrary to NDP Policy H1 and H2.
 - The applicant of Planning Application DISC/00293/17 (Bidford Grange) has gone to appeal.
When Council considered this application it deferred the decision to SDC as it is in respect of the discharge of conditions set back in 1992 and Council did not feel it was able to give a considered reply.
- **WWI Commemoration** – I made an application for 10 silhouettes on behalf of the Parish Council and British Legion and am pleased to advise that the application was successful and these should be received in early September. We are also receiving a metal “tommy” from SDC and all the Bidford on Avon Parish fallen will be included in a “Roll of Honour” being prepared by SDC.
- **War Memorial** The Bidford & District History Society have signed off the new plaque and it is envisaged this will be installed late this month or early September.
- **Allotments** – 7 new water tap boxes have been constructed and installed

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Item 10 i) AMENITIES WG REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Meeting of Monday 13th August @ 8.00 pm at the Parish Council Meeting Room

Present: Cllrs Harvey, Hiscocks and Mrs Keeley
In attendance : Mrs E Uggerløse

1. GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION FORM

The WG agreed that they covered the points discussed and its **RECOMMENDATION** is that they be approved

2. BROOM STREETLIGHTS

The WG considered two issues:

i. Solar lights on the footpath

this had been raised at a Councillor Forum as the current lights are no longer working

A quotation to replace the current ones with more modern system but keeping the columns, were sought and the cost, including instalment is **£2,440.00**

RECOMMENDATION that the quotation be accepted and the solar lights upgraded

ii. Kings Lane

when all streetlights were upgraded to LED, Council was advised that the lantern on a wooden pole in Kings Lane could not be replaced as the pole was split and, therefore, dangerous. A replacement streetlight would cost £8,500 as it had to be re-sited

In view of this, the WG considered installing a Solar Light and a quotation was requested. This came to **£1,410.00**

RECOMMENDATION to accept the quotation

3. BIG MEADOW RISK ASSESSMENT

This was carried out following the enquiry of a resident as to why the life belts had not been replaced.

It should be made clear that there were no life belts installed along the banks – just the one by the moorings which belongs to the Avon Navigation Trust.

The **RECOMMENDATION** is to accept the Risk Assessment in full (enclosed) which include the following steps:

- i. Avon Navigation Trust (ANT) to check the lifebelt is in place at the moorings and that it is fit for purpose and to replace it when it is so required
- ii. The Parish Council to request ANT to replace the warning sign by the bridge which states “WARNING – DEEP WATER” as the current one is no longer fit for purpose
- iii. The Environment Agency is responsible for the weeds in the river and it is the understanding of the Parish council that there is an unwillingness to clear them (it has been raised by Bidford anglers in the past)
- iv. When the river has flooded the Parish Council to close the Big Meadow and install a sign stating “BIG MEADOW CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC DUE TO FLOODING”
- v. When the ground is too wet for vehicles to park safely, the Parish Council to close the Big Meadow to vehicles and install a sign stating “BIG MEADOW CLOSED TO VEHICLES DUE TO WET GROUND – PEDESTRIANS ARE ASKED TO KEEP AWAY FROM THE BANK WHICH CAN BE SLIPPERY”
- vi. The Parish Council to contact Bidford Angling Club requesting they repair the pegs and ensure they are safe as this is the only easy access to the river shore

4. COMMEMORATIVE BENCHES

The WG considered the WW1 benches offered by Ogilvie’s Engineering but agreed they were not good value for money.

The WG considered it a better investment to purchase two Ollerton benches (these are the type the Parish Council has purchased and installed within the parish) in black with a plaque reading:

- i. “In Memory of those that made the ultimate sacrifice” on one bench
- ii. “In Memory of those that survived” on the other

A poppy to be added to both plaques.

Cost : £1,652.00 (delivered but not installed)

RECOMMENDATION that Council approve this proposal

5. WAR MEMORIAL CEREMONY

The Bidford & District History Society propose a ceremony to unveil the new War Memorial Plaque to take place in Saturday 6th October @ 11.00 am.

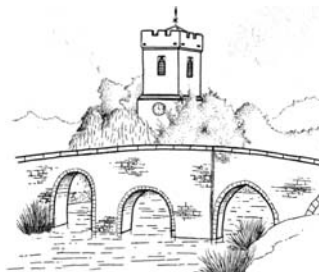
The ceremony to include:

- Welcome by the Parish Council Chairman
- Thanks by the Chairman of the History Society

- Bob Marshal to give a short talk on the newly discovered soldiers
- Wendy Shaddick to give an account from the Evesham Journal about the original ceremony of the War Memorial
- Roger Leese to read a Houseman Poem

All invited to go to the church Hall for refreshments.

RECOMMENDATION to accept the proposal



BIDFORD-ON-AVON PARISH COUNCIL POLICY FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS

Bidford-on-Avon Parish Council's aim is to improve the quality of life of the people of the parish and ensure it is a desirable, safe and sustainable place to live and work.

Bidford-on-Avon Parish Council's Aims and Vision

The Parish Council is committed to improve, maintain, strengthen and support the many local community/sports associations and groups that help to make a positive difference in Bidford-on-Avon. The Grant Scheme has been set up to assist community/sports organisations, groups and individuals to get started and to continue contributing to the local community. In special circumstances, this may include assisting with the running costs.

The Parish Council is looking to enable local community/sports associations and groups to benefit the local community and improve the quality of life of some or all residents.

Its aim is to involve the community and make a difference, not only through its grant process, but also by exploring other ways in which they can grow and develop.

Its vision to work with all local community/sports groups and enable them to work in partnership for their benefit and the benefit of those around them

Grant Process and Guidelines

Applications can be completed and sent to the Parish Council at any time but will only be considered, by the Amenities Working Group, at its next meeting after receipt of the application.

The Amenities WG will then make its recommendation to full council which will make the final decision.

Applicants will be advised of the date of the Parish Council meeting when the decision will be made.

Grants will be considered for:

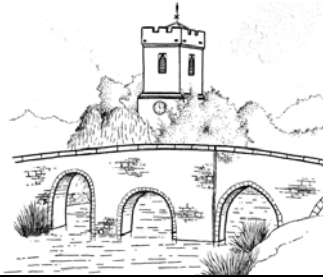
- Start up groups subject to a satisfactory business plan
- Specific projects
- Purchase of specific equipment
- Identified issues that require funding
- Sponsorship
- Funding of outside groups that benefit the local community such as CAB and other UK based charities or organisations
- In special circumstances, grants to assist the running costs of an organisation when it is deemed that lack of funding may result in the closure or scaling down of the organisation with the consequent harm to the local community

All organisations and individuals which are awarded a grant must make a full report to the Parish Council on how the money was spent and what benefits were derived from it.

Organisations or individuals will need to fully complete the attached Grant Application.



**BIDFORD-ON-AVON PARISH
COUNCIL – GRANT SCHEME**



1) Organisation Name

2) Name of Contact

3) Contact email address

4) Contact telephone number

5) Name of Project

6) Project description

7) How do you know there is a need for this project?

8) Project outcomes (what do you hope to achieve)– the Parish Council will require an update showing the outcome 6 months and 12 months after the awarding of the grant

<p>9) What support have you received from CAVA or any other third sector body?</p>
<p>10) What support have you had from local businesses?</p>
<p>11) Timescale – (how long will the project take? Include start and finish (if applicable) dates</p>
<p>12) What training have you had, or will be getting, in order to deliver this project?</p>
<p>13) How will you inform your community about this project?</p>
<p>14) Sustainability (How will the project be maintained going forward?)</p>
<p>15) Project Budget Breakdown (Indicate the elements that make up the total cost?)</p>
<p>16) Grant Contribution (How much are you applying for from this grant?)</p>

Send application to info@bidfordonavon-pc.gov.uk

Phone 01789 778653/07718628925 if you have any questions.

Notes on Completing the form

Remember the assessors have not sat in on your discussions so you need to convince them it is a worthwhile project.

7) Explain clearly what you are hoping to achieve -(remember the assessors have not been to any of your meetings.)

8) Explain what research you have conducted to show that the project is required. Indicate the results of any consultation eg numbers of responses and percentage support.

9) How will your project benefit the community. Indicate what proportion of your community will benefit and what sectors – eg Children or older people. Likely numbers to engage with your project.

10) Describe how you approached the third sector. What were you asking for? Have you had any meetings? What assistance have they given you?

11) Have you approached any local business for sponsorship; materials or help in kind? How successful has this been? If not why not?

13) What training have you had? This might relate to maintaining the project; running it fundraising publicity and promotion? How many hours / days did this represent and is it ongoing?

15) How will this project be sustained? How will you cover ongoing maintenance? How will it be refreshed to keep community interest?

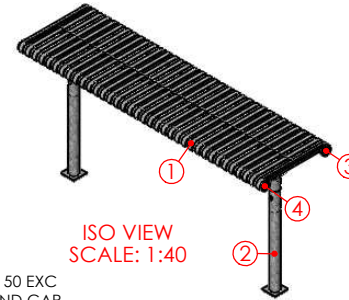
16) Show the total cost of the project broken down into clear categories of expenditure. Indicate where you are getting the balance of the costs from.

17) Indicate how much you are seeking from this grant application and what percent of the total costs this represents.

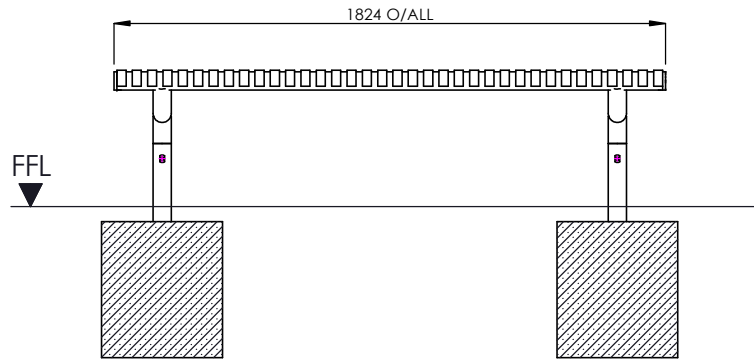
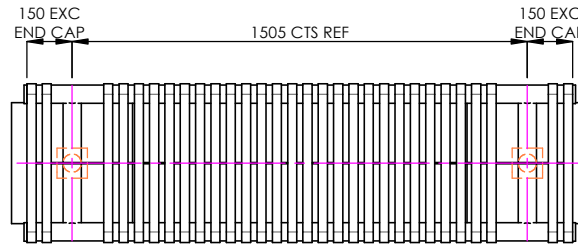
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3	XX-BOZ-11460	-	OLLERTON ROSE PLUG	NOMINAL	-	2
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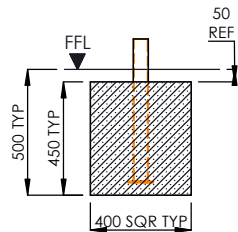
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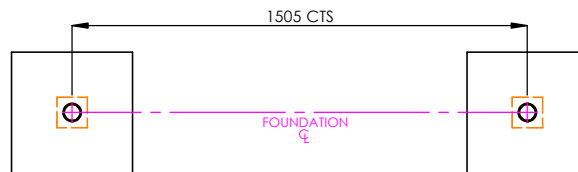
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FOUNDATION PLAN VIEW
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PRODUCT SPECIFICATION

FRAME MATERIAL:

Mild Steel

MAIN STRUCTURAL MEMBERS:

Bench Frame - Ø60.3 x 3.0 CHS
Slats - 30 x 5 Flat Bar

GRADE:

S235 - CHS & Flat Bar
S275 - Profiles

FRAME FINISH:

Hot Dipped Galvanised (BS EN ISO 1461:1999) and Polyester Powder Coated to a standard catalogue colour.

KEY DIMENSIONS:

Overall Length: 1824mm
Overall Width: 525mm
Overall Height: 900mm
Bench Height Above Ground: 450mm

APPROX WEIGHT:

67kg

MAINTENANCE:

For operation and maintenance please refer to the **Marshalls Street Furniture Maintenance Guide**.

FOUNDATIONS:

Slab concrete grade GEN 1 mass fill.

Foundation sizes given are suited to sub-soils with good load bearing capabilities. Where adverse site conditions are met professional advice to be sought.

INSTALLATION:

1. Excavate suitable foundation as shown.
2. Position bench and ensure product is level.
3. Cast concrete GEN 1.
4. Allow foundations to cure.

NOTE: DISPLAY STATES FOR VISUAL PURPOSES ONLY

STANDARD PRODUCTS

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FESTIVAL
STRAIGHT BENCH (1.8M) (STANDALONE)
ROOT FIXED (450MM)

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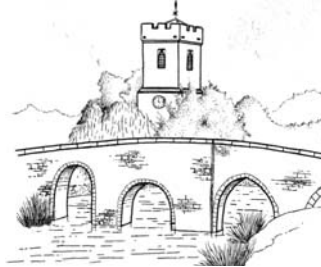
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BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL In the County of Warwickshire



ITEM 11 : To consider a representation to WCC in respect of the petition to reinstate chaperones on school buses for children aged 4 – 11 years of age.

The Petition was put forward by Harborough Magna (Rugby Borough Council) as the local community approached the Parish Council asking for its assistance in this matter.

On behalf of its local community, Market Harborough Parish Council sent letters to both the Portfolio Holder and the Leader of the Council. The reply received from the latter was :

Your letter to Cllr Seccombe dated 19th July has been passed to me in order to provide you with a response. Your letter concerned the removal of Passenger Assistants from most Home to School transport for primary age children.

Changes to the previous policy were endorsed by the Council's Cabinet in January 2018. Not all of the original proposals were taken forward, the proposal regarding safer walking routes being omitted as a result of consultation. Like Councils throughout the country, Warwickshire has to look at how it delivers services in a time of reducing resources and increasing demand. This includes consideration of services that are discretionary, of which Passenger Assistants is one. Most local authorities do not provide this service. While changes to the policy will realise savings, they also bring Warwickshire more into line with other authorities, enable consistency across the county and ensure Warwickshire is compliant with recent legislation.

Responsibility for safety in travel to and from school is a shared responsibility between families, the transport commissioned by the authority, and schools for emphasising the importance of appropriate behaviour. Many authorities for example operate a system around a contract that families agree to which requires appropriate behaviour, the ultimate sanction being the removal of the right to travel.

In order for the Council's policy to be implemented effectively, it is essential that we take into account and address concerns raised. To this end we are working closely with the transport providers and will liaise with schools. We will of course closely monitor the policy as it is implemented.

In your letter you refer to uncertainty of the timing of the removal of the Passenger Assistants. On 14th June I wrote to parents, schools, and the transport providers with these details. I attach for your information a copy of the letter sent to parents / carers of those affected by changes in bus transport. The fourth paragraph of the letter states that changes to Passenger Assistants on buses will be made between January and September 2019. This has always been the intention, and is due to the time it takes to re-negotiate bus contracts; it is not the result of a review.

Please note that, while many Passenger Assistants will no longer be present, they are being retained for every pupil with a current Education Health and Care Plan.

John Edwards

Strategic Lead - Education Sufficiency and Access

Education and Learning

Communities Group

Warwickshire County Council

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I posted the issue on the Parish Council's Facebook Page and can advise that it has reached 1,297 people and has had 3 shares. I also included it in the Information Email that is sent every weekend. However, I have not been directly contacted regarding this issue either by phone, email or post.

Council is to **consider** whether further representation should be made (in view of the reply already received) and, if so, on what basis it should be made.



Tree Management Protocol

1. Introduction

Stratford-on-Avon District Council ('the Council') is responsible for approximately 250 hectares of land, ranging from car parks to local nature reserves, upon which are over 5,000 trees. Trees are dynamic structures, constantly growing and changing to adapt to environmental conditions.

The Council manages the condition of trees and the risk that they pose to people using Council owned land through a zonal inspection system (see Table 1) to prioritise areas of high usage and make the best use of limited resources to safeguard the public.

Table 1: Zonal Inspection System

Category	Typical Land Type	Survey Frequency	Re-inspection Frequency
Zone One (High risk)	Ornamental and formal recreation areas, including play areas, high usage walkways and car parks, main roads and high usage/residential buildings.	Every 3-5 years (2017)	Annual (minimum)
Zone Two (Medium risk)	Public open spaces in residential areas, including medium usage car parks and access points where the public are likely to congregate.		Biennial (minimum)
Zone Three (Low risk)	Designated local nature reserves and open parkland, including any areas of low usage.	Every 4-6 years (2018)	General inspections as part of scheduled work routine
Zone Four (Negligible risk)	Remote or inaccessible areas, including areas with minimal or no public use.		

The survey consists of a visual assessment of the trees from ground level. Any individual trees identified as requiring 'very high' priority works will be undertaken within one month; and those trees requiring 'high' priority works will be undertaken within one year. Following high winds or unexpected/prolonged bad weather conditions, a walk-through assessment of trees is undertaken. This is to ensure that any damage to trees is identified and the appropriate remedial action occurs.

All tree works carried out on Council owned land is in accordance with British Standard 3998:2010 'Tree work – Recommendations'.

2. Tree-Related Issues

The most common issues associated with trees and how the Council deals with these issues in relation to Council owned trees are as follows:

- **Common Law Rights**

In the English legal system, 'Common Law' refers to laws that have been developed through precedent set by similar cases as opposed to being created through legislative statutes. Under English Common Law Rights, you have a right to remove (abate) the nuisance associated with trees encroaching onto your property. The following advice with respect to encroaching Council owned trees is provided for general guidance only. You are strongly advised to obtain independent legal advice before acting:

- You can only consider removing those parts of the tree from the point where they cross the boundary of your property. You must not go beyond your property boundary without the permission of the Council. You have no legal right to cut or remove any part of a tree that does not overhang your property. Any work that you carry out must be done at your own expense and at your own risk without unauthorised access to Council owned land. The Council has no liability to reimburse any associated costs. Any cuttings removed from these works should be disposed of appropriately at your own expense. If your actions render a tree to be unsafe, you may be liable for any subsequent damage that results from tree failure.
- You are strongly advised to consult an Arboricultural Association approved tree surgeon for guidance on how best to prune back an encroaching tree, unless the works are minor meaning that you could carry out the works with hand secateurs or similar.
- Before you consider carrying out any works to the tree, you should check whether it is protected by a Tree Preservation Order or in a conservation area. If the tree is protected, then you will need to gain consent by making an application to the Council. If the tree is in a conservation area, the Council must be given details of the works and six weeks' notice for standard works. For guidance on how to check if a tree is protected and how to make an application, please contact **01789 260304** or email planning.applications@stratford-dc.gov.uk. Carrying out work to a tree which is in a conservation area or subject to a Tree Preservation Order without first applying to the Council can constitute a criminal offence.

- **Damage to Property**

A common concern is that the roots of trees are undermining a property. It is rare for the direct action of roots to damage a house. However, they may affect lighter structures such as garden walls or paving. Trees may cause damage if they are growing on shrinkable clay, where the roots can remove the moisture from the soil and cause movement as the ground dries out; although the effect is variable and depends on the type of clay soil, foundation design, species of tree, rainfall, and distance between the tree and the property. Tree related subsidence is a complex issue and each case will need to be considered on an individual basis to ensure that it is the tree that is causing the problem and not some other factor.

You are advised to contact your insurance company in the first instance so that you can discuss your concerns and agree an appropriate course of action. Should you, or those acting on your behalf, wish to make a claim for damages against the Council, alleging that a Council owned tree has caused damage to your property, you will be required to submit an independent report to the Council to support your claim.

- **Right to Light**

A common complaint about urban trees is that they block natural light from properties or shade gardens. There is no general 'right to light' under UK law and the Council has no legal obligation to implement works to address this perceived nuisance. This also covers light obstruction to solar panels. However, although the Council will not look to reduce the height of trees, the Council may be able to implement minor works to allow more light through the tree canopy in the following circumstances:

- where the distance between the base of the tree and the window of the nearest habitable room* is less than 6 metres (for trees with a height of over 12 metres); or
- where the distance between the base of the tree and the window of the nearest habitable room* is less than half the height of the tree (for trees with a height of less than 12 metres); or
- where the distance between the edge of the tree canopy and the window of the nearest habitable room* is less than 2 metres.

* A 'habitable room' means a dining room, lounge, kitchen, study or bedroom but specifically excludes WCs, bathrooms, utility rooms, landings and hallways.

You will be required to submit an independent report to the Council to support your request.

- **Tree Size**

The Council will not carry out any works to Council owned trees because they are considered to be "too big" or "too tall". A tree is not dangerous simply because it may be considered too big or too tall for its surroundings. In addition, the unfounded fear of a tree will not normally result in action to prune the tree. Any unauthorised works to a tree may result in prosecution or civil action.

- **Television and Satellite Reception**

Interference with television or satellite reception causes frequent complaints, and this can be worse when the leaves are on the trees and in strong winds or heavy rain. Many instances of poor signal arise from less obvious obstructions such as nearby hills or new constructions some distance from the receiver. In most cases, the situation can be either significantly improved or solved by the relocation of the aerial or an engineering solution. Boosters may also be available which can improve the reception. These options are far less destructive than the felling or pruning of a tree. The Council will not carry out any works to Council owned trees to address this issue and will not give permission for others to do such work to our trees. Any unauthorised works to a tree may result in prosecution or civil action.

- **Security Cameras/Sensors**

The Council will not carry out any works to Council owned trees to improve the range or vision of security cameras or similar sensor equipment unless requested to do so by an appropriate statutory authority (e.g. the Police, on the grounds of public safety). The security of premises is the responsibility of the land owner and any system should be installed in such a way as to avoid interference from or with an adjoining tree(s). Any unauthorised works to a tree may result in prosecution or civil action.

- **Telephone Wires**

The Council will not carry out any works to Council owned trees to remove or reduce interference with telephone wires. The telephone service provider may be able to suggest an alternative solution, however, it should be noted that telephone wires often run through trees with little or no effect. Any unauthorised works to a tree may result in prosecution or civil action.

- **Debris from the Lifecycle of Trees**

Blossom, leaves, fruit, berries, nuts, seeds; honeydew (sap exudation) and bird droppings are considered a natural act, outside of the control of tree owners. Where leaves from Council owned trees accumulate on public roads and pathways, they will be removed as part of the Council's street cleansing routine work. Where leaves end up on private land, they should not be swept or blown onto Council owned land, public roads and pathways.

- **Insects and Wildlife**

The Council will not carry out any works to Council owned trees to reduce incidence of bees, wasps, flies or other insects or wild animals. Bees are a protected species and professional advice should be taken before considering their removal. You may be able to dispose of individual wasps using an aerosol insect-repellent spray; however, this will not control or eliminate the nest itself. Ideally the whole nest should be destroyed. This can be achieved with great caution; however, it is far safer to use pest control experts. Nesting birds are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (and other related wildlife law). Any unauthorised works to a tree may result in prosecution or civil action.

- **Obstruction to the Highway/Adjoining Property**

One of the requirements of the Highways Act 1980 is that a public highway should be kept clear of obstructions. Where branches from Council owned trees are causing obstruction/impediment over the highway or are in contact with an adjoining property, the Council will carry out the minimal works necessary to remove or reduce any obstruction. Such works will also take into account their effect on the long-term implications for the health of the tree. Any unauthorised works to a tree may result in prosecution or civil action.

- **Obstruction of Street Lighting and Road Signs**

The Council will seek to ensure that Council owned trees do not obscure road signs or prevent street lamps from illuminating the public highway. The Council will not normally take action to improve the levels of illumination of private property. Any unauthorised works to a tree may result in prosecution or civil action.

- **Direct Root Damage**

Cases of direct root damage will be considered on an individual basis. Where roots are contributing to a trip hazard, the Council will seek to reduce any risk using "no dig" solutions where possible.

- **Drain Blockage**

Trees do not normally have the capacity to break into a sound drain; however, they will ruthlessly exploit any existing fault. The removal of one tree will not prevent

other vegetation from exploiting the same opportunity. The most appropriate way to deal with tree root blockage of drains is to ensure that the drains are watertight.

3. Unsafe Trees

If a Council owned tree is in such a condition that it poses a very high risk to people or property, the Council will attend the site as an emergency as soon as it is reasonably practicable. If works cannot be carried out immediately, the Council will seek to cordon off areas at risk until resources are available.

The signs to look out for which may mean that a tree is in such condition to warrant immediate emergency action include:

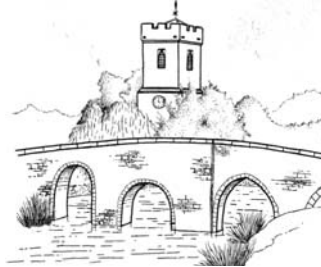
- tree is snapped or blown over
- tree is uprooted but held up by another tree or building
- large branch has broken off or is hanging off the tree
- tree or branch is blocking the road or footpath
- tree or branch is blocking access to property
- tree may, or has, fallen onto a house or vehicle.

The signs to look out for which may mean that a tree is a risk to people or property but the risk does **not** require an emergency response include:

- tree is dead
- tree is dying – loss of a few leaves in the summer or dieback in the crown
- bark is loose and falling off
- mushrooms or fungi growing on or near the tree
- old splits and cracks in the trunk or large branches
- smaller branches or twigs falling from the tree.

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ITEM 14 : Planning Applications - UPDATE 18/017181/AMD Bovis Homes Ltd

Following a conversation with Bovis Homes, it was stressed that the biggest concerns were:

- Height of the proposed new designs (explained the past experience of the Parish council with regards to a previous development {Old School Mead} when the angle of the pitch of the new design resulted in an increased height of the building
- Loss of bungalows.

I am pleased to advise that they have listened to the concerns raised.

The reason for the change in design is that they are using a newer one which will allow easier adaptation in the future should this be required.

Regarding the height, they were planning a 40 degree pitch but, in view of the Parish Council's concerns, they are prepared to use a 35 degree pitch instead – I have prepared a spread sheet with the detailed information.

In respect of the loss of bungalows, again they have listened to the Parish Council's concern and there is only a net loss on 1 bungalow. The new 2 floor bungalow/dormer would have a 45 degree pitch which would result in a very large increase in height so they are looking at reducing this to a 30 degree pitch instead.

RECOMMENDATION It would appear that Bovis has responded to the concerns raised and has, to a certain extent, addressed these.

I would recommend the Parish council accept this and advise SDC accordingly, giving details of the heights agreed.

ITEM 14 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS**BOVIS HOMES LTD**

PLOT NO.	PREV. HEIGHT	NEW HEIGHT	DIFF.	COMMENTS
59 and 60	5.948	8.23	2.28	These are the bungalows to dormers. Reduced height difference by using a 30 degree roof not 40
61	9.122	9.234	0.112	
62	8.261	8.616	0.355	With a 35 degree roof
67	8.261	8.786	0.048	With a 35 degree roof
81	8.161	8.616	0.455	With a 35 degree roof
82	8,161	9.234	1.073	
83	9.068	9.234	0.166	
88	8.261	8.213	0.048	With a 35 degree roof
89	8.261	8.616	0.355	With a 35 degree roof
90	8.536	5.425	-3.111	Converted into a bunglaow
91	9.122	9.234	0.112	
92	9.122	9.329	0.207	
93	8.601	8.671	0.07	