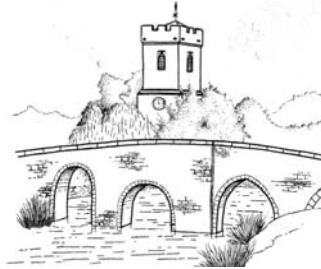


BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL
In the County of Warwickshire



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 24th September 2018 at 7.30 pm to transact the following business

19th September 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 20th August 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 recommendation circulated
 - ii. **Business Development** – verbal report
 - iii. **Communication & Marketing** – Report with recommendations circulated
 - iv. **Cycleways** – verbal report
11. **To consider** the Community Organisers Report sent and whether to progress this further – report circulated
12. **To consider** the following correspondence
 - i. Thank you letter from Bidford & District History Society
 - ii. Thank you letter from Bidford Cricket Club
13. **To consider** the following planning application:
 - i. **18/01517/OUT Ms Samantha Edmunds, British Legion, The Royal Inn, Honeybourne Road**
Outline application with all matters reserved for the demolition of public house and construction of ground floor retail units with up to 7 flats on the second floor and other operational developments
 - ii. **18/02494/VARY Mr Carl Watkins, Bovis Homes, 18 Salford Road,**
Variation of condition 1, Approved Plans, of reserved Matters Approval 16/01411/REM
14. **To approve :**
 - i. Accounts for the month of August 2018 (circulated)
 - ii. this month's payments (circulated)

Due to the sensitive nature of this item, the Council may resolve to exclude the public (Public Bodies (Admissions of Meetings Act) 1960 s1(2))

15. To consider quotations received for

- i.** Gate Keeping Duties and Maintenance of the Big Meadow
- ii.** Maintenance of Public Open Spaces and Play Areas in Bidford-on-Avon
- iii.** Maintenance of Salford Road Cemetery
- iv.** Maintenance of Grange rod Cemetery

(Bids for these Contracts were published on the Parish Council website; advertised in Facebook and circulated in the weekly information email sent out by the Parish Council)

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Item 9 - CLERKS REPORT - September 2018

1. EXPENDITURE AUTHORISED BY THE CLERK AS PERMITTED UNDER ITEM 4.1 OF THE ADOPTED FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

- i.** Purchase of strimmer for Salford Road cemetery
Cost £279.95
- ii.** Removal of dangerous tree from Grange Road Cemetery (prior permission obtained from SDC). This must be replaced.

2. Defibrillator Training

This was successfully carried out and posted on Facebook which resulted in a number of residents wanting training.

Our local first Responder Team have volunteered to offer training and, if acceptable, I shall try and arrange this at the Fire Station or Library.

3. War Memorial

The new plaques have now been installed, ready for the **Unveiling Ceremony** on Saturday 6th October m@ 11.00 am

I am pleased to advise Council that the old plaques were successfully removed with no damage either to them or the memorial and are in the Parish council Office. Perhaps the Amenities WG can consider what should be done with them.

4. Kings Lane Streetlight

There has been an ongoing discussion with Kings Lane residents regarding the

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existing streetlight (considered dangerous by WCC contractors Balfour Beatty). Following an inspection by Western Power Distribution (WPD) the pole is considered to have cracks in it but not so dangerous as to be removed. In view of this and in consultation with WCC lighting department and the resident on whose land the pole is, it has been agreed that the pole remain with its existing lantern (Balfour Beatty will NOT replace this with a LED lantern). The pole to be monitored for further deterioration an annual basis.
In the meantime, the solar light column has been purchased and should be installed end of September/beginning October

5. Broom Footpath

Foliage has been cleared in preparation for the solar Lights (x 2) being installed end September/beginning October

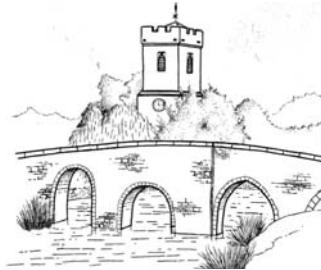
6. Bidford Youth club fencing

Apologies for the delay – shall be getting the Offers for Bidding ready to publish on the website.

7. Grant Application wording

Again, apologies for the delay – hope to have this ready for council to consider at its next meeting in October.

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Item 10 i) REPORT & RECOMMENDATION FROM THE AMENITIES WORKING GROUP

Members: Cllr Hiscocks (chairman), Cllr Harvey and Cllr Mrs Keeley

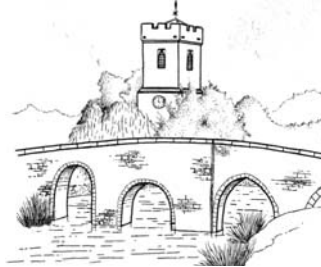
1. Barton Village Fund (BVF)

the Parish Council awarded BVF a defibrillator for Barton. At the same time, it also awarded Broom Village Hall the funds to purchase a defibrillator for Broom. BVF has since received the renewal notice for the upkeep of the defibrillator which amounts to just over £58.00.

Since then, the Parish council has agreed to install and maintain 3 defibrillators within Bidford itself and, in view of this, BVF is requesting the Parish Council to consider paying the renewal for the maintenance of its machine.

Members of the WG considered this request and its **Recommendation** is that the Parish Council take over the maintenance fees for both the Barton and Broom defibrillators.

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Item 10 iii) REPORT &v RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMUNICATION & MARKETING WORKING GROUP

Meeting took place on 5th September 2018

Attendees Cllr A. Deacon (chair), Cllr B Fleming, Cllr C Randall
Apologies from the Clerk

Discussed ideas to help inform & further communicate :-

1. Facebook

In light of the clerk's current holiday it was suggested we have at least 1 more person (from the C & M group) who can add posts onto the P.C's Facebook page, to keep up activity whenever the clerk is unavailable, & to enhance the clerk's holiday experience.

WALC to be consulted particularly with regards to policy and protocol

Recommendation to note

2. Facebook posts (over a 2 week period) plus Big Issue articles to help educate & inform:-

- i. Recycling of items that Can & Cannot over 2 weeks
Resources from :- Beverly Hemming SDC comms (SDC facebook & twitter)
Angela Lloyd Street Scene streetscene@stratford-dc.gov.uk
- ii. Parish Council responsibilities :
 - a. To cover what the P.C. has responsibilities for e.g. street lights, allotments, cemetery & open spaces, furniture etc
 - b. To cover things that ought be reported to P.C. for the P.C. to follow up e.g. issues such as Potholes, Drains, Roads etc

Recommendation to approve

3. P.C. website update/ refresh 2018

- i. Homepage ... current heading “The Riverside Village”, suggested change to be in-line with the village signs “Saxon Riverside Village”
- ii. Library page to include information on recent refurbishment
- iii. Remove out of date pages e.g. Village Crier & Village Liaison Office

Recommendation to approve

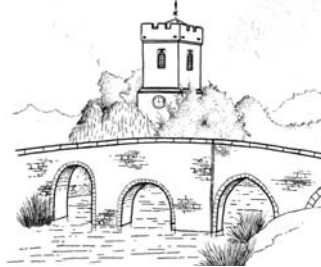
iv/ Village Folder update on current status

Nearing completion.

Recommendation to note

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Item 11 COMMUNITY ORGANISERS

On 3rd/4th July I attended an *"Introduction to Community Organising Learning Programme"* organised by NALC and funded by Government as part of the *"Community Organisers Expansion"* programme.

The main points of the 2 day intense briefing/training were:

- **"Do not do for other what they can do themselves"**

What does this mean? Our society is becoming very dependent on "local authority/council" – this was something the new CEO of Birmingham City Council also raised at the SLCC Leadership In Action conference in June: it is easier simply to pick the phone up or go to the office of your local council and ask "what are YOU going to do about" Very often, if not always, the answer lies elsewhere.

The answer is to *"help people to develop their collective power to act together for the common good of the whole community"*

Very often councils react to the "angry brigade" (presenters words not mine) instead of actually finding out what the real concern is. An example was given by one of the presenters who is both a Community Organiser as well as a Town Councillor (Glastonbury). The "angry brigade" said there was speeding on the approach to the village and "what are you going to do about it"? when the Town Council approached the residents of this stretch of road, it found the main concern was not the speeding but the fact they were unable to maintain their large gardens. A similar case occurred in the centre of Glastonbury where the residents and shop owners had a completely different view of the

problem in the center of the village/town, to gait of the “angry brigade”

- **So, having identified the problem, how do we deal with it? The answer is “TO LISTEN”**

The idea is to knock on doors of residents, without an agenda, and listen to what they have to say. It is recommended this be done in pairs and this includes Councillors and Clerks. This may take time, months and even years but persevere.

These are the questions – not to be deviated from

- What do you **LOVE** about (Bidford-on-Avon, your street, your area)
- What are **YOUR** concerns
- If you were to visualize Bidford-on-Avon in 20 year’s time: how do you see it (they key is to get them to **VISUALISE** so they can **SEE** the vision of what they would like it to look in the future)
- Do you **FEEL** you have a voice?
- Do you **KNOW** others who **FEEL** the same?

Often, once they start talking, you will find that a number of residents will share concerns, visions etc. and the idea is to get them together to discuss their concerns so they come up with the solutions thus empowering **THEM** to **DO**.

The company that organised are still funded by Government so, if Council is interested in finding out a little more about this and how it can be implemented, I can try and set up a short session council may find useful. We could also invite neighbouring local councils if they are interested although the optimum number is between 12 and 15.

I enclose the **CODE OF CONDUCT** and **COMMUNITY ORGANISING FRAMEWORK** which show the steps to empowering Community Organisers – the Parish Council can assist, enable and participate but it is the **COMMUNITY THAT DOES**.

(I am aware this is a short report – it is on purpose to ensure the main points stand out – also, a lot of the training was interacting with others etc which can’t be done on paper)



COMMUNITY ORGANISERS



Put the wellbeing, development and progress of people first.



Help people to develop their collective power to act together for the common good of the whole community.



Demonstrate respect for diversity and promote equality.



Build on what already exists if that is what the community needs and wants, and co-operate with others.



Do not do for others what they can do for themselves.



Manage conflict constructively and non-violently.



Demonstrate honesty and integrity and uphold public trust and confidence.



Act within the law but if the law is unjust, support people to change it.



Do not promise what you cannot deliver.



Seek win-win solutions.



Remain politically neutral and do not use community organising to promote a personal or organisational agenda.



Do not put yourself or others in danger.



Use the community's starting point as your own, and move at their pace according to need.

CODE OF CONDUCT

COMMUNITY ORGANISING FRAMEWORK

