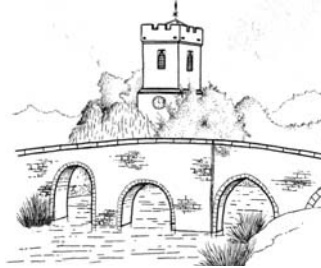


# **BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **In the County of Warwickshire**



**Minutes of the Finance and Strategy Committee held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Meeting Room, Bramley Way, Bidford-on-Avon.**

**PRESENT:**

Chairman : Cllr. Gerrard  
Cllrs. Ms. Deacon, Hendey, Hiscocks, Langston, Mrs. Keeley,  
Sandle, Spiers and Williams

In attendance : Mr. Hully – Responsible Financial Officer to the Parish Council and  
Elisabeth Uggerlose, Clerk

**1. APOLOGIES**

*Apologies were received, and accepted, from Cllr. Hill*

**2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

All members of the Council are reminded that in order to comply with the Code of Conduct adopted by the Parish Council on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2007 if any matter arises during the meeting in which they have Declared an Interest which could be prejudicial, they should withdraw from the room and not seek to improperly influence a decision about that matter

*None declared*

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND STRATEGY MEETING OF 11 AUGUST 2008**

Proposed by Cllr. Hiscocks as being accurate and signed by the Chairman of the Committee.

#### 4. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present

#### 5. PREPARATION OF BUDGET 2009/10 (2008/09 FIGURES CIRCULATED)

- Costs for the current year 2008/09 were reviewed
  - The RFO presented an update of the current budget
    - Income lower than anticipated by approx. £6,000
    - Expenditure higher than anticipated by approx. £13,500
  - An updated order book (2008/09) was given to the RFO for his information and the following expenditures were approved:
    - £1,000 towards the First Responder scheme (Ambulance Service)
    - Increase the Village Improvement reserve budget to £20,000 to include tourism
    - Increase the play equipment by £5,000 – increasing the reserve to £20,000
    - Cost of two BIG Newsletters (Dec. 2008 and March 2009) @ approx. £400 each
  
- Expenditure for 2009/10 were then discussed with
  - Purchase of 6 further Ollerton benches - £4,000
  - War Memorial : £500
  - Cemetery : £5,000
  - Lighting:
    - Electricity – increase by 10%
    - Maintenance costs – increase by 5%
    - New streetlights as per the council’s programme: £10,000
    - Tree maintenance : £1,500
    - Community and Publications : £4,000
    - Big Meadow improvements : £5,000
    - Boards - £2,000
    - Gateway feature : £5,000
    - Play equipment : £25,000 + £20,000 towards reserves
    - Monie Meadow - £1,000 for seeding
  
- Income for 2009/10
  - Cemetery – costs for all items to be increased by £15
  - Allotments \_ to be increased from September 2010. Where feasible, rents to be doubled.

The meeting ended at approx. 9.20 pm.