

# **BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **In the County of Warwickshire**



**Minutes the Finance and Strategy Committee held on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2010 at 8. 15 pm(following the Planning Committee Meeting) in the Parish Meeting Room, Bramley Way, Bidford-on-Avon.**

**PRESENT:**

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

Also present: District Cllr. James  
1 member of the press

In attendance: Elisabeth Uggerløse, Clerk to the Parish Council

Before opening the meeting, the Chairman wished to make a short report regarding the recent online Parish Plan Update Survey, which would assist the Parish Council when debating the budget/precept for the forthcoming financial year.

**1. APOLOGIES**

*None*

**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 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2010**

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

**4. PUBLIC FORUM**

*There were no members of the public present*

**5. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE**

- **WALC** - Bulletin on Council Tax Freeze (circulated)  
**RESOLVED** to note that the freeze on council tax did not apply to Parish and Town Councils.

**6. TO CONSIDER SECOND QUARTER FIGURES AS PREPARED BY THE RFO (circulated)**

As there were no issues raised by members, it was **RESOLVED** to accept and note the figures.

**7. TO CONSIDER SETTING FUNDS ASIDE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE**

After some discussion it was proposed that £2,000 be set aside: part of this sum to be made available to community groups and part for the Parish Council to use.  
**RESOLVED** to accept the proposal and set aside the amount of £2,000 for 2011/12

**8. TO CONSIDER PRELIMINARY BUDGET/PRECEPT FIGURES BASED ON PROPOSED VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS (circulated)**

- Estimate for the Amenity Maintenance on all approaches to the Parish was presented at approx. £10,000 pa,  
Remedial work for the same area was quoted at 2,440.  
**RESOLVED** to approve the remedial work as this would facilitate a firm quotation for the annual maintenance as well as improve the approach to the village in accordance with the work currently being undertaken by the Parish Council to raise the tourist profile of the village.
- It was proposed that £5,000 should be put to re-start a play equipment reserve to ensure funds were available for the future.  
**RESOLVED:**  
To approve the £5,000 for play equipment reserve funds  
**RESOLVED**  
To note the preliminary figures for the 2011/12 budget

**9. TO CONSIDER DATES FOR A “DROP IN CONSULTATION” ON THE 2011/12 BUDGET**

The Clerk recommended a weekday evening: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November and a Saturday morning: 27<sup>th</sup> November

**RESOLVED** to hold the consultations on

- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November: 5.30 – 7.30 pm
- Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November: 10.00 am – 12.00 noon
- Venue: Parish Council Meeting Room, Bramley Way.

It was noted these dates at times had already been advertised.

**10. TO CONSIDER INVESTING FUNDS IN A HIGH INTEREST ACCOUNT**

Details of what Lloyds TSB plc had to offer had been circulated. It was agreed none offered particularly good returns. However, it was proposed that the Parish Council keep two months reserve in the Deposit Account, and the rest be invested in a 6 week Interest Account (0.51%)

**RESOLVED** to approve the proposal.

**11. TO CONSIDER/APPROVE THE COST OF 4 X BESPOKE 5-BAR VILLAGE GATE SIGNS, INCLUDING INSTALLATION AT A COST OF £2,600**

The design was approved and it was proposed the quotation be approved

**RESOLVED** to accept the quotation of £2,600

**12. TO CONSIDER COST OF OFFICE MOBILE WITH EMAIL/INTERNET FACILITY AT AN ANNUAL COST OF £351.12 (£29.26 A MONTH) PLUS ADDITIONAL INITIAL COST OF £30**

It was agreed this would be a useful tool for the Clerk and the cost was competitive

**RESOLVED** to approve the cost

**13. TO CONSIDER THE COST OF INSURING THE SKATE RAMP**

- £510 annual fee for all risks cover
- £280 annual fee for impact only cover
- Both subject to a £125 excess
- Public Liability cover already included.

In view of the cost involved and that public liability is already covered it was **RESOLVED** not to add the skate ramp to the insurance schedule

The meeting closed at approx. 9.10 pm