

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2003, at 7.30 p.m., in the Parish Meeting-Room, on the School/Library site in Bramley Way, Bidford-on-Avon.

Present: Chairman Councillor F. J. Hiscocks  
Councillors Mrs. Hodgetts, Mrs. Irving, Mrs. Keeley, Langston,  
Moore, Mrs. Owen, Smith and Spiers.  
District Councillors James and Slaughter

Apologies were received from District Councillor Pemberton, P.C. Gateley and Mr. Mike Gerrard.

County Councillor Barnes arrived after the meeting had started.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Every Councillor present declared an interest in the Adopted District Local Plan and the First Deposit Draft (January 2002) and the Revised Deposit Draft (January 2003) of the Stratford-on-Avon District Local Plan Review 1996-2011.

Councillor Hiscocks:

Crawford Memorial Hall Management Committee

Councillor Mrs. Hodgetts:

School Governor – Bidford-on-Avon School and Alcester High School.

Councillor Mrs. Irving:

Bidford Community Group

Councillor Mrs. Keeley:

Bidford Christmas Lights and Bidford Luncheon Club.

Councillor Langston:

Crawford Memorial Hall Management Committee & Bidford Christmas Lights.

Councillor Moore:

Bidford Christmas Lights, Crawford Memorial Hall Management Committee, Friday Furlong and planning application 03/02530/FUL.

Councillor Mrs. Owen:

Crawford Memorial Hall Management Committee

Councillor Smith:

Big Meadow and M.G.S. Garden Services

Councillor Spiers:

Bidford Christmas Lights

### **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Mrs. Penny Barry of Grafton Lane asked what progress was being made with regard to widening the narrow section of pavement along Grafton Lane. She said that there had been an accident there, last week. A 30m skid mark had been left and she understood that the car had been travelling at 60 m.p.h. in a 30 m.p.h. area.

The Clerk to chase County Councillor Barnes re. this.

There were several members of the public present who wished to talk about the Parish Council's suggested sites for youth shelters.

A resident of Kings Lane, Broom, said that there was no-one living in Kings Lane who would make use of a youth shelter. Teenagers who gathered there would "make a nuisance of themselves".

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The Chairman said that the Parish Council had no definite proposals, residents were being consulted on two sites, but the Council had to provide facilities for the youth of the Village and Members would like to have more than one shelter installed in the Parish.

With regard to the Broom play area, off Kings Lane, Cllr. Mrs. Keeley said that SDC had allowed residents a right-of-way with their cars to their garages and this meant the area could not be fenced off.

A Broom resident said he had telephoned District Councillor Slaughter and told him that syringes had been found on Broom play area in Kings Lane.

Another resident said that a shelter would “encourage the wrong sort of people – it would encourage druggies”.

Cllr. Mrs. Irving said there was no evidence that a shelter would encourage “the wrong sort of people”.

District Councillor Slaughter added that the Parish Council could not neglect the youth of the Village.

It was suggested that “the wrong sort of people” were already using the play area. Syringes had been found and it was felt that a shelter would encourage more trouble.

A local resident said that shotguns had been taken onto the play area and this had been reported to the Police.

Changing from the Broom play area to the Saxonfields car park, a resident of Saxonfields said that if a youth shelter were to be installed on the Saxonfields car park, young people would park their cars on the car park and play their stereo systems very loudly.

Cllr. Hiscocks said the suggestion that a youth shelter be installed on Big Meadow was not contentious and the Parish Council would like to go ahead with that one. Suggestions for other sites would be welcomed!

District Councillor James said that whenever a youth shelter was erected, a note was made in the Police log and Police patrols were then duty-bound to check the shelter. Special Constable Jill Houghton said that the Police did patrol at Broom [play area] anyway.

Cllr. Mrs. Irving said the ideal site for a youth shelter would be well-lit and easily policed and she was not convinced that Big Meadow was the ideal site, however, the Parish Council had to make a start. She added that [although there was opposition to two of the suggested sites] everyone had to think of the community as a whole.

Cllr. Slaughter asked how many people had complained to the Police about needles and syringes being found on Broom play area. ....

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District Councillor James said he had been attending Bidford-on-Avon Parish Council meetings since May 2000 and this was the first he had heard about all the problems at Broom play area.

A Broom resident said that it was difficult to complain about off-road bikers because they had no number plates on their machines and therefore could not be identified.

Concern was expressed by residents who were worried that they might be identified as the source of a complaint.

Cllr. Mrs. Keeley suggested that they telephone Crimestoppers and leave an anonymous message. She added that Bidford-on-Avon had one Police Officer and no regular Special Constables and all incidents in the Parish needed to be logged.

Cllr. James said that Bidford-on-Avon was one of the few parishes in South Warwickshire that did have a regular Beat Officer.

Cllr. Slaughter said that Police Officers in plain clothes would attend reports re. drugs.

A resident of Victoria Road said he feared that, as with the seat in Glebe Close, "congregation areas" would attract the wrong element.

Cllr. Hiscocks thanked everyone for attending and putting forward their views and said that the matter would be discussed later, under agenda item no. 11, "Proposed Youth Meeting Points", and residents were welcome to stay and listen.

Mr. John Wilkes said that there was Ragwort on the riverbank which would need attention next year.

Mrs. Christine Getgood asked what progress was being made re. CCTV cameras.

Cllr. Hiscocks said that there would be one camera by "The Saddlery" and one by Bidford Pharmacy.

Cllr. Slaughter said that the cameras could "zoom up to 250 yards away".

Councillor Smith said that there were always cars parked outside the houses at the western end of the High Street, yet despite regular vandalism, there were no plans to install a camera there.

Ms Hilary Leather said that the effect of the camera by "The Saddlery" would be to drive the children and young people away from "One Stop" (formerly Dillons) to behind Bidford Antiques, where they could not be seen.

Cllr. James said it would cost £50,000 to install two cameras and £30,000 per annum to run them. SDC could not afford to pay £15,000 p.a., for three years, to run a third camera. (Life of camera: three years.) In rural locations, it was down to the Parish Council to fund extra cameras, after SDC had "kick-started" the project.

Councillors James and Slaughter said they would investigate the possibility of having two "live" cameras and one "dummy". The dummy could be moved around, so that no-one would know which were the live cameras and which was the dummy one.

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Mr. Simon Lloyd asked where the control centre was located.

Cllr. Slaughter said that it was manned twenty-four hours a day, but he could not disclose its location. He added that the two cameras in Bidford would be used to record incidents, in order, if necessary, to provide evidence at a later date.

Cllr. James said that the cameras could also be used to alert the Police “fast response” car.

Narrow pavement, Grafton Lane (page one refers).

County Councillor Barnes said he did not think that work to widen the pavement had been included in WCC’s capital budget, but he would chase this.

Mrs. Penny Barry reiterated how dangerous the narrow pavement was; it was not wide enough for a pushchair.

Cllr. Barnes said he would ask WCC’s Traffic Section to consider a traffic-calming measure similar to that in Welford-on-Avon, by “The Bell” Public House, where a section of narrow pavement had been widened by extending it into the road. This alteration, together with appropriately sited “Give Way” lines, ensured that only single-file traffic could use that small stretch of road. The wider pavement gave greater protection to pedestrians and the “Give Way” signs and narrow carriageway acted as a traffic-calming measure.

Exposed pipe by Bidford Bridge – Cllr. Barnes to investigate.

Mr. Jim Rawlings of Victoria Road said he wished to make the following observation, for information only, not for discussion. Traffic problems in Victoria Road continued. Drivers showed scant regard for the speed restriction. Agricultural vehicles regularly used the road, as did “huge trail vehicles going to the Nurseries in Broom”.

#### **ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED UNDER “ANY OTHER BUSINESS”**

Councillor Mrs. Keeley:

- “Tipping” in Saxonfields car park – sign needed.
- The trees overhanging the footway along Waterloo Road (by the former United Carriers’ site and by the pedestrian crossing) had still not been cut back.
- Bidford High Street was still “bad” between midnight and 2.00 a.m. Special Constable Jill Houghton said she would report this.
- SDC paid WCC for verge-cutting in the villages, but the job was not being done properly.

Cllr. James said he would arrange to meet Cllr. Mrs. Keeley, to look at the sites in question. Cllr. Mrs. Hodgetts asked them to look at “Broom Turn”.

Councillor Mrs. Owen:

Congratulations to Bidford Fire Station for winning the Dennis Lawrence Garden Competition for the third year running.

The Clerk said she would send a suitable letter, as before.

Councillor Smith:

The footpath from “The Plough” to Crompton Avenue needed attention.

Councillors James and Slaughter to chase this. ....

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### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

With one minor amendment\*, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2003, were approved and signed by the Chairman as being a true record.

(Prop. Cllr. Mrs. Keeley, sec. Cllr. Mrs. Hodgetts)

\* Page 2 – “Minutes of the Previous Meetings” – Ref: Min. 03/153 –

Cllr. Mrs. Keeley said that only one mobile ‘phone had been stolen.

The Clerk to delete the “s”.

The minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2003, were approved and signed by the Chairman as being a true record.

(Prop. Cllr. Langston, sec. Cllr. Spiers)

The minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2003, were approved and signed by the Chairman as being a true record.

(Prop. Cllr. Moore, sec. Cllr. Mrs. Owen)

### **POLICE MATTERS**

Apologies had been received from P.C. Peter Gateley.

### **03/202 PLANNING**

#### **RESULT OF APPEAL**

02/02866/FUL

Mr. S. Brew,

2, Chapel Close, Bidford-on-Avon.

Single storey side extension to form store, utility and breakfast-room with bedroom extension over.

P.C. Objection D.C. Refusal

**APPEAL ALLOWED**

**NOTED**

#### **APPEAL BY WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS**

03/00291/FUL

Dr. Richard Lambert,

7, Dugdale Avenue, Bidford-on-Avon.

Proposed erection of two-storey pitched roof side extension.

**AGREED** that the Planning Inspectorate be informed of the Parish Council’s objection.

### **APPLICATIONS**

03/02330/FUL

Mr. and Mrs. C. Elliott,

“Orchards”, Georges Elm Lane, Bidford-on-Avon.

Proposed replacement double garage. Single storey rear and side extensions.

“We are concerned that the proposed development would be seriously injurious to the amenity of the area, for the following reasons:

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1. the size, height and bulk of the proposed garage;
  2. the effect upon the visual character of the area;
  3. the adverse effect upon the landscaped character of the area;
- thereby creating an incongruous feature by reason of its height in relation to the existing dwelling and creating an incongruous feature to the street scene generally.”

03/02347/FUL  
Mr. D. Wasley,  
2, Wessons Road, Bidford-on-Avon.  
Two-storey pitched roof side extension.  
SUPPORT

03/02354/FUL  
Mr. A. Miah,  
67, High Street, Bidford-on-Avon.  
Conversion of existing garage into storage area (food) and internal alterations and extension. Conversion of existing w.c. to new w.c. for disabled use.  
SUPPORT

03/02219/FUL  
Mr. and Mrs. N. Willies,  
“Woodcote”, 7 Kings Lane, Broom.  
Proposed conservatory to rear.  
SUPPORT

03/02530/FUL  
Mr. and Mrs. M. Jerome,  
Crabtree Garden Centre and Farm Shop, Stratford Road, Bidford-on-Avon.  
Relocation of glasshouse and poly-tunnels. Erection of poly-tunnel.  
N.B. Cllr. Moore declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion.  
SUPPORT

03/02583/FUL  
Mr. and Mrs. Clayton,  
22, Hill View Road, Bidford-on-Avon.  
First floor side extension.  
SUPPORT

03/02715/TREE  
Mr. David Burden,  
“The Grange”, Mill Lane, Broom.  
T2, T3 – 2 no. Ash – remove.  
“We are happy to be guided by the Forestry Officer in this matter.”

**03/203 PROPOSED WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE (Min. 03/108IC)**  
The site visit had been held on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2003, at 2.30 p.m., and between fifty and sixty residents had attended, with placards and banners. ....

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The demonstration had been peaceful, orderly and good-natured. Banners and placards in gardens, on houses, lighting columns, fences, walls, et cetera, had all helped to make residents' opposition to the proposed site very clear indeed. Ten (including County Councillor Barnes) of the twelve members of WCC's Regulatory Committee had attended the meeting and, after inspecting the site, they had looked at the Waterloo Industrial Estate and the adjacent residential area. Cllr. Barnes reminded everyone that this matter would be discussed at the meeting of the Regulatory Committee to be held on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2003, at 10.00 a.m. Members of the public could attend, but they would not be allowed to speak.

### **03/204 CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS AT AREA OFFICES**

Letter received from Mr. Simon Payne, Head of Policy, SDC, stated that as from 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2003, copies of planning applications for the Avon area **only** would continue to be available for inspection at Elizabeth House. Applications in the Arden, Dassett and Stour areas could be viewed at SDC's offices in Alcester, Southam and Shipston-on-Stour respectively. NOTED.

### **03/205 STRATFORD-ON-AVON DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN REVIEW (Min. 03/64 refers)**

Letter received from Mr. Paul Harris, Senior Planner (Policy), SDC, stated that a number of proposed changes to the Revised Deposit version of the Local Plan Review had been approved. These should be read in conjunction with the Plan itself. The proposed changes would be advertised and any objections received would be taken into account by the Inspector holding the Public Inquiry into the Plan. Anyone who had previously objected to any of the topics affected by a proposed change would receive a separate formal notification. NOTED.

### **03/206 PARISH COUNCIL WEB SITE (Min. 03/66IC refers)**

The Clerk said that the Parish Council web site was now "live" and could be found at:  
[www.bidfordonavon-pc.gov.uk](http://www.bidfordonavon-pc.gov.uk)

All the "feedback" from those people who had already seen it had been extremely enthusiastic and positive.

AGREED that residents' views and suggestions re. the site would be welcomed.

AGREED that the Clerk pass the site address to Mr. Mark Lepkowski, SDC's Publicity and Information Manager.

### **03/207 VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL (Min. 03/183 refers)**

The necessary notices had been posted and Mrs. Christine Getgood of 108 High Street had written to the Chairman, Cllr. Hiscocks, expressing interest in the vacancy.

The Clerk had copied her letter to all Members.

If the election was contested, a poll would take place on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2003.

### **03/208 CCTV CAMERAS FOR BIDFORD HIGH STREET (03/116 & 30.6.03)**

Letter received from Mr. Chris Wood, SDC's Market Towns Project Manager, enclosed a drawing, showing the two proposed locations identified by the appointed contractor as being, in their opinion, the most effective. Anticipated completion date: approximately ten weeks' time. ....

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Proposed locations:

- By “The Saddlery”, opposite “One Stop” (formerly Dillons).
- By Bidford Pharmacy.

AGREED: No objection to chosen locations. The Clerk to check with Mr. Wood that neither site needed permission from the landowner.

### **03/209 YOUTH EVENING AT THE CRAWFORD HALL (Min. 03/179 refers)**

A report from Mr. Piers King was still awaited.

Cllr. Mrs. Irving said that Mr. King was due to attend a meeting of Bidford Community Group on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2003, and she hoped that he would submit the report to BCG then.

### **03/210 FLOWER BOX FOR THE LEYS**

Letter received from Mrs. Wendy Cooper of 44 The Leys asked whether a flower box could be installed on the grass outside her house. She already mowed the grass and kept the area clean and litter-free and she was willing to maintain the box.

AGREED that the Clerk ask Mr. David Prickett to make a box.

### **03/211 B439 – SPEEDING CONCERNS**

Received, copy of a letter sent by Ms Katrina Pedlar of WCC’s Traffic Group to District Councillor Slaughter re. concerns about speeding on the B439.

Ms Pedlar stated in her letter that in September 2002 a speed survey had been carried out by the Police on the B439 Cranhill. The survey had found the 85<sup>th</sup>ile speeds to be 55 m.p.h. WCC had some electronic equipment called “SpeedVisor”, which would display in large figures the speed of an approaching vehicle, or the posted speed limit. “Speed Visor” did not record any details of vehicles and had no enforcement function. They were simply to show a driver the speed of the vehicle, acting as a reminder to keep to the speed limit. The display units were usually fixed on a lighting column and remained in place for approximately one week. They would not be left in one place permanently. Ms Pedlar said she would investigate the possibility of using a Speed Visor on the B439, between the Welford and Bidford junctions.

Cllr. James said that a Speed Visor would be used in different locations over the next few weeks.

### **03/212 WYCHAVON DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN REVIEW (1996-2011) – REVISED DEPOSIT PLAN**

Letter received from Mr. Andrew Ford of SDC’s Policy Team stated that SDC had been asked to comment on the *Wychavon* District Local Plan Review. SDC had not put any representations to Wychavon District Council on its First Deposit Draft and the policy content of the Revised Plan remained non-contentious. NOTED.

### **03/213 POLICING OF BRIDGE WEIGHT LIMITS**

Received from Mrs. Joan Dowell, Clerk to Welford-on-Avon Parish Council, copy of a letter she had received from the Warwickshire Branch of the CPRE re. the policing of bridge weight limits. (The Clerk had copied this to all Members.) .....

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AGREED that, in view of the information in CPRE's letter, the Clerk write to English Heritage and ask what measures could be taken to ensure the protection of Bidford Bridge. Would it be possible for English Heritage to raise with WCC the need to protect this Grade I Listed bridge from damage, particularly that caused by overweight lorries? Parish Council Members would be happy to attend a site meeting.

**03/214 COUNTRYSIDE AND RIGHTS OF WAY ACT 2000 –  
DRAFT MAP INFORMATION FOR PARISH COUNCILS**

Received from Ms Sue Cornwell of The Countryside Agency's Open Access Team, various papers, including a draft map sheet centred on the Parish of Bidford-on-Avon, regarding the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. The Parish Council was invited to comment upon areas of open country or registered common land shown within the Parish Boundary.

There were, in fact, no areas of open country or registered common land shown within the Parish Boundary.

AGREED that this was correct.

AGREED that no areas of open country or registered common land had been omitted from the map.

AGREED that the Parish Council had no comment to make.

**03/215 BIDFORD SPORTS ASSOCIATION – REQUEST FOR DONATION**

Letter received from Mrs. Wendy Cooper, Secretary, Bidford Sports Association, stated that BSA would like to be considered for a donation towards the cost of refurbishing the toilets at their pavilion. These facilities had not been refurbished since the pavilion was built.

AGREED that this request be considered at the November/December Finance Meeting.

Mrs. Cooper also asked for permission to erect a sign by the Big Meadow toilet block, informing visitors that the driveway past that area was strictly parking for BSA members only. She added that BSA were experiencing problems with the locking of their gate after they had finished, owing to the fact that vehicles had been left in their parking area which should not have gone through the gate in the first place.

AGREED that permission for the sign be refused. It was essential BSA members ensured that they always closed the gate behind them, so that no-one else could use BSA's own parking area, thus eliminating the risk of having parked cars locked in and their owners disturbing the Big Meadow Gatekeeper, Mr. Mark Smith, when he was off-duty, demanding that he unlock the gate.

**03/216 BIDFORD SCHOOL REUNION – CLASS OF 1980 (Min. 03/200 refers)**

Letter received from Mrs. Jill Houghton of Jubilee Close stated that a reunion of Bidford High School's Class of 1980 would be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2003, at Bidford Fire Station. Tickets would cost £5 per person, to include a buffet, bar and entertainment. This was a not a profit-making event and any surplus money would be kept for future reunions of former Bidford High School pupils.

AGREED that this request for a donation be considered at the November/December Finance Meeting. (Any cheques to be payable to: Bidford High School Reunion.)

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**03/217 “STOP! LISTEN ... PLAY with ENGLISH SERENATA”**

Letter received from Mrs. Gabrielle Leese, Project Co-ordinator, English Serenata, asked for a donation of £300 towards their “Stop! Listen, Play” community project which would take place in Salford Priors and Bidford-on-Avon during the period from February to June 2004. They had made a similar request to Salford Priors Parish Council, submitted a funding application to SDC and were now applying for an “Awards for All” grant. Estimated cost of project: £10,500.

(The Clerk had copied Mrs. Leese’s letter to all Members.)

AGREED that this request be discussed at the November/December Finance Meeting.

**03/218 WALC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The AGM of the Warwickshire and West Midlands Association of Local Councils would be held on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2003, at 7.30 p.m. in Shire Hall.

NOTED.

**03/219 COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE AND  
VOLUNTEER BUREAUX – STRATFORD-ON-AVON DISTRICT**

The AGM of the CVS and VB would take place on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2003, at SDC’s offices in Elizabeth House, Church Street, at 7.00 p.m.

**03/220 MILL LANE, BROOM – PROBLEMS WITH WATER SUPPLY**

There had been many problems with the water supply to Mill Lane over the last few weeks and Severn Trent had obtained emergency powers in order to carry out the necessary repair work. Work to install approximately 530 metres of water main had started on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2003, and was expected to be finished within three to four weeks.

Cllrs. Hiscocks, Mrs. Hodgetts, Mrs. Keeley, Langston and Spiers, and the Clerk, had met Mr. Fraser Pithie, Customer Contact Manager (Operations) for Severn Trent Ltd., and two of his colleagues, in Mill Lane on 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2003. The Severn Trent staff had explained the problem and shown Members the work in progress. All Members had been very impressed with the amount of thought and care that had gone into causing as little disruption to residents as possible, whilst still being able to make good progress with the job in hand. The Clerk to send a suitable letter to Severn Trent.

**03/221 “WINDOWS ON WARWICKSHIRE” WEB SITE**

Mr. Steven Newman, Economic Development Manager, SDC, had contacted the Clerk with a view to arranging a meeting with Members of the Parish Council to discuss the tourism, promotion and marketing aspects of the “Windows on Warwickshire” web site, as they related to Bidford-on-Avon, and how all this could link to the Parish Council’s web site.

AGREED that the Clerk ask Mr. Newman to suggest two or three dates.

Councillors Hiscocks, Langston and Spiers said that they would like to attend.

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**03/222 ACCOUNTS**

The following receipts were noted:

L. F. Dodwell	£235.00
E. A. & J. Jarvis	£115.00
David Baker	£125.00
E. A. & J. Jarvis	£10.00
David Baker	£125.00
Funeralcare	£125.00
Memorials of Distinction	£55.00

The following accounts were approved for payment:

RESOLVED that Cllr. Mrs. Hodgetts and Cllr. Mrs. Owen sign the cheques.  
(Prop. Cllr. Mrs. Keeley and sec. Cllr. Mrs. Irving)

Please see the last page of these minutes for details of the accounts paid.

The following account was also approved for payment:

Cheque no. 003113	
Mr. Harold Bennett	£10.00
(Petrol)	
Cheque signed by Cllrs. Mrs. Hodgetts and Mrs. Owen.	

**03/223 PROPOSED YOUTH MEETING POINTS**

**(Min. 03/115IC and “Questions”, pages 1-3 of these minutes)**

N.B. All the people who had been present when this matter had been discussed under “Questions from Members of the Public” had remained in the Meeting-Room, to hear the Council’s deliberations. For the record, two letters of objection to the Saxonfields site had been received and four re. the Broom play area site.

Cllr. Hiscocks said that of the three suggested sites (Big Meadow, Broom and Saxonfields car park) Big Meadow was the only one to which no-one objected.

Cllr. Mrs. Irving said that Saxonfields was an ideal site, central to the Village, well-lit and easily policed; there were not many suitable sites in Bidford. However, Members had agreed to consider Big Meadow because the youth shelter on the Salford Priors play area had been successful.

Cllr. Smith said that a site between the Gatekeeper’s Hut and the river would probably be the most suitable location on the Meadow.

Cllr. Mrs. Keeley agreed that the shelter would be more visible there.

With regard to Broom play area, Cllr. Moore said he agreed with the principle of putting a youth shelter there but, in view of the opposition from nearby residents, he did not think that the Parish Council could go ahead with that site.

Cllr. Moore asked Broom residents to let him know of any problems, particularly if they had been reported to the Police, so that the Parish Council could log the information and chase matters accordingly. He reiterated that information could be given to the Police anonymously, by using the Crimestoppers’ telephone number.

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Cllr. Mrs. Keeley said that the Parish Council needed people to report incidents, so that the Council could press for more Police cover for the Parish.

Cllr. Hiscocks said that ideas for the future [for young people] would be welcomed by the Parish Council.

Finally, to reassure the residents present from Kings Lane and Albion Terrace,

Cllr. Hiscocks said that the Parish Council would NOT be putting a youth shelter on the Kings Lane play area.

The residents then left the meeting.

### **03/224 BIG MEADOW – MERCIA CANOE CLUB**

Letter received from Mr. Nigel Wooltorton, Chairman, Mercia Canoe Club, asked for permission to use Big Meadow as the finish to his Club's annual canoe race, the "Avon Descent", on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2003.

AGREED that the usual permission be granted.

### **03/225 PARISH APPRAISAL GROUP MATTERS**

Apologies had been received from Mr. Mike Gerrard.

### **03/226 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Apologies had been received from District Councillor Pemberton.

Cllr. James said that Mr. Bob Anderson, SDC's Public Cleansing Manager, had agreed that there was a major problem in Saxonfields and he had asked his colleague, Mr. Chris Dobson, to sort it out. Biffa would be asked to make good the broken kerbstones and it was possible that a smaller lorry might be used to collect the rubbish in future.

Roadside brook – Steppes Piece. Mr. David Tiley, SDC's Flood Defence Officer, and Mr. Richard Elbourne of WCC's Divisional Surveyor's Office, Wellesbourne, had been consulted and Mr. Elbourne had agreed that the responsibility for the brook was entirely WCC's and the bank would be reinforced. Mr. Tiley had said that he would write to all the riparian owners and ask them to clear their stretch. The Environmental Overview and Scrutiny Committee had been asked to look at this matter.

Parking Spaces for Disabled People – SDC had agreed that the signage to the Wards Lane car park was inadequate and had contacted WCC's Roger Evans, as it was a County Council matter. Cllr. James said that SDC were considering changing the conditions re. the car parks, so that one became a short-stay and one a long-stay.

### **03/227 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Bidford Bridge had been swept before Gala Day.

Willow tree by Bidford Bridge – Conservation Area – permission needed from SDC. The traffic-calming measures were now in place outside Bidford School.

Cllr. Barnes said he had received a request for a 30 m.p.h. speed limit in Barton.

Bus Stop, Tower Hill (Mins. 30.6.03 – "Questions" – Page Two refers)

Cllr. Barnes suggested that District Councillor James and the Parish Council write to SDC's Rural Transport Officer (tel: 260132) and enlist his help re. having a lay-by adjacent to the Tower Hill bus stop, by the entrance to Tower Croft.

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Cllr. Barnes said that WCC had written to Mrs. Ellen Honeybunn, Headteacher, Bidford School, re. the poor state of the School garden.

Cllr. Mrs. Irving said that the Library staff often received complaints about the state of the grounds.

Cllr. Barnes said he would go back to the planning application, to see what had been agreed originally.

Cllr. Barnes confirmed that the piece of land between the Saxonfields car park roadside boundary and the main road (B439) was jointly owned by SDC and WCC.

Friday Furlong –

The work to clear the site by SDC contractors had been put out to tender and the landowners would be surcharged as soon as they had sold the land for development.

SDC's Economic Development Manager was talking to a business in the Village, to see whether they would like to relocate.

Reminder: Local Plan Review – Inquiry start date: 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2003.

RESOLVED that the Council go into Committee, to discuss confidential matters.  
(Prop. Cllr. Mrs. Keeley, sec. Cllr. Langston)

Following discussion of the matters recorded in the confidential minutes, the meeting closed at approximately 10.40 p.m.

**BIDFORD-ON-AVON PARISH COUNCIL**

At the meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2003, the following payments were authorised:

SUPPLIERS:	£6,300.92
WAGES:	£1,784.11
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£8,085.03</b>