

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 15th December 2003, at
7.30p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room, Bramley Way, Bidford-on-Avon.**

PRESENT

Chairman: Councillor F.J.Hiscocks
Councillors: Mrs.Getgood, Mrs.Hodgetts, Mrs.Irving,
Mrs. Keeley, Mrs. Owen, Langston, Smith,
Spiers and Moore

District Councillor: James

County Councillor: Barnes

The Chairman opened the Meeting by welcoming everyone present. There were 4 members of the public present.

1 APOLOGIES P.C.P. Gateley, D.Cllrs. Pemberton & Slaughter

2 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 Local Plan Review 1996-2011.

Councillor Mrs. Getgood:

Jolly Teapot

Councillor Hiscocks:

Crawford Memorial Hall Management Committee

Councillor Mrs. Hodgetts:

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

Broom Village Hall

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, Broom Village Hall and Friday Furlong.

Councillor Mrs. Owen

Crawford Memorial Hall Management Committee.

Councillor Smith:

Big Meadow, M.G.S. Garden Services and Bidford Car Boot Sale

Councillor Spiers:

Bidford Christmas Lights

3 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. J. Wilkes queried the positioning of the Dog Bin situated along the passageway on the fence adjacent to the school as he did not consider that this was an appropriate site. Cllr. Mrs. Irving said that provision of a Dog Bin had been requested to try to encourage people to do the right thing to avoid the children walking dog mess into school. Cllr. Langston agreed to look at repositioning the bin.

HSL/JMW

4 ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED UNDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS

JMW School crossing
Grit bin opposite 72 St. Lawrence Wa
Traffic calming St. Lawrence Way.

Cllr. Smith Residents Parking High Street
Horses on Bidford to Wixford Road

Cllr. Mrs. Owen Local artefacts.

5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24th November 2003 were approved and signed by the Chairman as being a true record.

(Prop. Cllr. Mrs. Keeley. Sec. Cllr. Mrs. Owen)

6 POLICE MATTERS

Apologies had been received from P.C.P. Gateley, no report received.

7 PLANNING

03/03672/FUL

Mr. A. Yates
19 Icknield Street
Bidford-on-Avon

First floor rear extension. Balcony to rear with external staircase and two roof lights.
SUPPORT

03/03675/FUL

Punch Group (Retail properties)
Land adjoining The Anglo Saxon Public House
High Street
Bidford-on-Avon

Amendment to site layout and house type details for the erection of 7 new two storey (2 bedroom) terraced dwellings.

(99/02078/FUL)

SUPPORT

03/03676/DEM

Punch Group (Retail Properties)

Land adjoining The Anglo Saxon Public House

High Street

Bidford-on-Avon

Demolition/partial demolition of unlisted outbuildings within cartilage of Listed Building and Conservation Area. Works required to be undertaken as part of proposals for the erection of 7 new dwelling units.

SUPPORT

03/03788/FUL

Mr. R. Lewis

100 High Street

Bidford-on-Avon

Open sided structure with pitched roof canopy over to rear.

SUPPORT

03/03851/FUL

Dorsington Farms Ltd.

Land off Welford Road

Barton

Bidford-on-Avon

Construction of single storey transportable holiday chalet.

CONCERN EXPRESSED THAT THIS WAS IN THE FLOOD PLAIN

03/03746/FUL

Colin Harry Haycock

7 Grange Road

Bidford-on-Avon

Renewal of planning permissions SDCA98/0042 and S98/1821.

Demolish and re-build outbuildings.

SUPPORT

AMENDMENT/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

03/03494/FUL

Mrs. Summers

4 Marleigh Road

Bidford-on-Avon

Rear elevation showing conservatory.

For information only

8 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

03/290 PUDDLES – HIGH STREET

(Min.03/271 refers)

Not heard from Mr. Hancox at County Highways.

JMW

03/291 CANADA GEESE

(Min. 03/272 refers)

JMW spoken to Mr. Cyril Bennis who said it was a global problem. There is a Society for the Protection of Canada Geese. Although there is no Government directive the situation is being looked at and is an ongoing issue. Mr. Bennis suggests that the only thing you can do at the moment is put up a sign saying, "Don't feed the Canada Geese".

03/292 MOBILITY SCOOTER ACCESS

(Min. 03/273 refers)

No response to date from County Highways regarding request for survey of drop down kerbs.
Response to be chased

JMW

03/293 OLD SCHOOL HOUSE

(Min. 03/274 refers)

Tony Horton Senior Planner SDC has consistently advised developers that the retention of the Old School House is strongly desired as part of any redevelopment scheme.

Allen Firth, Conservation Officer, has visited the site and shares our concerns for the site.

There is now a Tree Preservation Order on the Oak Tree. D.C.James suggested that it might be worth investigating the possibility of asking English Heritage to "Spot List" the building.

03/294 BIDFORD BRIDGE

(Min.03/278 refers)

No further news from English Heritage

03/295 TRIAL LIGHTING

(Min. 03/279)

Still awaiting Report and costing

03/296 STRATFORD-ON-AVON DISTRICT COUNCIL AVON AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE

(Min.03/285 refers)

- Bidford Grange Golf Club (03/03203/FUL)
Letter received from SDC stating that the application is to be deferred.
- Friday Furlong (03/02634/OUT)
Letter received from SDC stating that planning permission is to be refused.

03/297 NOTICE BOARDS

Brochures available – decision to be made

03/298 STREET LIGHTING

JMW met Simon Moseley from WCC on Tuesday, 9th December at Pole 9 by the Dilshad Restaurant. Light now working but the Christmas light is not. Investigations continuing with countless phone calls made. Kings Lane light is an intermittent problem – when the inspections at night had been made it was working. Situation should now be rectified.

Meeting arranged for 12th January with Bob Yarwood from WCC to discuss lighting matters at 7.30.

03/299 BRAZILIAN SOCCER SCHOOL

Mr. Morris has requested that the Parish Council write to Mr. M Gibbins, Area Support Officer for Stratford Area Committee giving permission for him the use the playing field at Dugdale Avenue.

JMW

9 CORRESPONDENCE

03/300 THE ARDEN NEWSLETTER WINTER 2003

Copy available at the meeting.

03/301 NEWSLETTER FROM SOUTH WARWICKSHIRE CARERS' SUPPORT SERVICE

Copy available at the meeting.

03/302 WCC COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND 2003/4

Letter received from confirming the award of a grant of £3,200 towards the cost of Youth Meeting Points. Grant Acceptance form to be completed and returned to Helene Toogood, Community Partnership Officer, by 5th January 2004.

JMW

03/303 AGE CONCERN AGENDA

Copy received regarding their next meeting on 8th January 2004.

03/304 DEFRA

Letter received regarding Equine Issues.

03/305 WASTE TRANSFER RECYCLING CENTRE

(Min. 03/203, 230 refers)

Confirmation received from WCC regarding the refusal of the application.

03/306 SECTION 136

Reminder from SDC regarding Claim.

JMW

03/307 COMBINED EUROPEAN ELECTIONS 2004

Notification regarding a change in legislation to move all local elections and combine them with the European Parliamentary elections on Thursday, 10th June, 2004.

03/308 DEVELOPMENT FRIDAY FURLONG & BIDFORD GRANGE HOTEL

(Min. 03/285 refers)

Confirmation from Avon Area Planning Committee that planning permission for Friday Furlong be refused and expansion of Bidford Grange Hotel and Golf Club be deferred.

03/309 PRECEPT REQUIREMENTS 2004/5

Reminder letter from the Head of Revenues SDC regarding the Parish Council requirement for 2004/05.

10 03/310 ACCOUNTS

The following receipts were noted:

Allotment rents:	28/11/03	£860.95
	2/12/03	£ 40.45
	11/12/03	£ 78.85

The following accounts were approved for payment.

RESOLVED that Cllr. Spiers and Cllr. Mrs. Owen sign the cheques
(Prop. Cllr. Hiscocks Sec. Cllr. Mrs.Hodgetts)

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

10 03/311 PROPOSED YOUTH MEETING POINTS

(Min. 03/288 refers)

Discussions with P.C. Tony Lambert had confirmed the most feasible location for the village was adjacent the big island. The existing ditch would require filling and the fence moved back. Site visit and inspection to be arranged to include Highways, C.Cllr. Barnes, Lucy Workman and P.C. Gateley.

KAJ

12 03/312 BIG MEADOW

(Min. 03/289 refers)

JMW to ring Mr. Dunsby regarding the Combi unit and ask him to keep it in storage for the time being. He will charge £175 for the work he has already done on the below ground fixings. A meeting of the working group is to be arranged to discuss siting of this unit including the possibility of erecting it in Broom.

JMW

The Astwood Bank Play Area. JMW has spoken to Richard Davidson at Redditch Council the project is not yet completed as skateboard ramps have to be installed on the area of tarmac. The equipment is "Wickstead" and the cost will be £100,000.

JMW handed keys to the padlock for the gate to Monie Meadow to Cllr. Smith who suggested that Cllrs. may like to visit the site with a view to preliminary discussions of what best use could be made of the additional land for the benefit of the whole community and initial work required. Date agreed of Friday, 2nd January 2004 at 10.30a.m.

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13 PARISH PLAN

Mr. M. Gerrard confirmed that although officially the Appraisal Group would no longer exist after the end of the year there were still three matters outstanding.

1. Publication of the Parish Plan
2. Friday Furlong development
3. Surgery – possible move to new premises.

Mr. Gerrard and Mr. B. Tafft will retain the authority of the Appraisal Group to act until all matters have been satisfactorily concluded.

Parish Councillors congratulated Mr. Gerrard and his colleagues on the brilliant job they had made of the Parish Plan.

14 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

D.Cllr. James reported the following:

- Bidford Grange Hotel & Golf Club deferment (see above 03/308).
- Friday Furlong development, suggestion that Parish Council put their own feasibility together, further discussions to take place. Separate meeting to discuss the development of Friday Furlong to be arranged.
- A meeting in the Greig Hall 7.30 pm 6th January 2004 regarding Council Tax proposals for year 2004/5.
- Trees and brook. Richard Elborne is putting the work into place. Cllr. Mrs. Keeley commented that the crab apples had been swept aside and the Willow tree had been trimmed.
- The Old Railway Station in Salford Priors Parish is still open for offers.

Cllr. Mrs. Irving remarked that no information had been received from Piers King regarding the Youth event.

15 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

C.Cllr. Barnes reported the following:

- Arrangements in hand to extend the zig zag lines at the School crossing.
- Speed monitoring equipment in Broom installed.
- Millan Talizer to complete a survey of traffic using Grafton Lane. Cllr. Mrs. Keeley commented that the road was extremely unsafe. Vehicles should not be given priority over people and something must be done.

Cllr. Mrs. Keeley pointed out a large hole by the Falcon, the manhole being 2 ½" below the road surface. Cllr. Barnes said he would have a look on his way home.

Cllr. Hiscocks mentioned the road surface in Victoria Road and Cllr. Langston remarked that the road by the Garage/The Pleck/Budgens needs digging out properly and resurfacing

Cllr. Smith commented on the blocked up drains in Waterloo Road where it floods by the traffic calming measure after rainfall

16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

School crossing: Jackie Hunt the lollipop lady had received complaints from Motorists on the very foggy morning last week that they could not see her or the traffic calming measure. A gentleman had suggested the bump should have white lines on it and also why were there not flashing lights like there were outside the old school.

Karen Vargo has requested a Grit Bin opposite 72 St. Lawrence Way. She experienced a couple of near misses last winter, one car nearly ending up in her house when it skidded. She is quite prepared to grit the corner herself. Cllrs. agreed to look into the possibility in installing some bins.

Ms. Vargo has also taken up the matter of traffic calming with the County Council to try and stop people from cutting the corner. She has received a Request for Traffic Measure Form which she is circulating round her neighbours and would like something done before there is an accident.

Cllr. Smith had been approached by some residents of High Street with a view to issuing Parking Permits. Not every resident was in favour of this idea.

Cllr. Smith mentioned the danger of the horses on the road to Wixford especially on dark mornings and advised everyone to be extra vigilant.

Cllr. Mrs. Owen remarked that it would be interesting to have a display of artefacts found in the village on display in the entrance to the Library.

During the evening the Council made a presentation to Mrs. Elizabeth Kidner in appreciation of her fourteen years as Parish Clerk.

RESOLVED, that the Council go into Committee, to discuss confidential matters.
(Prop.Cllr. Hiscocks , Sec. Cllr. Mrs. Owen)

Following discussion of the matters recorded in the confidential minutes, the meeting closed at approximately 10.20 p.m.