

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 26th January 2004, at 7.30p.m.
in the Parish Meeting Room, Bramley Way, Bidford-on-Avon.**

PRESENT

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

District Councillors: James and Pemberton

County Councillor: Barnes

The Chairman opened the Meeting by welcoming everyone present.

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllr. Mrs. Getgood and S.D.Cllr. 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 raised the matter of the 20 yard long puddle on the footpath on Tower Hill near Waterloo Road. It is understood that this is the responsibility of Severn Trent who are to be contacted to resolve the problem.

JMW

The lying water problem by the traffic calming measure in Waterloo Road was also mentioned. C.Cllr. Barnes stated that the problem was caused by the way the gateway had been constructed and that there was nothing wrong with the drains. He has cleared the drains himself to solve the problem of them filling up with rubbish.

Mrs. J. Houghton asked if there was any news on the sale of the Old Station in Salford Priors Parish. D.C. James reported that he understood an offer on the property had been made by someone from Broom.

Mr. J. Wilkes mentioned the Dog Waste Bin in the passageway by the School. Matters are in hand.

4 ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED UNDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Wheelchair access opposite Frog & Bullrush
- Speed limits
- Glass on Big Meadow
- Fishing Pegs
- Five a side football
- Broom Play Area
- Marleigh Road
- CCTV
- St.Lawrence Churchyard-youths

5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th December 2003 were approved and signed by the Chairman as being a true record.

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

6 POLICE MATTERS

P. C. P. Gateley reported that there has been 52 incidents in Bidford including 7 damage four of which involved catapaults, 2 assaults which have been resolved and one injury to a school boy in Victoria Road. If anyone has any information it is imperative that this be reported to the Police

On behalf of Cllr. Getgood JMW asked P.C.Gateley if he thought Neighbourhood Watch Schemes are worthwhile how and if so how do we go about setting them up? P.C.Gateley stated that he thought they were very useful. There are a few signs around the village which was good to see. The Village needs a volunteer to be co-ordinator. Dr. D. Hall from Barton who previously filled this role is now in his 80's. Barry Armitage at Stratford Police Station is responsible for Neighbourhood Watches and he will advise anyone interested. He can be contacted on 414111.

Cllr. Spiers requested the Police patrol round the back of the Churchyard to try and dissuade the youths from congregating there being a nuisance and leaving litter.

7 PLANNING

The Chairman announced that we would read out the Master Plan for the Friday Furlong site that the Parish Council had produced. Cllr. Moore left the Meeting as he declared an interest.

MASTER PLAN

1. Housing 120-135 maximum. A range of 2-5 bed traditional style properties to include:
 - Shared Ownership (2/3 bed)
 - Terraced 2/3 storey (Ideally 2 storey to continue up Waterloo Road as existing housing)
 - Semi-detached
 - Detached
 - Bungalows
2. Residential Home with car parking.
3. Landscaping to include “Balancing Ponds” to improve water management in Steppes Piece/Victoria Road and Waterloo Road. Small area of woodland also to be incorporated.
4. Street lighting to be “Dark Sky” to avoid light pollution.
5. Improved traffic calming on Waterloo Road and road layout – details to be sorted out with County Council.
6. Bus routes to go past the new estate with provision of a lay-by with Bus shelter.
7. No shop to be included in the development as this would be detrimental to trade in the High Street.
8. Play area with equipment, open play spaces and a Youth shelter to be incorporated.
9. Cycle/walkways from the new estate to the centre of the village (e.g. The Bank) to be improved.
10. Village Benefit (106 Agreement)

Construction of a building to incorporate a Nursery and Youth Centre, sited to allow for future provision of further equipment, plus an outside space play area (fenced).

The above points were agreed at a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday, 13th January 2004 all Councillors being present with the exception of Cllr. Moore who declared an interest.

Mr. M. Gerrard commented that he agreed with most of the Plan but he felt that there was a need to give more shared weight to smaller housing.

D.C.James stated that it set a good vision for the Friday Furlong site and welcomed the Nursery/Youth Club as a positive move.

D.C.Pemberton said that SDC would take on board the focus on housing.

Cllr. Moore re-joined the meeting.

03/03787/DEM

Colin Harry Haycock

7 Grange Road

Bidford-on-Avon

Demolish derelict outbuildings and rebuild (Renewal of SDCA98/0042)

SUPPORT

03/04029/FUL

Mrs. Ward

Land adj. 41 The Meadows,

Bidford-on-Avon

Proposed 3 bedroomed dwelling

AMENDMENT to above received 20/01/04 for information purposes only.

Proposal: Alterations to the existing house roof.

We consider this would be overbearing for neighbouring properties creating a cramped development, it is not land adjacent to No. 41 but the back garden. This property is on a corner of a narrow, busy road that already has a large number of cars parked on it. Vehicles exiting the proposed driveway would have very restricted visibility and would therefore be a danger to children, pedestrians and other road users

03/04075/FUL

Mr & Mrs N McNally

Mill Cottage

Mill Lane

Broom

Erection of single storey pitched roof rear extension; first floor pitched roof extension to rear and pitched roof car port to side.

SUPPORT

03/04018/FUL

Mr. & Mrs. E. J. Morrison

2 The Bank

Bidford-on-Avon

Remove existing bungalow and erect 3 x 3 bedroom dwellings.

SUPPORT

04/00049/FUL

Mr. Graice

23 Cleeve Road

Marlcliff

Bidford-on-Avon

Conservatory to rear.

SUPPORT

04/00001/LBC
04/00002/FUL
Mr. & Mrs. B. Iskander
The Malt House
25 Welford Road
Barton
Bidford-on-Avon.
Proposed Bedroom extension
SUPPORT

04/00063/OUT
DSM Demolition Ltd.
Geodis Limited,
Waterloo Road
Bidford-on-Avon
Mixed use development to provide B1 employment and residential use
CONCERN EXPRESSED AT LOSS OF EMPLOYMENT LAND.
INSUFFICIENT DETAILS.

04/00150/FUL
Mr. & Mrs. C. Millard
Paihia
47 St. Lawrence Way
Bidford-on-Avon
Two storey pitched roof side extension with two dormer windows. Converts existing garage into dining room.
SUPPORT

AMENDMENT
(For information only)

03/03101/FUL
Mr. & Mrs. Pyle
9 Jacksons Meadow
Bidford-on-Avon
Bedroom 3 ensuite bathroom omitted. Ensuite bathroom dormer window deleted and another dormer window relocated.

8 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

04/001 DOG BIN ALONG PASSAGEWAY ADJACENT THE SCHOOL

Arrangements in hand to move further down the pathway.

04/002 PUDDLES – HIGH STREET

(Min.03/271 refers)

Richard Elbourne from WCC Highways Dept has agreed to visit Bidford to inspect and report on the situation.

04/003 MOBILITY SCOOTER ACCESS

(Min.03/273 refers)

In conjunction with the above Mr. Elbourne will also inspect the dropped kerbs. Cllr. Mrs. Getgood is to arrange a meeting with Mr. Elbourne and Mr. MacDonald who uses a mobility scooter to discuss the problems he experiences.

CFG

04/004 OLD SCHOOL HOUSE

(Min. 03/274 refers)

No further news regarding the above site although it is believed that it is under offer.

04/005 BIDFORD BRIDGE

(Min.03/278 refers)

No further news from English Heritage to date.

04/005 TRIAL LIGHTING

(Min 03/279 refers)

No further news to date.

04/006 NOTICE BOARDS

(Min.03/297 refers)

Cllr. Mrs. Owen suggested that a local firm should be contacted to provide the three new notice boards required and will give details of the Company that made the Crawford Hall board to JMW.

JMW

04/007 SECTION 136

(Min. 03/306 refers)

Claim for a total of £12,469.28 submitted to SDC before the deadline of 31st January 2004.

04/008 PRECEPT REQUIREMENTS 2004/5

(Min.03/309 refers)

Agreed that the Parish Council's request for a Precept of £60,800 be submitted to SDC before the deadline of 31st January 2004. This figure reflects an increase of 3.05%.

(Prop. Cllr. Hiscocks, Sec.Cllr Moore)

04/009 GRIT BIN

It was agreed to purchase a Grit Bin and for it to be installed in St. Lawrence Way. Final positioning to be defined.

ALL

9 CORRESPONDENCE

04/010 LOCAL COUNCIL REVIEW

Copy given to every Councillor.

04/011 COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN

Updated Community Emergency Plan for Bidford distributed to every Councillor (the address of the School is incorrect on page 12 – to be re-issued).

04/012 WARWICKSHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY

Draft integrated risk management plan available.

04/013 WCC LIBRARY & INFORMATION SERVICE

Best Value Review re Consultation Workshops available.

04/014 BREAKTHROUGH BREAST CANCER

Cover Britain in Crocuses campaign details available. Agreed to support.

04/015 THE HEART OF ENGLAND WAY ASSOCIATION

Newsletter available.

04/016 WALC

Newsletter from WALC and leaflet re Children's Playgrounds Annual Inspections.

04/017 STRATFORD RENAL UNIT

Newsletter received for circulation.

04/018 AGE CONCERN

Agenda and Minutes from previous meeting of Age Concern.

04/019 PARISH PLANS 2004

Letter from WALC regarding Parish Plans 2004 networking – there will be a presentation from Bidford who have completed the Plan.

04/020 WALC BRIEFING SEMINAR

Circular regarding Briefing Seminar Saturday 13th March "Skills for serving your community" each Cllr. has details. Please advise if you wish to attend by 7th March.

04/021 WEST MIDLANDS PLANNING AID

Details from West Midlands Planning Aid regarding a Seminar for "Engaging the community and small businesses in the Planning process" to be held at University College Worcester on Tuesday, 24th February. All Cllrs. have a copy. Bookings on a first come first serve basis.

04/022 PENSIONS SERVICE

Letter from the Pensions Service regarding Benefit Information Surgeries – copies forwarded to Cllr. Langston and Cllr. Mrs. Getgood in case the information was any use to the Derby and Joan Club or the Jolly Teapot.

04/023 BIDFORD JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB

Mr. Blair from Bidford Juniors Football Club had written asking permission to place a lock up steel container on site. The transfer of the land from WCC to the Parish Council has not been finalised so it is not possible for the Council to grant permission at the moment. The Club to be advised of the situation.

JMW

04/024 BRITAIN IN BLOOM

Alcester in Bloom Chairman Maggie Payne has written concerning Britain in Bloom. The Council suggested the letter be forwarded to The Gardening Society as it may be of interest to the Members.

JMW

04/025 MILLERS BANK, BROOM

Mr. & Mrs. Stanley wrote expressing interest in purchasing land at Millers Bank, Broom. No decision can be taken at the moment as the transfer of responsibility has not been finalised. Mr. & Mrs. Stanley to be informed of the situation.

JMW

04/026 ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL- LIAISON GROUP

(Min.03/283 refers)

Letter received regarding a Liaison meeting 16th February at 7.30 initially for Chairman and Clerk. Unfortunately the Chairman will not be able to go. The Vice-Chairman Cllr. Mrs. Keeley and Clerk will attend. Alcester Town Clerk to be advised.

JK/JMW

04/027 COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES COMMISSION

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission has written enquiring if 3 war graves in St. Lawrence churchyard will be maintained by the Parish. The Commission to be advised that when the transfer of responsibility has been finalised the war graves will certainly be maintained and treated with all due respect.

JMW

04/028 RABBIT NUISANCE, SALFORD ROAD CEMETERY

Joy Hammersley sent in a complaint regarding the rabbits in Salford Road Cemetery. Last year had been a particularly good year for the rabbit population and despite the efforts of the Council and groundsman to try and resolve the problem by installing netting etc. it is still ongoing. Avon Pest Control to be contacted regarding this and the moles in the Churchyard.

JMW

04/029 GREENACRES SITE

Mr. Mike Atkins of Waterloo Road has written complaining about the building material tipped on the "Greenaces" site. Unfortunately no-one on the Council knows who owns the land and it is the responsibility of the landowner to clear the site. Stratford-on-Avon District Council have installed an earth mound to stop any further illegal tipping.

04/030 ENGLISH SERANATA

(Min.03/Fm141 refers)

Letter of thanks for the grant received from Stop! Listen play with English Serenata.

04/031 MRS. E.A.KIDNER

Mrs.Elizabeth Kidner sent a letter thanking the Council for her gifts following a presentation at the December Parish Council Meeting.

04/032 BIDFORD YOUTH CLUB

(Min.03/FM137 refers)

A letter received from Bidford Youth Club thanking the Council for the donation to ease the cash flow situation with a list of dates to arrange a convenient meeting. Members of the Youth Club management team were present at the meeting and Cllr .Mrs. Irving is to liaise with them to finalise a date for a meeting at the Youth Club to establish how the Council can be of further assistance.

04/033 MISS K.KOVACEVIC

Miss K. Kovacevic has contacted the Council requesting help regarding the history of Bidford and old pictures for her GCSE coursework project. It was suggested that Cllr. Spiers would be a good contact regarding the history of Bidford and D.C.James for population growth. Miss Kovacevic also to be advised of Alcester & District Local History Society and that Alcester Library may have some old photographs.

JMW

04/034 FRED PARROT SHIELD

News release received from Mark Lepkowski, Press Officer SDC, requesting nominations for the Fred Parrot Shield for the most outstanding Councillor in South Warwickshire. Anyone can put forward names of any local Parish, Town, District or County Councillor, past or present in the Stratford District. Nominations should be accompanied by a short letter stating the reasons and addressed to the Chairman of Stratford-on-Avon District Council, Elizabeth House, Church Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, C37 6HX. Closing date 1st April.

04/035 FOOTPATH, BROOM

Cllr. Moore had received a letter from Mrs. J. Marshall regarding the overgrown state of the footpath alongside the railway bridge at Broom. Sarah Manchester at WCC had been contacted and she did not think it was the responsibility of the County Council. Heart of England Way had been contacted and it is not their responsibility. Further investigation required.

04/036 SPEED BUMP BRAMLEY WAY

Communication received from Mr. Philip Stanley regarding the viciousness of the speed bump in Bramley Way. This had been circulated to all Cllrs. Refer to County Councillor's Report.

10 ACCOUNTS

The following receipts were noted:

David Baker	£65.00
Allotment Rents	£14.70
Geo. Clifford & Sons	£40.00
Philip Tomlins Ltd.	£65.00
David Baker	£190.00

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

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

11 PROPOSED YOUTH MEETING POINTS

A meeting is to be arranged to resolve the siting of the Youth Shelter in the Village with all parties concerned: Highways Dept., Parish, District and County Councillors, the Police.

KAJ

12 BIG MEADOW

A new pressed aluminium sign with revised wording to be ordered for the entrance. Dog waste disposal bags are to be provided to encourage members of the public to use the bins provided.

JMW

13 PARISH PLAN

Mr. M. Gerrard produced a mock up of the Parish Plan produced by Stratford District Council Cartographic Dept. which is very impressive. There are still some blank spaces for photographs. It will be a 16 page booklet and 2,500 copies will be required at a cost of approximately £2.400. Mr. Gerrard enquired if Cllr. Hiscocks would provide a Foreword of approximately 150 words.

FJH

AGREED that the Parish Council would pay for the production of the Plan on receipt of an Invoice addressed to the Parish Council. Prop: Cllr.Hiscocks, Sec: Cllr. Langston.

Mr. Gerrard also mentioned Grants available from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister's Living Space programme which is available for local groups. The Clerk also had information regarding this and although Grants are not applicable to Parish Councils it may be of some interest to Bidford Community Group, Broom Village Hall Committee and Crawford Hall. Copies of a newspaper article distributed.

14 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

D.Cllr.Pemberton reported as follows:-

- CCTV still not finally installed. Awaiting costings from Chris Wood.
- Youth Club. Meeting required to put an action plan in place now that the report from Piers King had been received.

D.Cllr.James reported the following:-

- Macer Nash SDC would like a response from the Parish Council regarding the Playing Field in Broom as soon as possible. There are several points to consider including boundaries, fencing, litter and tip area Agreed to take the matter to Committee.

15 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

C.Cllr Barnes reported the following:

- Grafton Lane. The Talisman to be installed in late February to establish traffic flows.
- Broom speed checks. Circulated copies of the analysis sheets summarising the speed checks carried out by WCC which he has mentioned to P.C.Gateley. Mr. Gerry Burbeck is in charge of traffic calming.
- Speed bump by School. Requests had been made to have some form of identification on the traffic calming measure in Bramley Way. It is not usual to have white painted chevrons on brick speed bumps. The possibility of a "speed bump ahead" notice could be considered.

Cllr. Mrs. Owen mentioned the surface water drainage problem along the Honeybourne Road opposite the Barn belonging to Mr. Harry Smith.

16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Mrs. Getgood had sent her apologies but following a meeting with the Clerk the following points were raised on her behalf:

1. Cars park at the end of the pavement by the corner opposite the Frog & Bullrush restricting access for wheelchairs/scooters. Could double yellow lines be put down or a sign saying "No Parking – Disabled access".
A sign would not be possible as it is private land but the possibility of double yellow lines to be investigated. There is a change in regulations due in July and Traffic Wardens should patrol principle villages on a daily basis.
2. Speed limits – article from paper reporting that WCC are spending £350,000 on reducing village speed limits across the county. Why not Bidford?
S.D.C. James to send a copy of a report from the Area Committee to JMW.
Recommended that the Council should write requesting when a revue of Bidford will take place and also request that the Talisman as used in Broom could be made available and a flashing light.
3. Mr. John Sandle reported to Cllr. Getgood that over Christmas a dog belonging to a visitor to Bidford had lost a paw pad after cutting it on the glass on the Big Meadow. Could signs be installed e.g. "Would you like this to happen to your dog" or are there any other measures that could be taken to try and make people think more.
It was generally considered that a notice would not make any difference to the irresponsible people guilty of offences of this nature.
4. Fishing pegs. Could the Fishing Clubs please request their members and visitors to remove all rubbish from the pegs as empty luncheon meat tins had been found which are a danger to children and animals.
Mr. J. Wilkes responded that it was not members of any Fishing Club using the river bank that were responsible for this as the offence as it carried a penalty of immediate disqualification from all Clubs. This irresponsible behaviour is carried out by culprits beyond their control.

5. Five a side football. Cllr. Mrs. Getgood has been approached by someone who would be prepared to rent a floodlit five a side football pitch. Would this be possible now that the Parish Council has access to the electrical supply on Monie Meadow? It would also be something else for the youth of the village to do.
The Council agreed that a project of this nature would not be feasible at the moment as all due consideration had to be given as to be the best use of the land to benefit the community.

Marleigh Road. Cllr. Mrs. Irving read out a draft letter in reply to Lucy Workman regarding the play equipment in Marleigh Road. It was agreed that this should be typed and forwarded.

Broom Play Area. Refer to Item 14.

CCTV. Refer to Item 14.

St. Lawrence Churchyard youths. Refer to Item 6.

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

Following discussion of the matters recorded in the confidential minutes, the meeting closed at approximately 10.35 p.m.