

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 29th March 2004, 7.30p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room, Bramley Way, Bidford-on-Avon.

PRESENT

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

District Councillors: James and Pemberton

County Councillor: Barnes (arrived late)

The Chairman opened the Meeting by welcoming everyone present.

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from D.Cllr. Slaughter, Cllr. Mrs. Irving and P.C.P. Gateley.

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 youths kicking fence panels along the pathway by the School as several have had to be replaced and requested that the Police patrol the area.

Mr. Roberts questioned the possibility of a “No Ball Games” sign in Glebe Close due to football being played in the road. Mr. Roberts was informed that even if there was a sign the Parish Council had no right of enforcement.

4 ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED UNDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Sign on Big Meadow stating Please Keep your dog under control/must be kept on a leash.
- Blooming Bidford Co-ordinator.
- Holes in road by end of High Street and Budgens.
- Tarmac waste Tower Hill

5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23rd February 2004 were approved and signed by the Chairman as being a true record apart from Cllr. Mrs. Keeley pointing out that it was Mr. McLellan who had met Mr. Elbourne and not Mr. MacDonald (Min.04/039 refers.) The clerk apologised.
Prop. Cllr.Smith. Sec. Cllr.Mrs. Hodgetts

6 POLICE MATTERS

Apologies had been received from P. C. P. Gateley.
Cllr. Smith commented that there had been a problem of “door knocking” in High Street which had continued until 1.45a.m.on Saturday, 27th March and he had left a message for P.C.Gateley regarding this nuisance.

7 PLANNING

04/00425/FUL
Mr. P. Reichell
4 Albion Terrace
Broom
Single storey extension to form self contained granny flat.
Support

04/00442/LBC
Lloyds Bank Plc
48 High Street
Bidford-on-Avon
Proposed refurbishment to internal ground floor. Erection of demountable partitions for meeting rooms and stud partition for staff room. Erection of a disabled access.
Support

04/00569/FUL
Mr. R. Lamb
5 Cox Close
Bidford-on-Avon
Two storey pitched roof side extension
Support

04/00579/REM
Westbury Homes Ltd.
Bidford-on-Avon Junior & Infant School
Victoria Road
Bidford-on-Avon
Approval of reserved matters of outline planning permission 99/03592/OUT for 48 dwellings.
The clerk read out 5 letters of objection which had been submitted to Stratford District Council and copied to the Parish Office.
Following discussion regarding the Application Cllr. Mrs. Owen proposed that there should be no 3 storey properties on the development. Seconded: Cllr. Mrs. Getgood.
For: Cllrs. Mrs. Owen, Mrs. Getgood. Against: Cllrs. Mrs. Keeley, Mrs. Hodgetts, Hiscocks, Langston, Smith, Spiers and Moore.

1. The Parish Council would like to see the ratio of affordable homes as follows:

- 1/3rd Low Cost*
- 1/3rd Co-ownership*
- 1/3rd Rented*

2. Concern has been raised regarding the felling of the Horse Chestnut tree T1 which is subject to a TPO and it is regarded that it will have greater amenity value. Should the District Council agree to the felling we respectfully request that it is replaced with an established deciduous tree.

04/00580/VARY
Westbury Homes Ltd.
Bidford-on-Avon Junior & Infants School
Victoria Road
Bidford-on-Avon
Variation of condition 22 of permission 99/03592/out to allow multiple access point onto Victoria Road.
The Parish Council will be requesting traffic calming measures in Victoria Road.

04/00740/REM
Bidford Grange Hotel and Golf Course
Bidford Grange Golf Club
Bidford Grange
Bidford-on-Avon
Application for approval of reserved matters relating to design, siting external appearance and access, with reference to outline approval 01/00216/OUT for the demolition of existing two storey dwelling and relocation on adjoining land.
Support
04/00672/FUL

Mr. John F. C. Short
5 Glebe Close
Bidford-on-Avon
Erection of conservatory to rear.

Support

04/00701/FUL
Mr. & Mrs. D. Burn
Bush House
High Street
Broom
Single storey extension to enlarge kitchen and hall.

Support

04/701/LBC
Mr. & Mrs. D. Burn
Bush House
High Street
Broom
Single storey extension to enlarge kitchen and hall.

Support

04/00860/FUL
Mark Watts
27 Steppes Piece
Bidford on Avon
Erection of conservatory to rear

Support

04/00880/FUL
Mr. & Mrs. J Meehan
68 Victoria Road
Bidford on Avon
Proposed first floor pitched roof side extension

Support

For information only:

04/00355/FUL
Miss R Fitzpatrick
Stonehouse
18 Welford Road
Barton

Garage has been reduced in size and design altered slightly to adopt a more traditional design.

04/00063/OUT
DSM Demolition Ltd.
Geodis Ltd
Waterloo Road
Application has been withdrawn.

The following two Planning Applications had been discussed at a Meeting held on 4th March 2004 as the consultation periods could not be extended.

04/00394/FUL

Peter Drew Contracts Ltd.

2 Bidford Road

Broom

Alterations to existing entrance to site and erection of office extension to existing warehouse.

We agree with alterations to the unit but express concern regarding the new entrance

04/00457/TREE

Warwickshire County Council

Land adj. 112 High Street

Bidford-on-Avon

Remove all sycamore and maple growing next to wall.

Crown lift to 2.5m remaining trees.

The one offending tree that is touching the wall to be removed. Other trees to remain as screening with all suckers at bottom to be removed.

Cllr. Moore stated that in view of the sustained high volume of Planning Applications that the Parish Council has to consider and of the time taken at Meetings to fully and properly examine all of the facts he proposed that this should be transferred from the full Parish Council Meeting to a separate meeting. All decisions to be reported fully at the next Parish Council Meeting.

Proposed: Cllr. Moore. Seconded Cllr. Langston. Agreed unanimously.

8 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

04/063 WEED AND SILT IN THE RIVER

The weed problem by the bridge had been raised at a Meeting with the Angling Clubs on 9th March 2004. Mr. P.Bidwell from Upper Avon Navigation Trust had been contacted and he advised that this would have to be a joint venture with the Environment Agency who removes the rubbish. Mr. B.Garrad from the Environment Agency agreed to send out a Rivers Inspector but advised that Mr. M.Young from Flood Defence Management be contacted who agreed to give the matter consideration. Mr. Bidwell is going to liaise with Mr. Garrad re the Rivers Inspector.

04/064 TOWER HILL PAVEMENT

(Min. 04/037 refers)

Pavement resurfaced today.

04/065 CLEAN WATER COVER HIGH ST/CHURCH STREET

Ongoing.

04/066 NOTICE BOARDS

(Min.04/006 refers)

Mr. & Mrs. Dyde are agreeable to a new notice board being fixed to their wall. Quotes to be obtained.

JMW

04/067 GRIT BIN ST. LAWRENCE WAY

(Min.04/009 refers)

Received at WCC & Mr. Elbourne has been out to inspect site prior to installation.

04/068 BROOM FOOTWAY

(Min.04/048 refers)

Mr. Elbourne has agreed to go and inspect the problem.

04/069 BROOM SPEEDING

(Min.04/050 refers)

Mr. Birkbeck is agreeable to attend a meeting to discuss the situation. C.Cllr. Barnes is prepared to arrange a meeting with all parties concerned if that is what the PC would like and suggests it is in Broom. Agreed.

04/070 BIG MEADOW ICE CREAM SOLE RIGHTS

(Min.03/FM206 refers)

Mr. Ford has asked if three monthly instalments would be acceptable to the Council. Agreed.

04/071 FIRST RESPONDER SCHEME

(Min. 04/058 refers)

List of costs received from Mr. Wiles. Details to be placed in Grants Application File.

Cllr. Mrs. Keeley suggested Mr. Wiles should contact the Royal Life Saving Society. To date no contact has been made with Salford Priors Parish Council.

04/072 HOME COMPOSTING INITIATIVE

(Min. 04/060 refers)

Availability of School Hall on Friday evenings checked. Suggested date 18th June 2004.

Mr. Lindsey to be contacted.

JMW

04/073 FROG & BULRUSH DOUBLE YELLOW LINES

Awaiting reply from Traffic Group.

04/074 TREES & SIGNAGE THE LEYS

Telephone call from Tom Coles to the Parish Office confirming SWHA will look into matters.

9 CORRESPONDENCE

Available to interested Members:

- Office of the Deputy Prime Minister – consultation papers regarding Standards Boards.
- Stratford District Council supplementary planning guidance regarding provision of public open space.
- Cancer Research UK Race for Life in Stratford.
- Warwickshire County Council public transport interchange strategy.
- Warwickshire County Council undergrounds and playground connections to history.
- The Arden Newsletter.
- DEFRA – Partnership in rolling out broadband to rural communities.
- Glasdons Local Councils News Sheet.

- Copies of letters sent to the Inspectorate regarding MRW Ltd. received from Avon Hydraulics, Piltec, Converging Solutions, Alcester High School, Aquaid, Lewis & King Electrical Supplies, Techsil, Orion and Dennis Direct.

04/075 GRAFFITI

Complaint received regarding graffiti on the wall along the passageway from Bramley Way. Property owner to be advised it is not the responsibility of the Parish Council to remove this.

04/076 PARISH CLERKS LIAISON MEETINGS

Liaison meetings for Chairmen and clerks to be re-instated. First meeting on April 7th 2004 in Elizabeth House.

04/077 SCHOOL TRIP TO SYMPHONY HALL

Letter of thanks received from Mrs. Honeybunn for the £100 one off donation towards the transport costs.

04/078 WARWICKSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST

Letter offering assistance with the production of the Parish Plan as WWF is seeking funds from the Heritage Lottery Fund. WWF to be advised that the Bidford Plan has been completed and extend the good wishes of the Council.

04/079 PARISH NOTICE BOARD

Mrs. Honeybunn kindly offered the Parish Council an unused Notice Board. Arden Construction has been requested to put it up.

04/080 BIDFORD CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMMITTEE

Mr. S. Holloway had written to inform the Parish Council that the Committee will not be organising an event on Bank Holiday Monday and seeking permission to stage the Duck Race. Other organisations to be contacted regarding Bank Holiday. Cllr. Mrs. Keeley on behalf of the Christmas Lights Committee requested that the Parish Council take over responsibility of Poles 1, 9 and 10 in High Street from WCC to avoid any future problems regarding attaching lights to Pole 9. Agreed.

04/081 BIDFORD YFA

Letter of thanks received from Mr. R.Shepherd for the grant of £1,000.00. Cllr.Mrs.Owen suggested that BYFA might consider organising a Bank Holiday event possibly in conjunction with the Youth Club in order to raise funds. S.D.Cllr.James commented that the grant forms forwarded by Mrs. L.Workman had not been completed at SDC.

04/082 K.A.O.S

Application for a grant received to help with the provision of soft furnishings, new mobile phone etc. which will be considered with other grant applications later in the year. To be suggested that they contact Mrs. L.Workman with a view to applying for assistance.

04/083 M.G.S.GARDEN SERVICES

Letter received raising two points:

1. Insurance re needles. Confirmed that if proper equipment is provided e.g. gloves/sharps box etc. there is Insurance cover.

2. Payment re punctures on tractor tyres whilst mowing Monie Meadow. Cllr. Smith declared an interest and left the meeting. It was felt that as MGS Garden Services had been paid to clear the field the Parish Council would not be held responsible for paying for punctures. MGS Garden Services to be advised. Cllr. Smith returned.

04/084 WARWICKSHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2004

The Council do not wish to enter this year.

04/085 THE BANK, MARLCLIFF

A letter has been forwarded to the Parish Office after circulating various Departments of WCC and SDC since 5th February 2004 requesting that the 3ft. strip of grass from the telephone box to the bottom of The Bank be mowed. Neither WCC nor SDC accept responsibility for this. Cllr. Hiscocks asked if Cllr. Smith would undertake this and he agreed.

10 ACCOUNTS

The following receipts were noted:

Steven Mears	£250.00
Mrs. J. Hammersley	£110.00
A. E .Bennett & Sons	£ 70.00

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

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

11 PROPOSED YOUTH MEETING POINTS

Cllr. Mrs. Irving had sent her apologies.

12 BIG MEADOW

The new sign for the Meadow entrance has been ordered.

There had been a request for another goal post to be installed. Cllr. Hiscocks stated that preference should be given to the Basketball Court and was waiting to arrange a meeting with National Basketball Association. **FJH**

Cllr. Smith requested permission to hold a Vintage Event on 5th/6th June. Agreed.

13 PARISH PLAN

The Parish Plan is ready for distribution and being stored in The Crawford Hall until the return of Mr. M. Gerrard.

14 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

With regard to the CCTV D.C.Pemberton reported that installation had been further delayed by a second team from BT discovering that initial work by the first team had not been completed correctly. He has written to Lee Marshall, Street Scene Manager, SDC to try and expedite matters.

D.C.James reported as follows:

- The Recycling Bins in Budgens car park considered to be unsafe and unfair to Budgens.
- Lloyds Bank granted Planning Permission subject to some amendments for the re-arranged floor layout.
- Representations had been sent to the Planning Inspectorate re the MRW Ltd. Appeal.
- The picture of the vandalised building in the Review had been replaced with one of the river.
- Bidford PC to be congratulated as having one of the lowest Tax Bands for the size of the Parish.

D.C.Pemberton raised the matter of improved landscaping for Marleigh Road Play area. Cllr. Hiscocks confirmed that this was in the Precept for this year and would be undertaken in the autumn.

15 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- Cllr. Barnes reported that the speeding issue in Grafton Lane was not as bad as Broom. One vehicle count had been done but another was being undertaken with particular concern regarding HGV's. The average speed was 34 mph. Awaiting reports.
- With support from P.C.Gateley the builders have agreed to install a sign pointing out the traffic calming measure by the School.
- The Planning Inspectorate has received 300 letters regarding the MRW Ltd. appeal; to date 127 copies have been received by the County Council.
- Cllr. Barnes mentioned the tarmac waste on Tower Hill. Severn Trent to be contacted.

16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. A gentleman had contacted the Parish Office regarding loose dog attacking his dog on two separate occasions and requested "Keep your dog under control/must be kept on a leash sign". Signs of this nature have been strongly objected to in the past and there is no power of enforcement.
2. Blooming Bidford co-ordinator. The previous co-ordinator Cllr. Mrs.S.Blick has left Bidford-on-Avon and she has not been replaced yet.
3. The condition of the road by the end of High Street and by Budgens to be referred to WCC.
4. Tarmac waste in Tower Hill to be referred to Severn Trent

RESOLVED, that the Council go into Committee, to discuss confidential matters.

(Prop.Cllr. Hiscocks, Sec. Cllr. Mrs. Keeley)

Following discussion of the matters recorded in the confidential minutes, the meeting closed at approximately 10.45p.m.

