

BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 27th September 2004 at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room, Bramley Way, Bidford on Avon

PRESENT

Chairman	Cllr. F.J., Hiscocks
Councillors:	Ms. Deacon Mrs. Getgood, Mrs. Keeley, Gerrard, Langston, Moore, Sandle and Spiers
District Councillors:	James, Pemberton and Slaughter
County Councillor	Barnes

Also present were three members of the public and members of the press

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming those present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman advised that Cllr. Mrs. Irving had tendered her resignation.
Acceptance was proposed by Cllr. Sandle

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON ITEMS OF THE AGENDA

All members of the Council are respectfully reminded that in order to comply with the Code of Conduct adopted by the Parish Council on 29th April 2002 if any matter arises during the meeting in which they have Declared an Interest which could be personal or prejudicial they should declare so and leave the room

Cllrs. Mrs. Getgood declared interest in the Youth Club as member of the Bidford Community Group and Cllr. Mrs. Keeley as member of the Youth Club Committee
Cllr. Gerrard declared an interest in the B40 Parish Appraisal Plan

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23RD AUGUST 2004

Proposed by Cllr. Gerrard.

Cllr. Mrs. Keeley advised that the ditch in the Anglo Saxon car park has not been filled in, as mentioned under Point 15. She has met with Mervyn Hancock and is having a further meeting regarding this matter.

4. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No questions raised

5. REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

- a) Letter had been sent regarding naming the Old School Development "Old School Mead"
- b) Letter sent to Bob Yarwood, WCC, requesting quotations for the replacement of the street lights. Quotations received and read out – cost of £750.42 each. It was decided that the clerk should inspect the street lights together with Bob Yarwood and prioritise. Concern was shown that although WCC inspect the street lights once a month, no report is forthcoming following this and the clerk was asked to bring this to their attention.
- c) WRCC Questionnaire will be sent out together with the Bidford Parish Newsletter. The Questionnaires have been printed and sent.
- d) Cllrs. Hiscocks and Moore together with the clerk have attended the induction day on 25th September which they confirmed had been most helpful.
- e) S.D. Cllr. James sent a communication to Ruth Rose regarding the Willow Tree
- f) Basketball quotations accepted and work has already started

6. POLICE MATTERS

None

7. CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman read the following list:

- a) SDC regarding parking in Bidford-on-Avon circulated and main points read out
- b) Letters of thanks for donations received from:
 - Breast Cancer Breakthrough (with brochures available for those interested)
 - Council for Voluntary Service
 - Warwickshire Association for the Blind
 - Stratford Renal Unit
 - Bidford on Avon Sports Association – with apologies for the delay
 - Bidford Youth Club – the Chairman added that they were delighted with the donation and were moving forward with the improvements. Cllr. Mrs. Getgood informed the Council that they had received advice concerning insurance which resulted in a substantially lower premium
- c) Blakedown Sportsturf – details of services they offer. Council agreed they should be kept on file as they could be useful
- d) WCC – the 2001 Census in Warwickshire – Parish Profile – circulated. The problems that arise from the make up of the village population when requesting grants was highlighted.
- e) Age Concern – re OAK (Older People Advice Knowledge base) Project – copy requested and given to Cllr. Mrs. Getgood. Also advised to send copy to Mrs. Hall

- f) WCC – Your views to access to the countryside – circulated. Form completed after consultation and being returned before due date of 30th Sept. 2004
- g) WCC – MRW appeal to Sec. of State rejected – circulated
- h) Sports and Leisure Directory Update – notice had been put up and questionnaires made available. None received
- i) Council for Voluntary Service and Volunteer Bureaux letter of invitation to their AGM. As it was on the same day as the Parish Council Meeting attendance was not possible.
- j) WALC Newsletter re Employment Update – circulated
- k) WALC – Information regarding Training Workshops. A number of councilors and have expressed a wish to attend “Interpreting plans and guidance on responding to planning applications” and “Financial risk Management, Budgeting, Internal Controls, Internal Audits”

8. AVAILABLE FOR INTERESTED MEMBERS

Council for Volunteer Service and Volunteer Bureaux – Annual Report and the Arden Newsletter Autumn 2004

9. LICENSING ACT

It was agreed to complete the form after the meeting and return it before 1st October.

10. GRAFTON LANE

Following the letter received from WCC it was agreed that the clerk write to the residents of Grafton Lane for their comments concerning the widening of the footpath to facilitate the way for pedestrians, buggies, wheel chairs etc.

11. PUBLIC OPEN SPACE MARLEIGH ROAD

Draft of Lease was approved and clerk instructed to advise Robert Lunn accordingly

12. TRAVEL TOKENS~

More tokens to be distributed on Thursday 21st October at the Jolly Teapot. The clerk to put posters in prominent places.

13. JUBILEE CLOSE PLAY AREA

Following the dismantling of the playing bridge, the clerk to obtain quotations for its replacement.

14. B50 PLAN

The Council reviewed the above and how to start implementing the findings, namely

- New Housing Survey – this is being dealt with by the Questionnaire going out with the Newsletter in October
- Traffic and Transport issues – the clerk to arrange a meeting with WC Cllr. Barnes, the Police and Cllr. Gerrard in early November to look into this matter before approaching WCC

- Putting together the voluntary and community activities recommended. A number of people had volunteered to take care of:

- the elderly
- the youth
- environment

It was suggested that these volunteers should be contacted and mobilized. W.C.Cllr. Barnes suggested contacting officials from WCC to look into the problems.

15. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Financial Regulations as agreed at the meeting of 31st August 2004 were proposed by Cllr. Gerrard and unanimously adopted

16. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

Internal Audit approved on 31st August 2004 and accounts sent to external audit. Minutes of this meeting signed.

17. WORKING PARTIES/COMMITTEES

The clerk had sent all councilors details of the above and it was decided that Amenities and Play Areas was to continue as a Working Party. The next meeting is to be on 14th October when a new Chairman will be appointed to replace Cllr. Mrs. Irving who has resigned.

It was also decided that the Allotment and Burials should be a Working Party and their first meeting will take place on 3rd November.

The Emergency Working Group will meet on 26th October to amend the existing details on record.

It was decided that the Finance and Strategy should both be part of the Financial and Strategy Committee – date of first meeting to be confirmed with the RFO – the clerk to contact him in this respect.

18. BROOM VILLAGE HALL

The Project coordinator of Broom Village has approached the Council asking for its support in the obtaining of a grant for the rebuilding of the Village Hall – the estimated cost of this is £200k. The Council unanimously reiterated its support for this.

WC Cllr. Barnes advised that, despite his efforts, there was no grant available from County Council – as advised before there is only a limited amount of grant money and a large number of applicants.

19. YOUTH CLUB

Item withdrawn until after the Youth Club AGM.

20. PROJECTOR

The possibility of purchasing a projector to facilitate the showing of planning applications was discussed. The Chairman volunteered to bring a projector and laptop for the next meeting to see how it would work. The cost would be in the area of £2/2.5k

21. PARISH COUNCILLOR'S ALLOWANCE

Due consideration had been given to this since the last Parish Council Meeting and it was unanimously decided that this should be adopted. It will give current and future councillors better opportunities.

22. SPORTS ASSOCIATION

The Sports Association have requested that the setting of the rent be delayed until after their next meeting. The Council agreed to do so.

23. NOTICE BOARDS

The clerk advised that she had received three quotes. The Council agreed to allow the clerk to make the final decision. Quotes received were for £475 and £625 ex VAT

24. ACCOUNT

The Chairman read out the list of cheque payments as per the attached list

Purchases	82,573.21
Wages	1,921.58
In. Revenue	1,779.57

Payments received:

R.G. Ford	550.00
G. Clifford	65.00
Philip Tomlins	145.00
Anstey & District Funeral Services :	290.00

Resolved that Cllrs. Mrs. Getgood and Sandle should sign

25. CLERK REQUEST FOR TRAINING

The request was supported – the cost is £195.00 for the pack.

26. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report

27. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

1. Spouting opposite Budgens has been done
2. Westholme Rd. – lowering of the drain has been done
3. Marleigh Rd. light has been done
4. Barton Road – rebuilding work will start on 1st November.
5. Free electric blanket testing – this will be carried out on Friday 22nd October at The Reformed Church – contact Tel. No. 0800 413332

6. WCC is to see members of the Government regarding more affordable housing in the county.

28. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Planning Committee:
Parish Council

11th October
25th October

The Meeting close at approx. 9.00 p.m.