



The Parish Council agreed that this was very stressing to the local residents and the clerk was instructed to write to appropriate authorities.

- Cllr. Barnes had attended the meeting organised by the Cotswold Line Promotion Group, where improved services from Honeybourne to London were advised. Negotiations to improve the bus services from Bidford to Honeybourne to take full advantage of this new, improved service are taking place, as well as with taxi companies.
- A constructive meeting regarding the B50 Parish Plan had taken place with the Parish Council and the Police. Following from this a speed measurement at Tower Hill would take place within the next ¾ weeks.
- The new library times at Bidford Library are now fully operational. Also computer experts were now on line during weekends to assist those using the library computers.
- Following the inspection of some trees in Kings Lane, Broom, they were considered to be unsafe and a reduction of 40% will be carried out, as well as work on the oak tree.
- Traffic in High Street Broom, speed counts confirmed speeding in the direction towards Bidford Road. Draft plans for traffic calming in Broom have been drawn up.

#### **REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

- SDC Cllrs. James, Pemberton and Slaughter, as well as WCC Cllr. Barnes had had successful surgery on 13<sup>th</sup> November, attended by residents of Barton and Marcliffe as well as Bidford.
- Speeding remains a problem. Looking into the possibility of reducing the speed limits on Salfrod Rd. from the roundabout to Crawford Hall.
- The green waste bins are being stopped and this is being taken up with Trevor Askew
- WCC investigating the continuous flooding on C103
- CCTV notices are now up
- Grants had been awarded to The Bidford Young Firefighters (£2,975) and towards the construction of the new Village Hall in Broom (£15,000)

The Chairman then opened the meeting

#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Chairman advised that Cllrs. Ms. Deacon and Moore were unable to attend. Apologies were accepted.

#### **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 29<sup>th</sup> 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. Keeley, Langston and Spiers declared an interest in the Christmas Lights.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2004**

Proposed by Cllr. Mrs. Keeley

**4. REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

a) Christmas lights – Revd. David Hall and Mr. Steve Holloway were advised that the Council agreed to the Christmas lights and P.C. Peter Gately contacted them as agreed regarding position of the lights to minimize the risk of vandalism.

The Clerk was requested to send a thank you letter to the organizers.

b) Cotswold Line Promotional Group - New timetable for trains from Honeybourne, valid from 13<sup>th</sup> December 2004 is on the Parish Council Notice board in Bramley Way and the Clerk can be contacted for timetable information.

c) Land at the rear of Dugdale Avenue – the Clerk replied to Paula Davies requesting assurances regarding the right of way. The reply was unsatisfactory and the Clerk raised points which remain unanswered to date.

d) Broadband has now been installed in the Parish Council Office

e) Land at Millers Bank/Kings Lane, Broom

The Chairman advised that the clerk spoke to the legal dept. at SDC regarding another matter and mentioned this. It appears the delay is due to the work being carried out at Elizabeth House so he will not be chasing this until the new year.

f) Marleigh Rd. – Information regarding type of tree and height requested and reply received from Jason Tombs at WCC

The Chairman advised that work will be carried out in the next 6/8 weeks

g) The Clerk investigated alternative supplier of street lights columns. However, these companies are unable to carry out the electrical connection to the column and once this cost is added the quote received from WCC is competitive. The Clerk gave instructions for lamp post No. 7, The Leys to be made safe and replaced at the new site.

h) The Clerk has written to WCC regarding Grafton Lane and giving details of the replies received.

As no reply has been received by the Council concerning this matter, the Clerk was instructed to chase the matter.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Chairman read out the following list of letters received by the Council

a) WALC – Newsletter – circulated

b) Heart of England Way Ass. Invitation to AGM on 11.11.2004

c) Mrs. Kath Robinson – thank you e-mail

d) E-mail from Kathie Jones regarding repairs to Welford Rd. and Clerks reply

e) WCC letter regarding changes to work to be carried out to Welford Rd. Barton, which will take place between 10<sup>th</sup> January and 18<sup>th</sup> February 2005.

f) OPDM – Letter regarding New Ethical Regulations which came into force on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2004

g) Letter from Warwickshire Crimestoppers thanking the Council for its donation

h) WRCC – Consulting and Involving Young People in Parishes requesting the completion of a questionnaire

Questionnaire to be completed and sent to WRCC with the request that Council would appreciate details of the date collated.

i) Letter from Mr. D. Goodyear re development at Friday Furlong

j) Letter from Revd. David Hall requesting clarification of the responsibilities of Parish and District Councils in respect of St. Laurence's Churchyard following inspection by the Church's architect.

The Clerk was instructed to look into this and advise Rev. Hall accordingly.

k) SDC – Letter regarding Statement of Community Involvement enclosing Questionnaire

This form had already been completed and returned by a member of the Council

l) SDC – Tree Warden Warden Scheme – circulated. There is a meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec, at 7.30 at SDC Offices. Literature available.

m) Letter from Mr. R. Warden and Miss C. Grant of 2 Bramley Way requesting the use of the Big Meadow for a wedding breakfast on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept. 2005 from 16.30 to 23.30. It will involve a marquee and music and dancing.

Due to the possible legal implications involved, the Clerk was requested to write to Roger Stone, Trustee of the Estate Charity of Alice Duchess Dudley and seek his approval.

n) WALC - enclosing Policy Update from OPDM regarding Draft Revised circular on Planning Obligations – circulated

o) WALC – Information regarding Workshops – Clerk's Away Days and The Quality Parish and Town Council Scheme – circulated

p) The Standards Board for England – Code of Conduct booklet – circulated

q) GBH Engineering – Information on skateparks – to be discussed at the next Amenities and Playground Group Meeting

r) Patient and Public Involvement Forum (PPIF) – introductory letter regarding the PPIF, with contact details and information leaflets.

Leaflet left in Broom Village Hall. The others to be made available at the Parish Office

s) The National Trust – advertising a volunteer training course

## **6. AVAILABLE FOR INTERESTED MEMBERS**

a) CPRE \_ Outlook Magazine Raising the Profile of Warwickshire

b) WCC – Viewpoint Autumn/Winter Issue

c) WCC – Local Transport Plan – Annual Progress Report

d) WCC – Winter Maintenance in Warwickshire

e) CPRE - Countryside Voice Magazine

Copies of the above left at the Broom Village Hall

f) WCC – The PTES Year in Review 2003-04

## **7. PUBLIC OPEN SPACE MARLEIGH ROAD**

Contract (2 copies) signed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman

## **8. TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES IN BROOM**

The Chairman invited the residents of Broom to look at the drafts that have been drawn up to give their comments which, the Council appreciated would be more relevant to the discussion. The draft proposals were left with the Broom Village Hall Committee, who are meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> December, and they will revert to the Council with their comments. The Chairman proposed that a further meeting, which would be open to the residents of Broom to make their comments, could be arranged at a later date.

## **9. YOUTH SHELTERS**

Extension has been given to the grant to end of July.

Application papers for the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme have been received in respect of the additional costs of the safety barrier required for the second youth shelter in Bidford

The youth shelter on the Big Meadow, next to the basketball court has been installed. Broom Village Hall Committee would like to discuss the placing of the youth shelter in Broom with the Council and will contact the office after they have their meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> December.

## **10. BIG MEADOW**

The Clerk was instructed to request a bin to be installed by the new basketball court

## **11. SPORTS ASSOCIATION**

Members of the Council recently met the Sports Association and it was proposed that the rent be set at £1,050.00 for the current year, rising by 5% per annum until 2008 inclusive.

Cllr. Sandle proposed acceptance of this, which was unanimously approved.

## **12. THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE**

The Chairman advised that correspondence had been received from Hunter Page Planning Ltd. enclosing details of a survey carried out. This had been sent on to SDC together with a request that they carried out a similar survey to establish the exact condition of the Old School House. All members of the Council expressed their concern about the possible demolition of this building which both the Council and the local residents believe is an important feature of the Village. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Planning Officer and make clear their opposition to any change to the planning permission already granted and to seek advice as to the possibility of having a preservation order on the building.

## **13. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY**

No requests were received by SDC following the Statutory Notice published following the resignation of Cllr. Mrs. Irving. The Clerk was requested to advertise the vacancy for a Parish Councillor, Bidford-on-Avon Ward

#### 14. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning applications were discussed as they required urgent replies before the next Planning Meeting, which is on 13<sup>th</sup> December.

04/03343/FUL

Mr. G. Silcock, Riverside, Kings Lane, Broom

Proposed erection of car port/store

*No representation*

04/03468/VARY

Ashton Hall, Grange Meadow Caravan Park, Grange Rd.

Extension of opening period to caravan park from 1<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> December (currently opened from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> October)

*No representation*

#### 15. **SAFEKEEPING OF DEEDS**

The Chairman advised that the Clerk had looked into the various possibilities of safekeeping of the Deeds, and other important documents, held by the Council. Although the solicitors offer the nest option, they are currently unable to offer this service due to lack of space. In the meantime, it was decided to keep them at the bank who will make a six month charge of £15.

#### 16. **REPAIRS TO THE ROAD LEADING TO THE CEMETERY**

This road was recently damaged by work being carried out to the Bowling Club and the Clerk was instructed to write to G.S. John Builders requesting them to make the necessary repairs.

#### 17. **EMERGENCY UNIT**

The following is available at the Parish Council Office in Bramley Way and at the Library:

- a. Residents Flood Pack
- b. Ready to Respond
- c. Flood Directory – Warwickshire
- d. Damage limitation – how to make your home flood resistant
- e. After a flood – how to restore your house

Further information can be obtained from the website

[www.bidfordonavon-pc.gov.uk](http://www.bidfordonavon-pc.gov.uk) which has links to Warwickshire County Council's Emergency website

Copies of the above were left at the Broom Village Hall

#### 18. **STATUTORY RESOLUTION**

Statutory Resolution for the Clerk to be a pensionable employee subject to the terms and provisions of the Local Government Superannuation Regulations – notice posted on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2004.

This was proposed by Cllr Sandle and unanimously adopted

**19. PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS DATES FOR 2005**

No decision made except to confirm the November 2005 will once again take place in Broom.

**20. RISK ASSESSMENT**

Risk Assessment sheet, detailing the current playground equipment, was approved and it was agreed that this should form part of the weekly inspection.

**21. MOWER**

It was agreed to discuss the current contract with the contractor on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 pm at the Parish Council Office. The Clerk to obtain legal advice from NALC.

**22. YOUTH CLUB**

The Chairman read out a letter from the Youth Club regarding the collection of recyclable aluminium cans to raise much needed funds for this voluntary organization. Details posted on the Parish Notice Board

**23. ACCOUNTS**

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

Purchases	£44,312.96
Wages	1,767.77

Payments received

Cemetery sales	£ 290.00
Car Parking	170.00
SDC Grant Crawford Hall	88,135.00
Allotment rents	839.20
VAT refund	16,761.88

Resolved that Cllrs. Gerrard and Sandle should sign.

The Meeting closed at approx. 9.15 pm