

# **BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **In the County of Warwickshire**



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2005 in the Parish Meeting Room, Bramley Way, Bidford-on-Avon**

### **PRESENT**

Chairman	Cllr. Mrs. Keeley
Cllrs.	Ms. Deacon, Gerrard, Hendey Hiscocks, Langston, Sandle, Smith and Spiers

Also present:

District Cllrs. James, Pemberton and Slaughter and 3 members of the public

The Parish Council Meeting followed the Annual Parish Council Meeting that closed at 7.40 pm.

The new Chairman, Cllr. Mrs Keeley, welcomed those present. She noted that there were no young residents to participate in the Youth Public Forum and asked if there were any questions from the members of the public.

The representative from the Bidford-on-Avon Residents Group advised that TV crews would be on the Big Meadow on Thursday morning to film residents opposed to the sand and gravel extraction – this would be shown in the evening news to remind residents to vote at the Parish Poll on that evening. There was also a mail shot being done on Tuesday evening again reminding people of the Parish Poll.

### **REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Regrettably, Cllr. Barnes had been involved in a car accident and was unable to attend.. Although not physically hurt, he was sent to hospital for a check up where they found he had suffered sever whiplash and was obviously in shock following the incident. The

Parish Council wished him well and requested the Clerk to send him a card on its behalf.

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

- The District Councillors would be attending the annual meeting at SDC on Wednesday that would determine the shape of the various committees for the forthcoming year.
- Meeting with the Parish Council was confirmed for Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> at 4.00 pm regarding the Crawford Hall
- The Inspector's Report had been received. Amongst other things it included a significant input regarding the development on Friday Furlong and the three councillors would be talking to the Planning Officer regarding this.

The Chairman then opened the Parish Council Meeting

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

None received

#### **2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

All members of the Council are 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 prejudicial, they should withdraw from the room and not seek to improperly influence a decision about that matter.

#### **3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2005**

Proposed by Cllr. Gerrard as been accurate and signed by the Chairman.

#### **4. REPORT OF MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

- a) Completed SDI Questionnaire sent to SDC
- b) Perkins Educational Foundation have been advised Cllrs. Spiers to continue
- c) WRAP advised that the Vintage Weekend on the Big Meadow could be a suitable venue. Regrettably she is unable to attend
- d) Traffic calming in Broom – details received published in the Broom Newsletter.
- e) Mr. Morley has been advised that the Council are very happy for him to have a memorial bench on the Big Meadow for his parents.
- f) Meeting with District Councillors regarding Crawford Hall confirmed for 18<sup>th</sup> May.
- g) Clerk has written to SDC regarding the withdrawal of Section 136
- h) Clerk has given instructions for the replacement of the following damaged street lights:  
L/P 7 The Leys  
L/P 3 Falcon Close  
L/P 3 Grafton Lane  
L/P 4 Jubilee Close  
L/P 3 Mill Lane, Broom

#### **5. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) SDC – Parish Poll – advised that no provision for postal or proxy vote  
District Local Plan Review – Inspector's Report now available. A copy of this has been requested.

Youth Bank – a chance to get funds for young people’s projects in the area  
Clerk to send this to the Youth Club

- b) WCC – Dugdale Ave. Draft contract has been forwarded to property dept. for comments prior to sending to the Parish Council’s solicitors (05.05.05)

Clerk to chase regarding progress

Reply from the Museum regarding the Council’s request for the loan of some of Bidford’s artifacts and show cases, which they regret they cannot comply with. Full text is available

Clerk to maintain correspondence.

- c) WALC – Workshop for new councillors and clerks - circulated  
for employers responsibilities – circulated

Consulting and Involving young peoples in parishes in Warwickshire -  
circulated

Clerk to send this to the Youth Club

- d) Request from BRAG for financial assistance for Quarry campaign

The amount requested was £2,181.00

The Chairman of the Finance Committee advised that the budget for Section 137 for this financial year had been set at £8,000. The Council is committed to pay the costs of the Parish Poll taking place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May at Bidford and Broom, estimated at £1,100. He had not been able to identify an alternative source in the budget. He, therefore, would recommend that the Council provide a grant of £750 at this point and keep the progress of the campaign and other Council expenses under review, with a view of making a further contribution, or contributions, if the Council is satisfied that further assistance is in the interest of the parish and can be met from the total budget for the year. He added that when the Council discussed the budget, it was entirely unaware of this application and, therefore, had not built in any contingency plans for this type of expense.

One member of the council proposed the Council give the full amount.

Another member proposed, as a compromise, a grant of 50% of the requested figure.

The Chairman then asked for a vote on the three proposals. A majority of 8 approved the proposal of the Chairman of the Financial Committee and the Council resolved to give a grant an initial grant of £750 and keep the progress under review.

- e) 39 The Leys regarding the football pitch

The clerk to advise that the existing fencing was erected at great expense and it cannot at present spend any more funds on this. It suggested the residents of 39 The Leys fence off their garden. If the ball goes over the youths will then have to knock on the door to ask permission to collect it.

- f) Rev. McDonald Smith, Evsham re Big Meadow charges

The Big Meadow is private land which the Parish Council lease at an annual rent. The revenue from the parking is essential for the upkeep of the Big Meadow and it does not believe that £2 for a whole day is unreasonable. It added that the charges made by Evesham are higher.

- g) Bidford on Avon Twinning Ass. – request for grant  
to be considered with all the other grants request

- h) Perkins Educational Foundation – Awards for Academic Year – Notice of Awards displayed on notice boards
  - i) Invitation from the Youth Club to attend their Open Day on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June between 12.00 and 4.00 pm
- 6. AVAILABLE FOR INTERESTED MEMBERS**
- a) Hidden Britain Centres
  - b) Rural Youth Network – Spring Conference 2005
  - c) Grundon catalogue
  - d) Glasdon catalogue
  - e) Acorns small talk
- 7. DUGDALE AVENUE – QUOTATION FOR PARKING AREA**
- One quotation had been received: to install Grass Crete block at £12,556.20 and a cheaper alternative at £5,330.80. Both for a parking area of 40m x 15m. The clerk was requested to obtain further quotations and to ensure the quotation received for installing Grass Crete blocks was according to the manufacturer’s instructions as it appeared to be too cheap.
- It was also pointed out that the Council could not make any decision until the legal documents are signed.
- 8. BUS SHELTERS IN BROOM AND MARCLIFF**
- One quotation obtained and, in view of the high cost involved, the clerk was requested to obtain further quotations.
- 9. VILLAGE SPEED LIMIT REVIEW**
- County Council is reviewing the village speed limits and the B439 is the first on the list. Details were circulated to the Parish Council, members of which will be meeting with County Council to discuss its views on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May.
- 10. WARWICKSHIRE RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**
- A request from WRCC had been received to meet with the Council regarding “site canvassing” The clerk was instructed to make an appointment as it believes this could be of great interest to the parish and to those looking for affordable housing.
- 11. PLAY AREAS**
- The person making the weekly inspection of the play areas reported large amounts of broken glass in ALL play areas during the half term week. These were removed, and the swing on the Big Meadow which was damaged by having bolts removed, was repaired.
- 12. UNITED CARRIERS**
- The Enforcement Officer has advised that he is looking into the matter. However, members of the council agree that it is still a dangerous site, especially the garage metal roller doors. The clerk was instructed to contact the Enforcement Officer and advise him of this.
- 13. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
- a) 05/01007/FUL Westbury Homes, Victoria Rd  
Construction of conservatory on Plot 9 of the approved layout  
*The Council is concerned that the conservatory extension will damage the trees that have a preservation order.*  
*It is also concerned that the extension will be an invasion of privacy of the houses on Crawford Close*

b) 05/01265/FUL Mr. N. Hockaday, 6 Scott Close

Two storey side extension

*No representation*

c) Planning permission granted for 05/00762/FUL, Mr. R. Harrison 10 Millers Bank

Broom B50 4HZ

#### 14. ACCOUNTS

The Chairman read out the list of agreed payments

Purchases £12,595.05

Donations £ 800.00

Wages £ 1,692.50

Payments received

Cemetery sales £255.00

Room hire £ 41.71

Car parking £744.00

Allotment rents £405.00

Meadow Concessions £550.00

Cancelled cheque £247.50

It was resolved Cllrs. Ms Deacon and Langston to sign

The Meeting closed at 9.10 pm