

condition deteriorated. He suggested the Council write to Peter Samwell accordingly.

- Cllr. Barnes advised that he had received support from other councils with regards to the situation following his accident.

REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- The Environment Services Committee had met to discuss the comments made by the Inspector on the Local Plan, which will be discussed at a further meeting in September
- The Ward Councillors had attended a housing presentation which again would be discussed in September. The Chairman requested the Council be kept advised and whether members could attend the meeting.

The Chairman then opened the Parish Council Meeting

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received and accepted for Cllrs. Ms. Deacon and Gerrard

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 29th 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.

- Cllr. Ms Varga declared an interest in Item 5 d) – Bidfest 2005
- Cllr. Smith declared an interest in Item 9 - football

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27th JUNE 2005

Proposed by Cllr. Sandle as being accurate and signed by the Chairman.

4. REPORT OF MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- a) The Clerk has written to Warwickshire Police regarding Cllr. Barnes accident on May 16th and asking them to reconsider their position. They have replied that with the current legislation they are unable to do so as there are no alternative options. They suggest lobbying our local MP and MEP
*The Clerk was instructed to write to Liz Lynne, MEP and John Maples MP.
A member of the council proposed that the clerk make other councils aware of the difficulties encountered when an accident is caused by a foreign driver, even if from an EU members state and it was resolved that the clerk would ask the Secretary of WALC to circulate this to other clerks.*
- b) Former Geodis site – the Clerk arranged to visit the site with SDC officer to ascertain its security. A couple of points of entry were established the owners would be written to

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) WCC – i) Waste Development Framework – Preliminary Consultation
Consultation period ends 11th Aug.
Website details www.warwickshire.gov.uk/wastecorestrategy
ii) A Guide to Funding Opportunities in Warwickshire - 2005
iii) Temporary Closure C47 Welford Rd, Barton, from 4th Sept. to 4th Nov

- b) WALC – i) Newsletter July 2005 – circulated
 - ii) New Local Planning Development Framework Workshop – details circulated
 - iii) Invitation from Southam Area Committee to attend on 12th Sept when the withdrawal of Section 136 will be discussed
The Chairman proposed attendance to this meeting, at which Paul Ogden from SDC would be talking. As it coincides with a Planning Meeting date, its reschedule or cancellation will be discussed at the Planning meeting of 8th August.
 - iv) Statement of Standards of Service for Member Parish and Town Councils
 - c) b) SDC – i) Local Development Framework (LDF) – circulated
 - ii) Street naming and numbering – new development at Primary School site - *It was resolved to call this Warner's Court*
 - iii) Statement of Community Involvement – Submission Document
 - iv) Community Safety Locality Action Plans Draft 2005/6 - circulated
 - d) BARG – request for permission to “BIDFEST” a music festival, on the Big Meadow on Sept. 10th – details circulated.
Cllr. Varga who had declared an interest moved to the back of the room and did not take part in the discussions. It was resolved to allow the event to take place subject to all legal requirements being met by the organizers. The Clerk had contacted the Trustees who had given there authorization. The Clerk to contact Mr. Dodwell and Mr. Ford as they have exclusive rights to selling food and ice-cream on the Big Meadow to see if they had any objection
 - e) Central Networks – Proposal to lay approx. 7km of high voltage cable between Bevington and Bidford is to go ahead at the end of the month
 - f) Wychavon District Local Development Framework – pre submission consultation. The Parish Council is being advised as it is a neighbour. Details available on www.wychavon.gov.uk – consultation period ends Aug. 12th
 - g) Mrs. A. Ward Eversley re The Leys play area.
To minimise the risk of the football going over the fence, which results in the youngsters going into Mrs. Ward Eversley's garden to retrieve it, it was resolved to move the goal posts further into the field.
 - h) Town and Parish Standard – Newsletter
 - i) The Garden Show – request to publish on the website. What would the Council charge for this.
It was resolved the clerk negotiate a price.
 - j) Laing Homes – they will be looking for alternative bat roosting sites within the village
Various members stressed that bat roosts are protected and cannot be moved. The Clerk to look into the matter and advise Laing Homes accordingly. It was suggested she contact the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust.
- 6. AVAILABLE FOR INTERESTED MEMBERS**
Marie Curie Cancer Care News – Invitation to an event at LUSH, Stratford-upon-Avon to be displayed

7. SPEED LIMIT REVIEW OF THE B439

Katrin Pedlar, Traffic Projects Group had written following the recent consultation. It showed 407 in favour and 31 against. Some of the objections were read out.. The Council was requested to approve the proposals as set out in the consultation as soon as possible to enable the statutory consultation stage to progress and ensure the work could be carried out as planned. However, they were advised to consider all aspects of the proposal carefully especially the requirement of 20 street lights along Salford Rd. The members discussed at length and finally a vote was taken, with a majority in favour of adopting the proposal on the basis that residents of Salford Rd. would have the opportunity of raising their objections at the statutory consultation stage and taking into account the Village Appraisal, which showed a wish by the majority to have the speed through the village reduced to 30 mph and the 40 mph extended beyond Crawford Hall.

8. BIG MEADOW

The Clerk has spoken to PC Johnson about this and he has stressed that members of the public who see this MUST call the police, even if they then don't turn up. At least it is then logged and PC Johnson will be able to prove from the loggings that there IS a problem and then argue that something can be done about it. He has been made aware that it is not always easy to get the number plates, but if at least the police can be advised of the type of car, colour etc. and, very importantly, the time.

9. SPORTS ASSOCIATION – FOOTBALL

It has been proposed that the two XI a side football teams currently using Dugdale Ave. playing fields, should transfer to the Big Meadow and join the Sports Ass. The Amenities Sub Committee propose the Council purchase the necessary materials to fence off a new football pitch, at an approx. cost of £572.18 + VAT – and members of the Sports Ass./Football teams will set it up and maintain it. It was resolved to accept this proposal and the Clerk instructed to purchase the materials.

10. MONIE MEADOW

It was resolved to instruct the Clerk to write to the Trustees requesting their financial assistance to improve Monie Meadow, which requires new, safe fencing, for the use and benefit of the people of Bidford.

11. PARISH PATH PARTNERSHIP (P3)

The Amenities Sub Committee proposed that the Council consider joining the above scheme, organised by WCC. A meeting at which Sarah Manchester from WCC had made a presentation, had been attended by 10 volunteers. The scheme includes raising awareness of the local footpaths and their improvement and although run by volunteers, WCC will give grants of £50/75 per mile of footpath per annum, provide strimmers, mowers, etc. and training. They will also assist with leaflet information packages etc. Information received from other parishes would indicate that the best procedure is for volunteers to identify the areas which require attention and then contract out the work. It was resolved that the Parish join the scheme and the Chair signed the Agreement.

12. OVERGROWN SHRUBS – WATERLOO RD.

A large number of complaints had been received about overgrown shrubs by the Pelican crossing, which was making walking along Waterloo Rd, dangerous as it was impossible to do so on the pavement and pedestrians had to step on to the road, with

its heavy traffic. The Clerk had advised WCC on 23rd June, the first time this was mentioned, and WCC had given the order to its contractors. The Clerk has been chasing this regularly due to the danger it poses.

13. VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

It was resolved that a Village Design Statement should be adopted and the Clerk instructed to obtain all necessary information and start the proceedings. Cllr. Pemberton offered the assistance of the District Council if required and said the three Ward Members would support this,

14. BT

A letter has been received from BT who are proposing to make the pay phone at Broom High Street cashless. The Clerk was instructed to write to BT advising them of the Council's strong objection to this change.

15. VICTORIAN STREET LIGHTS

Quotations on prices for Victorian style street lights for the centre of the village, near the War Memorial, had been obtained to keep on record should the Council resolve to renew the existing street lights to make the area more attractive.

16. SAND AND GRAVEL – UPDATE

At the WCC planning meeting of 7th July it was agreed by its members that, due to the high level of letters of objection received – over 500 – a special committee meeting would be arranged to discuss this application on its own. Also, the members would visit the site prior to the meeting. The date for this meeting is still to be advised as there are some outstanding issues to be settled, namely reply to some statutory bodies such as archeology, UANT, DEFRA, Country Recreation Team, Highways as well as issues regarding planning at the existing site.

17. TRAFALGAR DAY

It was proposed that a Commemorative Tree be planted at Trafalgar Court and it was resolved that the Clerk contact WCC for advise on the specimen which would be planted prior consultation with the residents of Trafalgar Court.

18. BROOM TIP – UPDATE

The clerk had received a draft of the proposals. Regrettably, there were not sufficient details for any discussion to take place. The Clerk was requested to ask SDC for the detailed proposal to be made available as soon as possible. The Chairman pointed out that when Members of the Council met with the SDC officers on 6th June, the officers advised the Council they wanted the matter resolved within a week.

19. RE-SEEDING OF THE BASKETBALL AREA

The Council has now received the appropriate credit from SMP so it was resolved the Clerk should advise Limebridge that their quotation of £265.00 + VAT had been accepted.

20. ANNUAL DONATIONS AND GRANTS

List attached.

The Clerk was instructed to write letters to Mr. Smith congratulating him on the success of the Days Gone By event on the Big meadow.

21. TWINNING GRANT

It was resolved to grant the Twinning Ass. £500 as set out in the budget.

22. SLCC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Clerk, a member of SLCC would like to attend one of the days of the above event

in October which is taking place in Stratford-upon-Avon as it is a good networking opportunity. The cost is £60. The Council agreed to this request.

23. PARISH OFFICE POST BOX

The Clerk was authorized to look into the possibility of post being delivered to the Parish Office instead of the Post Office. WCC has no objection.

24. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

The letter from the Internal Auditor requesting information/clarification to some points, and the reply, had been circulated and the reply approved at the meeting. The Accounts and the Statement of assurance were also approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk. The Notice advising that the accounts are available for inspection from 25th July to 22nd August 2005 had been duly posted on the various noticeboards.

25. ACCOUNTS

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| Purchases : | £6,476.50 |
| Donations/Grants | £1,085.00 |
| Wages | £1,692.10 |
| In. Revenue | £,1756.85 |

Payments Received

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| Meadow concessions | £550.00 |
| Car Parking | £1,184.00 |
| Room hire | £ 145.70 |

It was resolved that Cllr. Hiscocks and Langston sign the cheques

The Council was advised, and accepted, that cheque 3589, for an amount of £1,756.85 payable to the Inland Revenue had been signed on July 19th by Cllrs. Gerrard and Sandle to avoid late payment penalty – the payment having been omitted from last meeting's payment list in error

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.