

BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

In the County of Warwickshire



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 22nd August 2005 in the Parish Meeting Room, Bramley Way, Bidford-on-Avon

PRESENT

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

Also present:

District Cllrs. James and Pemberton, 3 members of the public and 1 member of the press.

The Chairman, Mrs. Keeley, welcomed those present. She noted that there were no young residents to participate in the Youth Public Forum so opened the Public Forum

- Concern was expressed regarding Westbury's replacement building on the old school site, which has only recently been given permission with a number of conditions attached. How could the Council ensure these conditions were adhered to? The Chairman requested SDC Cllrs. James and Pemberton to reply and they advised that if any resident felt any concern they should immediately contact the clerk and/or the District Councillors with their concerns, which would then be brought to the attention of the appropriate party to be investigated. They also added that Building Control Officer regularly visit the site to ensure the conditions are upheld.

Cllr. James added that the Ward members had met with the Area Planning Officer to discuss this development and how it could have been handled better.

REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- Cllrs. Barnes sent his apologies and advised that he was chasing Peter Samwell regarding the potholes in Victoria Road

REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- Cllr. James advised that the Local Plan Review is being scrutinized at Committee on 7th September and some minor changes to the Inspector's Report may be made. Ward members will report in due course. Cllr. James added that there were no areas of contention relating to Bidford-on-Avon. A member of the Parish Council asked about the proposed developments on 1 Waterloo Rd. (Marleigh House) and Friday Furlong and if any changes were being considered by the District Council. Cllr. James replied that these developments were on the original local plan and that the changes suggested by the Inspector in respect of Friday Furlong had been accepted – so no changes were being proposed.
- The District Council is looking into ways of training its members as well as members of the Parish Councils. A local training session for Planning is taking place in September for both District and Parish Councillors. Members of the Parish Council will be attending this.

The Chairman then opened the Parish Council Meeting

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

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.

None declared

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25th JULY 2005

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

4. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Thank you letters from charities to whom the Parish Council has sent donations
- b) Friends of Alcester High School requesting permission to use the Big Meadow on 5th November for their Annual Bonfire and Firework Spectacular
The clerk to write giving permission but stressing that the bonfire be in the same place as last year and that they must ensure the area is cleaned up and returned to its original state, specially if pallets are used as nails remain.
- c) Cleeve Prior Parish Council regarding excessive traffic use of Bidford Bridge
The clerk to contact the Department of Transport requesting they carry out an inspection
- d) Royal British Legion – Poppy Wreath
It was resolved to give a donation of £20
- e) Residents of Victoria Road requesting the seat that has recently been (unlawfully) removed from the corner of Glebe Close/Victoria Rd, not be replaced
The Clerk was instructed to write to the residents that it would not consider the matter until such time as the bench was returned.

- f) WCC – Statement of Community Involvement – Draft Consultation
 Countryside Access and Rights of Way Improvement Plan
Given to the Chairman of the Amenities Sub Committee
- g) SDC – Charging of Parish Elections
The Clerk was instructed to write to the District Council and the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister expressing its concern at this decision.
- h) Crawford Memorial Hall and Social Centre have sent copy of their approved Annual Accounts
- i) Grundon – Increase in costs
- j) WALC – Pointers to Good Practice (booklets)
- k) Letter from Mrs. Reynolds re garage on Westholme Rd.
The Clerk was instructed to reply that District Council's Environment Dept. is currently monitoring the situation and that a copy of her letter has been passed on to them.
- l) Reply from Liz Lynne MEP re Cllr. Barnes' accident
5. **DRAFT 2005/06 COMMUNITY SAFETY LOCALITY ACTION PLANS**
 The Clerk was instructed to write both to District Council and Local Police advising that the plans were well received by the members but that they feel a larger police presence is required to fulfill the objectives.
6. **INTERNAL AUDITOR**
 It was resolved that in the event of penalties being imposed if payment of an invoice is not settled at the Parish Council Meeting, then the Clerk can ask two members to sign together with her and the cheque sent. A record of the transaction to be noted at the next Parish Council Meeting and duly minuted.
7. **ADVICE REGARDING WEBSITE ADVERTISING**
 This has been circulated and the contents noted by the Council
8. **TRAFALGAR DAY CELEBRATIONS**
 The Council had been contacted by Dorsington PC asking if a beacon was being lit in honour of Trafalgar Day. Both Marriage Hill and Marlcliff were proposed and it was resolved to enquire as to the possibility of these.
 It was also proposed that an Ensign be shown in the Parish Church and the Vicar to be contacted to see whether this would be possible.
 It was confirmed that the bell ringers would be ringing a Quarter Bell at St. Laurence Church on Friday 21st October
 The Parish Council is also considering a commemorative tree to be planted in Trafalgar Court – awaiting advice from the arboriculture department at County Council as to the most appropriate type.
9. **ALLOTMENT RENTS**
 It was resolved that the rents should be increased by 10%, and rounded to make easily divisible amounts. The increased rent will be applicable from September 2006.
10. **ANGLO SAXON CAR PARK – BLUE PLAQUE**
 The Parish Council would like it to be known that Anglo Saxon remains were found in the site and it resolved that the Clerk write to the building construction company asking if they would be willing to put up some sort of commemorative plaque

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Meeting was temporarily suspended for 10 minutes for members to discuss access details of the following planning application with members of the public who were present at the meeting – from 8.55 pm to 9.05 pm

- **05/01961/FUL – Mr. I Bartlett, 20 Waterloo Rd. B50 4JH**
Re-furbish 20 Waterloo Rd. and 3 new detached dwellings with associated garaging/home office space. Demolish existing garage/outhouse
The Parish Council objects to this due to
 - a) *Highway Issues*
 - b) *Overdevelopment*
- **05/02188/TPO Mr. T. Lively – 19 Old School Mead B50 4AW**
T1 – Beech crown thin by 15%, crown lift over garage and remove deadwood
Subject to approval by the arboricultural department
- **05/02223/FUL – Mr. and Mrs Plim – Marlmount 15 Cleeve Road, Marlcliff**
Proposed new garage and covered entrance
No representation

For Information

- **04/03820/FUL – Westbury Homes Ltd – The Conversation of the former school house and construction of 4 new properties, garages and access road – **Granted****
- **05/01448/FUL – Ms. J. Cole and Mr. A. Bunston 15 Grange Rd. Proposes two storey extension and refurbishment of existing dwelling – **Refused****
- **05/01529/FUL – Mr. and Mrs. Smith 46 Tower Hill – erection of detached annexe for dependant relatives – **refused****
- **05/01700/FUL Mrs. And Mrs. Smith, 46 Tower Hill – erection of double garage and 2 cart shed bays and relocation of access and increase in height of boundary wall – **refused****

12. ACCOUNTS

Purchases:	£4,146.95
Wages	£1,692.50

Payments received

Cemetery receipts	£ 90.00
Car Park receipts	1,806.00
Crawford Hall grant	8,171.00

It was resolved Cllrs. Gerrard and Sandle to sign.

The Council was advised that cheque No. 3599, for £2,038.62, payable to SMP, had been mislaid in the post and had been replaced by cheque No. 3621 and signed by Cllrs. Mrs. Keeley and Sandle

The Meeting closed at 9.20 pm