

5. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present

6. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

No report

7. REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

The current economic situation at District Council is not good with an overspend of approx. £1M to date

SDC is looking at ways to make budget cuts as it will be unable to raise rates to avoid being capped, such as

- Offering early retirement
- Some short term contracts will not be renewed
- Some projects may be postponed and/or shelved

However, there has been no talk of making any employees redundant.

8. CLERK'S REPORT

This had been circulated to councilors for their information and is attached to these Minutes

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- **SDC** -
 - Appointment of Parish Council Representative to SDC's Standard & Ethics Committee – request for candidates to be put forward
The Clerk to request further information from the Monitoring Office and the decision to be considered at the January meeting
 - CCTV – Invitation to attend open day (circulated)
Councillors to attend on Wednesday 14th January
- **WALC** – Briefing on Queen's Speech (circulated)
Noted
- **CPRE** – Newsletter (circulated)
Noted

10. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

- The Chairman proposed the adoption of the new Model Publication Scheme, which had been circulated to all Councillors.
The proposal was unanimously carried
- The Chairman proposed the adoption of the Document Retention Policy documents, circulated to all Councillors.
The proposal was unanimously carried

11. CALENDAR ACTION – REVIEW OF RISK ASSESSMENT SCHEME

Copy of the scheme had been circulated to all Councillors and it was resolved that the current scheme fulfills the requirement of the Council

12. PLAY AREA WORKING GROUP

It was resolved the Councillors of this working group should meet on Monday 12th January after the Planning Committee Meeting to review the contents of the Play Area Inspection.

13. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- **08/02151/LBC - Warwickshire Inns Ltd., Broom Hall Inn, Bidford Road, Broom**

Proposed internal alternations for the removal and repositioning of partition wall to the ground, first and second floor areas, to insulate internal leafs of all external bedroom walls and the coved ceilings to the second floor bedrooms and walls. To carry out remedial works associated with electric lighting, plumbing and internal decorations and fire safety.
Support, subject to approval by the Conservation Department

The Chairman was asked to suspend the meeting at 7.50 – this was agreed. The meeting restarted at 7.55 pm

14. ACCOUNTS

- The Clerk brought to the attention of the Councillors the list of DDM paid and these were noted and initialed.
- It was also noted that cheque No. 004639 had been mislaid in the post and had been replaced by cheque No. 004682. A stop would be put on the mislaid cheque.
- It was also noted that a cheque for £42.50 had been raised and sent to SDC Planning Department in settlement of planning discharge

Purchases :	5,869.41
DDM	301.47
Wages:	2,111.78
HM Rev. & Customs	2,273.70

Payments Received	
Allotments	11.00
Sports Ass.	1,276.28
Fishing Rights	88.12
UANT	863.62
Cemetery charges	225.00

It was resolved Cllrs. Langston and Williams sign the cheques

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm

BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

In the County of Warwickshire



CLERKS REPORT - DECEMBER 2008

- **MATTERS ARISING (for information only)**
 - As instructed I contacted Cllr. Jackson regarding the suspension of the green recycling and have received a reply (circulated)
 - Draft Core Strategy – together with Cllrs. Ms. Deacon and Hiscocks attended a “drop in” session organized by SDC to assist with the reply
 - Flood Grant – the agreed funds will be transferred to the bank accounts of Broom Action Group and Marlcliff Residents Group. Letters have been dropped to those resident in Bidford advising them of the amounts due to them, payable against invoice for a flood defence item.

- **BROOM FLOOD DEFENCE**

The granting of funds for the above project was discussed at WCC Cabinet meeting on 11th December. On behalf of the Parish Council, and as instructed, I sent a letter to all councilors on the Cabinet Committee asking them to support the project, advising them that the Parish Council had agreed a £5,000 grant towards it and that the residents had raised approx. £10,000 in support of this scheme.

I have been advised that Cabinet approved the expenditure which will now go back to the Levy Board in January for final approval (hopefully)

The Parish Council understands Marlcliff Flood Defence Project will be represented next year

- **MARLEIGH PARK PLAY AREA**

New equipment suitable for children under 11 installed (a dragonfly see saw and rotating cone) and existing swing toy has been reinstalled – the other was removed as it was unsafe.

- **KINGS LANE PLAY AREA**

Fence has now been erected round the play area, as per the agreement with SDC, and to prevent vehicles driving on to it.

- **COMMUNITY ONE STOP SHOPS**

These will now take place in the lobby outside the Parish Council Office on a Friday between 10.00 – 11.30 am. The dates are as follows

- 16th January 10.00 - 11.30
- 6th February 10.00 - 11.30
- 27th February 10.00 - 11.30
- 20th March 10.00 - 11.30

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- **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The 2009 dates for the above have now been published on the website:

www.bidfordonavon-pc.gov.uk/meetings.htm

- **MEETINGS ;**

- **Planning Committee Meeting** is on Monday 12th January 2009 @ 7.30
- **Parish Council Surgery** is on Saturday 10th January 2009 between 10.00 - 11.30
- **Parish Council Meeting** is on Monday 26th January 2009 @ 7.30

All the above held at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Bramley Way