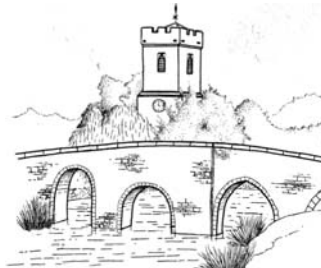


BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

In the County of Warwickshire



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 26th January 2009 @ 7.30pm at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Bramley Way.

PRESENT

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

Also present. County Cllr. Barnes,
District Cllrs. James, Pemberton and Slaughter
3 members of the public and 1 member of the press

In attendance: Mrs. E. Uggerløse, Clerk to the Parish Council

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies

2. DECLARATION TO INTEREST IN ITEMS ON 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 20th August 2007 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.

None declared

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22nd DECEMBER 2008

Cllr. Sandle proposed the Minutes be accepted as being accurate and they were signed by the Chairman.

4. YOUTH FORUM

There were no youngsters present

5. PUBLIC FORUM

- A resident from Wixford expressed concern that his property may be affected by the proposed Broom Flood Defence at Millers Bank.
The Chairman clarified that the decision was the Environment Agency's and the Clerk was instructed to advise the EA accordingly. The Clerk pointed out that the model design of the defence was not expected until June.
- A resident requested that more care be taken with the parish council notice board outside the school as it attracted quite a lot of litter and was often overfull. She appreciated the Parish Council wished it to be used by other members of the community but stated that a clean and updated board would be more attractive. She had noted that there had been an improvement and that a bin had been installed next to it, and hoped this would help in maintaining the board in good order.

6. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- Work on the 50 mph speed limit along the B439 would start in the second week of February – the stretch along Marriage Hill would start in March
- Barton – there had been water on the road again. Since then, ditches had been cleaned and gullies jetted and it was hoped this would stop the flooding.
- Figures show a 12% unemployment figure in the county with rural areas hardest hit. The issue would be discussed during a meeting by the Finance Services.
- WCC would be subsidising the new recycling services; this meant it could no longer subsidise the small green bins, so those residents wanting a smaller bin would have to make do with the current, larger one.
- Repairs to the bridge would be carried out once a further report from divers was received and the Environment Agency had given its approval – this included work to the first arch which needs work done to it.

7. REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- Budget – the Overview and Scrutiny Committee would be looking at the proposed budget increase of 4.9%
- There would be some cuts in services although it is expected that Flagship Services will continue.
- It was proposed to use some of the reserve, which would be reduced to £8 million by 2014.
- The Council were looking at a 10% reduction of staff
- Planning – working group was being set up to study the possibility of having only one Committee as the numbers of planning applications,

especially the larger developments, was considerably down.

8. CLERK'S REPORT

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

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- **WCC** – Improvements to be made to the Avon River Walk by installing finger posts and information board – Parish Council, as landowner, invited to comment.
Noted by the Council who had no objection
- **SDC** -
 - To consider nomination of a councilor to the Standard's and Ethics Committee – they meet quarterly during the day.
Cllr. Gerrard was proposed as the Council's nominee.
It was RESOLVED to nominate Cllr. Gerrard
 - Emergency Planning – to consider attending a workshop on 18th Feb. 2008 evening @ Elizabeth House
It was agreed this was an important issue and that councilors should attend.
- Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 Part 6 – The Fouling of Land by Dogs (District of Stratford on Avon) Order 2009 – to consider the Parish Council's representation to the implementation of this order.
The Council expressed its delight that this order was finally being implemented as it greatly supports it. Once the order is in force, the Parish Council will instruct the PCSOs to carry out the work on its behalf.
- **WALC** –
 - January 2009 Newsletter (circulated) - *noted*
 - WALC One Day Briefing Seminar – 7th March 2009 (circulated)- *noted – attendance to be confirmed.*
 - Legal Briefing – The Power of the Promotion of Economic, Social or Environmental Well Being (circulated). *Noted – Council now awaits for the official guidance to this.*
- **CPRE** – Newsletter (circulated) - *noted*
- **Warwickshire Rural Housing Ass.** –Annual Report 1007/08 available - *noted*
- Letter from resident re the Parish Council notice board outside the school
This issue was raised and dealt with during the Public Forum
- Request for grit bins – cost is £131.67 per bin delivered
It was proposed a bin be purchased to be installed at the bottom of Mill Lane/Millers Bank
It was RESOLVED a grit be purchased

- Request from allotment holder to consider installing CCTV or lights in the area to deter vandalism
The Council considered the costs involved.
It was RESOLVED it was not cost effective.
- CPRE – Newsletter (circulated)
Noted

10. TO APPROVE THE 2009/10 BUDGET AND PRECEPT (figures circulated)

The Chairman of the Finance and Strategy Committee proposed the Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of a 5% increase in the Precept.

It was RESOLVED to accept the recommendation

11. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE CHARGES FOR 2009/10

The Chairman proposed the Council accept the quotation sent by WCC of £5,091.78 based on:

- 238 street lights @ £21.31 each
- 4 x CDO lamps @ £5

It was RESOLVED to accept the quotation

12. STAFF APPRAISAL

The form was duly signed

13. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- **08/02619/FUL – Mr. J. Smith, 46 Tower Hill B50 4DY**
Erection of 3 car garage and relocation of vehicular access
the Council made the following comments@
 - *Regarding the erection of the three garages the Parish Council has no representation subject to approval by the conservation department*
 - *Regarding the relocation of vehicular access, the Parish Council would yet again reiterate as its previous comment that following a site visit by members, they expressed GRAVE CONCERNS about the visibility of the access and would again request Highways and the Police visit the site before a decision is made to ensure safety of both vehicles exiting the property and those entering the village bearing in mind the access is on the brow of a hill*
- **08/03265/FUL – Sylvia Development Ltd, Barton Moorings, Welford Road, Barton**
25 berth extension to marina, new access, replacement workshop and toilets and associated works
No representation

14. ACCOUNTS

- The Clerk brought to the attention of the Councillors the list of DDM paid and these were noted and initialed.

Purchases :	16,168.66
DDM	2,312.70
Wages:	2,111.18
Flood grant	1,733.16

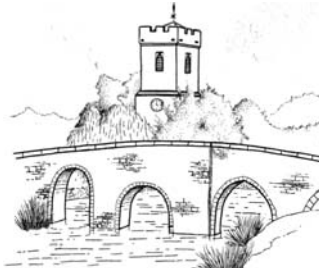
Payments Received	
Allotments	44.00
Cemetery charges	225.00

It was RESOLVED Cllrs. Hendey and Sandle sign the cheques

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm

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CLERKS REPORT - JANUARY 2009

- **MATTERS ARISING (for information only)**

- Members of the Parish Council attended the CCTV open day and were pleased to note the improvements made to the system
- Adopted new Freedom of Information model publication scheme and adopted document retention policy posted on the website
- Play area working group met to discuss Annual Report. The Clerk to instruct the minor repairs pointed out.

- **BROOM FLOOD DEFENCE**

I have received confirmation from the Environment Agency that the RDFC has approved the decision to fund the Broom Scheme from the Local Levy allocation. It has also advised that it does not intend to pursue the Parish Council for its contribution of £5,000 unless there is a radical increase to the cost of the scheme once the design has been received later this year.

- **BROOM TRAFFIC CALMING**

The following recommendation, at an estimated cost of £4,120.00, went before the Transport Seminar for Stratford on 23rd January:

- Speed limit on Bidford Road to be reduced from 60 mph to 40 mph
- Tractors Turning too be erected on Bidford Road
- Speed Aware Enforcement on main roads Broom

- **ST. LAURENCE CHURCHYARD**

The five year maintenance contract with SDC ends in February 2009. Following negotiations, it has been agreed that the Parish Council can continue carrying out this work – SDC will contribute £686.08 per annum, which is what it would spend. The Parish Council was keen to continue the maintenance to ensure the high standard.

- **CAR PARKING ENFORCEMENT**

Figures showing the number of visits by the Traffic Warden and the number of fines imposed from April to November 2008 have been sent by SDC

- **GREEN WASTE RECYCLING**

The latest collection organized by the Parish Council (cost £305), which took place on Saturday 17th January, both in Bidford and Broom, was very successful. I should like to extend the Parish Council's thanks to the landlord of the Broom Tavern for allowing the use of his car park.

The next collections will be on Saturday 7th and 21st March.

SDC restarts its green waste collection in April.

- **ALCESTER AND BIDFORD COMMUNITY FORUM**

The next meeting is on Tuesday 10th February at 6.00 pm at the Crawford Memorial Hall. It will be preceded by a **Safer Neighbourhood Safety Team Surgery** at 5.00 pm – if you have any issues to discuss with the Police, this is your opportunity to do so.

The Parish Council urges residents to take this opportunity and take part in these forums which are open to the public.

- **MEETINGS ;**

- **Planning Committee Meeting** is on Monday 9th February 2009 @ 7.30pm

- **Parish Council Meeting** is on Monday 23rd February 2009 @ 7.30 pm

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