



## 5. PUBLIC FORUM

- Two residents with young children requested the Council's support for pedestrian crossing to the south of the bridge to enable users of the Big Meadow to cross safely. This had also received support from various residents as well as visitors to the Big Meadow

It was **RESOLVED** the Council would give this its support. The Clerk had already contacted County Council to discuss the viability of this

- A resident reported potholes on The Leys (Cllr. Barnes made a note of this)
- A Broom resident enquired if it could be possible to have all the proposed local sites on the Mineral Core Strategy – Revised Spatial Options removed as the continuous excavation in the area was detrimental to the local economy and environment.

The Chairman replied that the Parish Council was opposing the proposed sites and asking them to be removed.

## 6. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- A speed count had been carried out on the B439 by Cranhill and it had established speed had reduced by 7 miles an hour since the introduction of the 50 mph limit
- Cllr. Barnes advised that the pedestrian crossing to the south of the bridge should be technically possible and that an pedestrian count would be carried out after Easter.
- When asked if a risk assessment in respect of the emergency services had been carried out before the 50 mph decision was taken, Cllr. Barnes replied that it had not.

## 7. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- Old Railway Yard – following the Planning Committee Meeting, planners are still waiting for the required information from applicant. Should it go straight to appeal, District Council will refuse permission – Parish Council had attended the Planning Committee Meeting
- Barton Moorings – permission for the extension had been granted. Again the Parish Council had attended the meeting
- District Council would be clearing up behind One Stop, as a one off and Environment would be contacting the shop with a view to ensuring the area is kept clean and tidy.
- Mineral Core Strategy – Revised Spatial Options: SDC had been successful in obtaining an extension to the reply date which is now 8<sup>th</sup> May
- As from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 senior citizens and children will be able to swim for free at the district's leisure centres
- From 1<sup>st</sup> April there will be a One Stop Shop at Elizabeth House thus cutting out queues.
- Although car parking at the leisure centre continues to be free for senior citizens, there is a £10 charge for the card itself.

Cllr. Barnes left the meeting

## 8. TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

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

- The Clerk drew attention to the new Clean and Neighbourhoods Act 2005 – The Fouling of Land by Dogs (District of Stratford-on-Avon) Order 2009 which comes into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 – the would be dealt with in more detail in the April Parish Council Meeting
- The Chairman drew attention to the success of the green waste collection arranged by the Parish Council at a cost of £1,500 – nearly 15.5 Tonnes had been collected.

## 9. TO RECEIVE/CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- WALC – Newsletter March 2009 (circulated) – *Noted*
- CPRE – Newsletter (circulated) – *Noted*
- Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust – requesting the support of the Parish Council in their organisation's application to become an NHS Foundation Trust.  
*It was **RESOLVED** to support this initiative*
- WRCC – Invitations to Warwickshire's Best Village Competition 2009 and Warwickshire's Calor Village of the Year Competition.  
*It was **RESOLVED** to enter Community Projects category and to ask the History and District Society to consider entering the category for History and Heritage*
- The Parish Biodiversity Action Network – *it was **RESOLVED** to post this on the website and encourage the local community to get involved*

## 10. TO CONSIDER

- The cost of locking the gate to the site to the rear of the Fire Station  
Quotes from security firms had been circulated and all members agreed they were prohibitive.  
Three local potential contractors had been approached – only one had agreed to quote £2.50 per visit.  
It was proposed, and **RESOLVED** this quote be accepted.
- Opening times  
After some discussion, it was proposed and **RESOLVED** that the gate be closed at 10.00 pm during the next six months – this being summer: it will then be reviewed.
- Paying the cost of the fencing @ £5,362.33  
It was proposed and **RESOLVED** that a grant for the cost of the fence be given to the Bidford Youth Action Group.

**11. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM A RESIDENT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE JUBILEE CLOSE PLAY AREA**

- Replace swings to include seats for toddlers and elder children
- Rotating climbing frame or similar

It was proposed and **RESOLVED** that only the swing would be replaced at a cost of no more than £3,636, as this site had only recently had its play area renewed and the council was now concentrating on the refurbishment of the Big Meadow play area.

**12. TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM A RESIDENT OF THE INSTALLATION OF A BENCH BY THE BUS STOP ON TOWER HILL**

The cost of a bench would be £606 plus installation and a bin £189.56 plus installation.

It was proposed and **RESOLVED** that one of the six benches the council had agreed to purchase be installed by this bus stop together with a bin.

**13. TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST BY MARK SMITH TO HOLD A “VINTAGE GATHERING” ON THE BIG MEADOW IN MAY 2010**

It was proposed and **RESOLVED** to grant this request – all proceeds would be donated to the St. Laurence Roof Appeal

**14. TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE BOY SCOUTS TO USE THE BIG MEADOW FOR THEIR ANNUAL ST. GEORGES DAY PARADE~**

It was proposed and **RESOLVED** they could use the winter car park for the coaches and cars carrying boys in uniform could enter the Big Meadow free that day

**15. TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST OF A RESIDENT FROM MILLERS BANK THAT THEE POND IN THE OPEN SPACE AREA BE CLEANED UP**

The Clerk had inspected the pond which had some debris, mostly from the flooding, but was not too bad. She had also spoken to the Environment Agency who advised it was not an environment or health hazard. She had also contacted the local British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) and arranged a site visit for 7<sup>th</sup> April.

It was proposed and **RESOLVED** the Council defer a decision until the April meeting when the site visit would have taken place

**16. TO CONSIDER A CHARGE OF 1P FOR PEDESTRIANS ENTERING THE BIG MEADOW**

The Chairman proposed this charge as it would enable the caterers to have a pitch on the Big Meadow without having to have a street licence, which was too expensive for them. She clarified that residents would not have to pay as they already did so through the precept. She added that the Sole Catering Rights offer had been sent to ALL food retailers in Bidford, but none had responded to it.

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt this charge

**17. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM BIDFORD LIGHTS 2000 TO HOLD THE ANNUAL DUCK RACE ON SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2009**

It was **RESOLVED** to authorize this

**18. TO RECEIVE A VERBAL REPORT OF THE MEETING HELD AT DUNNINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH REGARDING THE MINERAL CORE STRATEGY ; REVISED SPATIAL OPTIONS**

The Chairman had attended together with the Clerk. It had been a well attended (over 120 residents from various villages) and received meeting. It had been agreed that Salford Prior and Bidford Parish Councils would issue a newsletter together, to be delivered to all households, with bullet points that could be used when writing letters opposing the sites, and encouraging residents to write.

**19. TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE PARISH COUNCIL SURGERY (CIRCULATED)**

The Chairman drew attention to the rumours circulating in Bidford that the Parish Council had not supported the relocation of the Medical Centre to Friday Furlong. She strenuously denied this – it had not only supported it but had requested a larger area as well as a condition that it was delivered fully serviced. However, the council could not support the outline development of Friday Furlong as presented, especially as it excluded affordable housing, which was essential to the local community who had at least 114 residents on the housing waiting list.

**20. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- **09/00133/FUL** – BD Medical, Waterloo Ind. Est. Waterloo Road  
Installation of a water storage tank and brick built pump room  
*The following comment was made:*  
*As the tank is very visible, the Parish Council would request it have a coating,- a multilevel blue - dark at the top getting gradually lighter as it goes down the tank - was suggested as this has been successful in other areas*
- **09/00335/FUL** - |Mike Jones, 28 Saxonfields, B50 4BS  
Single Storey extension at rear to form dining area  
*No representation*
- **09/00395/FUL** – Mr. and Mrs. I Mumford, Trevellas, Westholme Road  
Proposed lean to conservatory to rear of property and proposed brick wall on boundary  
*No representation*

**21. TO CONSIDER VARIOUS CONTRACT OFFERS**

Due to the confidential nature of this items the Council resolved to exclude members of the public who were asked to leave:

- The Council **RESOLVED** to extend the contracts of:
  - Salford Road Cemetery Guardian
  - Environmental Operative
- The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the following quotes for
  - Big Meadow Facilities Operative @ £1,200 (April-September 2009)
- The Council **RESOLVED** to accept and grant the following concessions on the Big Meadow Season (Easter to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009)
  - Sole Rights to sell Ice Cream to Glen Ford Ices

- Sole Catering Rights to M. Dobson – it was noted no local business sent in an offer for this.
- Rights to a inflatable to J.T. Dobson

**22. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MONTH'S PAYMENTS AND ACCOUNTS**

Purchases :	£22,786.96
DDM	1,860.61
Wages:	2,314.68
Inland Rev.	1,114.67
Donations/Grants	90.49

Payments Received	
Allotments	£ 563.50
Cemetery:	1,025.00

It was **RESOLVED** Cllrs. Hill and Williams sign the cheques

# **BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **In the County of Warwickshire**



### **CLERKS REPORT - MARCH 2009**

- **MATTERS ARISING (for information only)**
  - Verdant were contracted to clear the play area in Broom
  - SDC Planning Enforcement have been contacted re the litter on the old railway line in connection with the nursery
  - SDC Planning Enforcement have been contacted, and are looking into No. 85 Westholme Road. I understand a new planning application is required.
  - The lighthouse has been contracted to clean the path from the entrance to Millers Bank and the old play area
  - Minerals Core Strategy: Revised Spatial Options Consultation – the consultation period has been extended to 8<sup>th</sup> May 2009.
  
- **BIG MEADOW**

The Big Meadow will open again this year on Maundy Thursday (9<sup>th</sup> April) and we welcome the return of Stan Freeman's Fun Fair.
  
- **BROOM TRAFFIC CALMING**

The Stratford on Avon Area Transport Capital Seminar scheme, costing £4,120.00 was endorsed by the Area Committee at its meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> March and will now go to Cabinet in April.  
Work will only be allowed to start once the final approval is granted
  
- **CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOODS AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 2005- The Fouling of Land by Dogs (District of Stratford-on-Avon) Order 2009**

Please note the above comes into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009

- **GREEN WASTE RECYCLING**

The five green waste collection organized by the Parish Council at a cost of just over £1,500.00, were very successful, as can be seen from the following figures

- Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 2008 – 4.40 tonnes
- Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> 2008 – 2.76 tonnes
- Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 2009 – 3.42 tonnes
- Mar 7<sup>th</sup> 2009 – 2.36 tonnes
- Mar 21<sup>st</sup> 2009 – 2.54 tonnes

The Parish Council would like to thank Mr. S. Smith, landlord of the Broom Tavern, for allowing the car park to be used to assist the Broom residents.

- **PARISH COUNCIL SURGERY**

This was held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May at the Parish Council Meeting Room from 10.00 – 11.30 am. PCSO Pete Groom also attended representing the Police.

Members were very pleased to see a number of residents taking this opportunity to raise different issues with the Parish Council. A Report detailing these issues has been raised and will be received by the Parish Council at this meeting.

The next Parish Council Surgery is on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May at Broom Village Hall, rear room, between 10.00 – 11.30 am

- **MEETINGS**

- **Planning Committee Meeting** is on Monday 6<sup>TH</sup> April 2009 @ 7.30pm
- **Parish Council Meeting** is on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2009 @ 7.30 pm
- **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING IS ON MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL @ 7.30 –** DAVID MORGAN , Project Manager of Parish Plans and Rural Outreach has been invited to make a presentation as the Parish Council is looking to review. In order for a Parish Plan to be effective and represent the views of the local community, it is essential there is widespread participation and Parish Councillors would like you to accept the invitation to come and take part in the **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.**

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