

BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

In the County of Warwickshire



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 21st December 2009 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Bramley Way @ 7.30 pm

PRESENT

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

Also present. District Cllr James and 1 member of the public

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

1. TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES

There were no apologies

2. TO RECEIVE ANY 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. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 30TH NOVEMBER 2009

Cllr. Gerrard proposed the Minutes be accepted as being accurate.
RESOLVED that Minutes should be accepted and signed by the Chairman

4. YOUTH FORUM

No youngsters present

5. PUBLIC FORUM

A resident member of the Bidford Support Group (save our fire station campaign) wished to stress that, although the decision had been postponed, he felt the fight to save Bidford Fire Station, and others, would have to be continued and asked the Parish Council to be prepared. He also thanked the Parish Council for its support. The Chairman took the opportunity to thank the Bidford Support Group, for their hard work, including the alternative Local Solution presentation.

6. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr. Barnes was not present

7. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- The resolution taken at the West Area Committee Meeting to support the Bidford Local Solution was approved by Council, and the letter given to Cllr. Hobbs
- Planning Committee had approved the Long Marston planning application, subject to it not being called by the Secretary of State, If it has not been called in by 31st Jan. 2010, it will be considered approved. There did not appear to be any S106 funds allocated to Bidford and/or Welford Bridges
- Legal Notices had been served on the owners of the old United Carriers building on Waterloo road and Friday Furlong
- West Area Committee meeting of 10th Dec. Ward Members supported the Parish Council's S106 bid for the refurbishment of the Big Meadow. The presence of members of the Parish Council was noted.

8. TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

This had been circulated to Councillors for their information, which it noted and is attached to these Minutes.

There had been a development since the report had been circulated regarding the WFRS consultation. At the County Council meeting of 14th December, Cllr. Hobbs announced that the final decision was not being made, as planned, at the meeting of 9th February. The Clerk read the update which is now included in the Report attached to the Minutes of which it forms an integral part.

9. TO RECEIVE/CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- **John Maples** in respect of request for support for the Sustainable Communities Act 2007 (Amendment) Bill *Noted*
- **The Norton Foundation** – inviting applications for two grants of £100,00 each. This had been circulated and it was **RESOLVED** that a copy be given to the Bidford Youth Club.
- **CPRE** newsletter (circulated) *noted*

10. TO CONSIDER A SUMMER FETE AND/OR MUSIC EVENT IN SUMMER 2010 ON THE BIG MEADOW

After some discussion regarding the benefits of the additional music event it was **RESOLVED** THAT A Summer Fete should take place, under the general umbrella of the Parish council, with the participation of the school and other community groups. The school to be asked to allow the use of the school building and other

facilities. The proposed date for the event 5th June 2010.

11. TO RECEIVE A VERBAL REPORT OF THE WEST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING OF 10TH DECEMBER 2010

The Council noted the verbal report

12. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REVISED RISK ASSESSMENT

This had been circulated to members.

RESOLVED to approve the revised Risk Assessment

13. TO APPROVE RENEWAL OF THE CLERK'S MEMBERSHIP OF SLCC

RESOLVED to approve the annual cost of £218, which includes the membership of the Institute of Local Council Management

14. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATION

- **09/02403/EXT Mr. and Mrs. J. Ballard, 2 Grange Road, B50 4BY**
Extension to the time limits for implementing planning permission for application reference 05/00359/FUL. Decision date 7 April 2005 for replacement dwelling

RESOLVED – No representation

15. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MONTHS PAYMENT AND ACCOUNTS

The Clerk brought to the attention of the Council that the transfer from the deposit account to the current account would be £13,000 and not £12,500 as stated in the documentation prepared by the RFO. This was to take into account the DDM from BT which would be presented before the next PC meeting.

RESOLVED : to note and approve this amendment

Purchases :	£ 8,674.80
DDM	922.39
Wages:	2,392.13
Inland Rev.	1,854.95

Payments Received:

Cemetery charges	480.00
Allotment rent	167.50

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the accounts and that Cllrs. Mrs. Keeley and Williams sign the cheques.

The meeting closed at approx. 8.10 pm

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

- The Parish Council's reply to the WFRS consultation was sent and is posted on the website.
John Maples reply to the consultation is also posted on the website.
- CORE's letter re Stop the Drop Campaign posted on the website, as agreed, and will be included in the next BIG Newsletter
- Dates of Parish Council meetings and surgeries for 2010 posted on the website

- **WFRS Consultation**

At the Council Meeting of Monday 14th December, Cllr. Hobbs announced that the final decision would not be made, as had been expected, on February 9th but at a later date.

On learning this, the Parish Council contacted Cllr. Hobbs who advised this was due to two main reasons:

- the number of well thought out alternatives that had been sent (he sounded quite impressed, especially as it appeared not to have been expected!)
- the number of responses received

He indicated the final decision would be made within the first 6 months of 2010 and that contingency financial measure would be proposed for budgetary purposes.

He confirmed that it would only go back to consultation if a station that was proposed to remain open would then be proposed for closure, but not if a station proposed for closure would then remain open. And, he added, he did not foresee a requirement for a further consultation.

- **MEETINGS**

- Monday 4th January 2010 @ 7.30 pm Finance and Strategy Budget Meeting
- Monday 11th January 2010 @ 7.30 pm Planning Committee Meeting
- Monday 18th January 2010 @ 7.30 pm Finance and Strategy Committee Budget Meeting
- Monday 25th January 2010 @ 7.30 pm – Parish Council Meeting

All the above meetings are held at the Parish Council Meeting room, Bramley Way.