

5. PUBLIC FORUM

The resident raised two issues:

- Street light was out on the High Street
- Ivy was present in the bus shelter

The Clerk to deal with both issues

6. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr., Barnes was not present

7. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- Local Development Framework: Core Strategy is progressing swiftly:
 - Number of dwellings required in the district is just under 4,000
 - Need to decide where they will be placed
 - Letters sent by the Parish Council in reply to the consultation are being taken into account and SDC will be arranging a meeting with the Parish Council to discuss this early in the new year.
- District Council looking to make savings by abolishing some of the Senior Management Team positions and restructuring the Heads of Service
- Concerns were raised by the Parish Council regarding the possible cut in the service offered to the elderly population in the district, especially as their number is increasing. Of particular concern was the possible loss of the Head of Department of this sector.
- The Parish Council also raised the issue of the recent Planning Committee Meeting when an application for a gypsy site in Welford was discussed. The report presented to the Planning Officer included a statement by Cllr. Barnes stating that the planning application should be refused and pointing out that Bidford-on-Avon had a tolerated gypsy site which could easily accommodate the applicant and his family.
The reply received was that the District Councillors did not support these comments and that as far as they were concerned:
 - The doctors still believe they will be able to relocate the surgery to Friday Furlong
 - The S106 agreement should be finalised before the Christmas holiday

8. TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

This had been circulated to councillors for their information and is attached to these Minutes. The only item to be added was that, in view of the bad weather, the Clerk has authorised the purchase of a further 3 grit bins.

RESOLVED to note the contents of the Clerk's report

9. TO RECEIVE/ACCEPT THE LETTERS OF RESIGNATION FROM CLLRS. LRS.

GETGOOD AND CLLR. HENDEY

The Chairman expressed regret at the resignation of both councillors and added that Cllr. Hendey had been an excellent representative from the Broom Ward.

The official notice had been made with the period ending on 7th December 2010.

RESOLVED to accept and note the resignations

10. TO RECEIVE/CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- **WCC**
 - Advice on temporary closure of Broom Lane from 13th – 24^h December 2010
NOTED
 - Primary Gritting Routes for Winter 2010-11
NOTED
- **WALC:**
 - NALC Bulletin on Council Tax Freeze and Election Dates (circulated)
NOTED
 - Big Society Concept (circulated)
NOTED
 - Local Government Pay 2011/12 (circulated)
NOTED
 - Legal Briefing : Local Government and Public involvement in the Health Act 2007 (circulated)
NOTED
 - Big Society and Localism Agenda (circulated)
NOTED
- **WARWICKSHIRE POLICE –**
 - change to opening hours at Stratford Police Station
NOTED
 - Press release “Radical changes will deliver maximum protection possible”
NOTED
- **ENVIRONMENT AGENCY –** information on Improved Flood Warning Service effective from 30th Nov, 2010
NOTED
- **CPRE –** November Newsletters (circulated)
NOTED
- **Thank you letter** from Westholme Court Lunch Club
The Clerk read this out and the contents were **NOTED**

11. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE PROPOSAL TO PARTICIPATE IN EXERCISE WATERMARK A NATIONAL FLOOD EXERCISE TAKING PLACE ACROSS THE COUNTRY BETWEEN 4TH – 11TH MARCH 2011. IT IS PROPOSED THE PARISH COUNCIL PARTICIPATE BY:

- Activating local flood arrangements through the parish Emergency Plans, which have to be updated (date to update plan to be agreed)
It was proposed this be accepted and that the date be Monday 7th March in the evening
RESOLVED to agree to participate on 7th March evening and advise WCC accordingly.
The Clerk proposed the members of the Emergency Committee meet to finalise the new Emergency Plan model.
RESOLVED The Emergency Committee members meet after the January Planning Committee meeting

- Local community involvement
As there was only one member of the public present it was **RESOLVED** to restrict the participation to the Activation of the Emergency Plan.

12. TO CONSIDER THE SNOW WARDEN SCHEME

This voluntary scheme is being launched by WCC and Mr. Mark Smith has sent a letter offering his services.

The Parish Council expressed its appreciation of Mr. Smith's offer and **RESOLVED** to participate in the scheme.

13. TO CONSIDER REQUESTING THE PLANNING DEPT. TO ADVISE PARISH COUNCILS WHEN REPORTS PRESENTED TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE INCLUDE ITEMS THAT COULD HAVE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLVED to write to the Planning Department

14. TO CONSIDER WRITING TO CLLR. TIMMS WCC PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR CHILDREN YOIUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES IN RESPECT OF THE PROPOSED CUTS TO THE YOUTH SERVICES

The Clerk advised that many of the village's youngsters had been attending the weekly Mobile Rural Bus, and had written to WCC expressing their concerns regarding potential cuts tot h is, and other services.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council should write expressing the importance of the youth services being maintained.

15. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING GRANT REQUESTS

- **Bidford Christmas Lights: £1,000 (LGA 1972 S144)** This request had been withdrawn for the time being. Details of the expenses involved were presented, the total being £2,032.75.
From the details given, the Parish Council agreed that only one of the expenses would be eligible as a capital expenditure for an amount of £1,269.00
After praising the excellent Switch On event on Sunday, the Chairman proposed that the Council agree to a grant of £635, this being 50% of the capital expense.
RESOLVED to give a grant of £635.00

16. TO AGREE DATES FOR MEETINGS (JANUARY TO MAY 2011) (circulated)

RESOLVED to agree the dates as well as those for the surgeries throughout 2011

17. TO REPORT ON THE AFFORDABLE HOUSES FOR BROOM

Proposed outlay had been sent and consultation will take place in Broom in early new year.

The Chairman stressed the affordable housing would be for residents of hte Parish only

NOTED

18. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON THE 40MPH SPEED LIMIT ON BIDOFRD ROAD

The Clerk advised she had been assured this would be carried out before the end of this financial year

NOTED

19. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- **10/02266/FUL Mr. David Marshall, 10 Scott Close B50 4HY**
Conservatory at rear
RESOLVED No representation
- **10/02391/TREE – Ms. M. Eccles, Pandora, Victoria Road**
T1 – horse chestnut: reduce height by 40%. Reduce back lateral branches by 30%
RESOLVED to support on grounds of health and safety

20. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MONTHS PAYMENT AND ACCOUNTS.

The Clerk advised the mobile phone payments had been added to the Direct Debit Mandate list

RESOLVED to note this

Purchases :	£8,797.46
Wages:	2,369.01
Donations	<u>800.00</u>
(as per cheque list)	£11,966.47

DDM	<u>637.25</u>
Total payments	£ 12,603.72

Payments Received	
Fishing Rights	£ 1,217.30
VAT refund	2,568.26
Cemetery charges	505.00
Allotment rent	<u>22.50</u>
Total received	£ 4,313.06

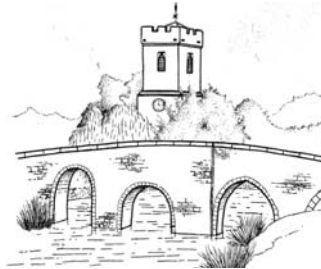
Amount transferred from the deposit account to the current account £7,500

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

The meeting closed at approx. 8.15 pm

BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

In the County of Warwickshire



CLERKS REPORT - NOVEMBER 2010

- **EXPENSES**
 - Grit bins x 3 have been ordered at a total cost of £395 as the Parish Council had received two requests for bins to be placed at:
 - The Paddocks
 - Wharrad Close
 - Planter – replacement for the box on Tower Hill has been authorised (£120.00)
 - Litter bins x 3 have been delivered: cost £418.68. One has been installed by the skate ramp.
 - Bark has been installed by the skate ramp to prevent mud going onto the skate ramp itself.

- **BIDFORD BRIDGE**

On 4th November I met with English Heritage regarding the Parish Council/local residents' concern about the bridge. Photographs of the damage that has been caused lately were taken and a discussion with County Council will take place to consider options.

In the meantime, information regarding a lorry that caused considerable damage was passed on to the Police who were able to make contact with the owners who supplied information on their insurance. Although the police will take no further action, the information on owners and insurance has been passed on to WCC.

- **S106**

At the Stratford West Area Committee meeting of 18th November, the S106 monies for Bidford-on-Avon were approved.

- **MEETINGS**

- Thursday 2nd December @ 7.30 pm Finance and Strategy Committee Meeting
- Tuesday 7th dDecember @ 7.0 pm Local Community Forum at Great Alne Village Hall. Community Bus available for those who may need it.
- Monday 13th December @ 7.30 pm Planning Committee Meeting
- Monday 20th December @ 7.30 pm – Parish Council Meeting

All the above meetings are held at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Bramley Way, unless otherwise specified.