

5. PUBLIC FORUM

- Signage and numbering on Jubilee Close and Smith Close (off Jubilee Close) needed to be improved as emergency services are finding it difficult to locate addresses.

RESOLVED The Clerk to bring this up with Street Scene whom she was meeting on Tuesday morning. Cllr. Pemberton to also take it up at District Council

- Would the Parish Council look at the possibility of some trees for Crompton Avenue?

RESOLVED to plant the 2 x cherry trees that had been donated and collected from the Stratford Herald

- Was the Parish Council planning an event for the Royal Wedding on 29th April?

The Chairman replied that it was not apart from screening The King's Speech that evening at the Crawford Memorial Hall

- Could the Parish Council confirm rumours that Bidford Bridge was being closed to tractors?

The Chairman replied that the Council was not aware of this and the issue had not been raised with it.

- Some of the Revenue from the Vintage Gathering taking place on 14/15 May would go to the Bidford Youth Club

6. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- Funds for the youth, health and elderly was being drastically cut
- Area Committees were being axed. The Lib. Dem party was supporting the Community Forums as it believes it is closer to the local community
- Libraries – unable to give figures until after 1st March although he understood the Parish Council had obtained them.

The Parish Council asked how deep the cuts of the youth, health and elderly were. Cllr. Barnes could not give a figure to this and it was agreed that both parties will keep a close eye on developments.

As none of the Ward Members had been able to attend the Budget meeting at District Council, Cllrs. Barnes, who had, gave the following update:

- 7 of 14 public toilets to be closed following consultation to identify them
- CCTV – hours being reduced
- After a lengthy discussion and a close vote, it was agreed to put aside £30,000 towards technical information in respect of the High Speed 2 railway

Cllr. Barnes left the meeting

7. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- United Carriers building: discussions had been held with the owners with a view of erecting a close board fence. According to the owners the Parish Council had objected to this. The Clerk pointed out this was not the case, and that an email confirm the Parish Council's support had been sent to SDC, with copy to Ward Members.
The solution would be for the owner to propose a development of the site that was acceptable to all parties.
- Friday Furlong – the signing of the S106 agreement will enable SDC to enforce developers to tidy up the site
- Wharrad Close – being looked at.
- Local Development Framework
 - The new Core Strategy requires to be reviewed in view of the Localism Bill
 - Consultation will take place between March and October
 - Much of the current content is considered no longer fit for purpose
 - Neighbourhood profiles will be drawn up
 - Parish Councils will be invited to a workshop and there will be individual consultations

The Parish agreed that it should be thinking how it would like Bidford to develop in the future

8. TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

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

RESOLVED to note the contents of the Clerk's report.

9. TO RECEIVE/CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- **WALC**
 - January newsletter (circulated)
 - NALC Legal Briefing – Sustainable Communities Act 2007 (Amendment) Act 2010 (circulated)
 - Policy consultation –
 - ✓ A Community Right to Challenge (circulated)
 - ✓ A Community Right to Buy – Assets of Community Value (circulated)
 - NALC -Parliamentary Briefing – Localism Bill –(circulated)
It was proposed that, in view of the importance of this correspondence, members should meet to discuss them in depth. Monday 14th March after the planning committee meeting was suggested.
RESOLVED members to discuss the issues raised by these briefings on Monday 14th March.
 - Nominations for attendance to garden party at Buckingham Palace 19th July 2011
It was proposed and **RESOLVED** Cllrs. Hiscocks and Mrs. Keeley attend.

o Workshop for new councillors – Sat. 8th April 2011 10.00 am – 4.00 pm Leek Wootton Village Hall. Cost £40.00
Cllr. Advised he could not attend and Cllr. Fleming would advise the Clerk if it was possible for him to attend.

- **WRCC** – Warwickshire’s Community Awards 2011 – invitation for communities to participate. **Closing date for entries 30th June**
It was proposed and **RESOLVED** THE High street retailers shops could enter next year after the implementation of the current project to raise its profile were in place.
- **Southam Area Action Group** – request for financial assistance (donation) to oppose the High Speed Two (Hs2). It is estimated national requirement will be £3-4 million.
The Clerk advised the Parish Council had no powers under which to support hits as it had no direct effect on the local community.
RESOLVED to reply on the above basis
- **CPRE** – Newsletter
NOTED.

10. TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM RESIDENT IN MILLERS BANK FOR THE ALIGNMENT OF THE FLOOD DEFENCE WALL TO BE ALTERED.

The EA advise the “*realignment is not required from a scheme design perspective nor will it improve the existing design, but would require sterilisation of further Parish Council land*”. Please note any changes to existing planning application will require further consent.

The Chairman proposed this be refused on the grounds that

- It was not required by the EA to improve the approved scheme
- The land was open space for the benefit of the community
- Any change would not only require further planning permission, and hence delay the project, but would also open the gates to other residents.

RESOLVED not to grant the request for the alignment of the flood defence wall to be altered.

11. TO CONSIDER

- Request from the Vintage Gathering organisers for a donation towards 1 ton of coal cost of £250.00 (LGA 1972 S. 144)
The Chairman praised last year’s event which had done much to bring visitors to the village and proposed approval of a grant of £250 towards the purchase of coal
RESOLVED to grant £250 towards the purchase of coal for the Vintage Gathering Event under LGA 1972 S144
- Request from Bidford Juniors FC to run a Tournament on the Big Meadow on Sunday 22nd May and retaining the parking charges.
RESOLVED to allow the event to take place on the Big Meadow but the receipts of the gate to remain for the Parish Council as the tournament is restricted to only a section of the village community.
It was also noted this is the only income to offset the costs of the Big Meadow.

- Request from the Cricket Club, which is hoping to hold a gala event on the August Bank Holiday, to man the Big Meadow on that day and keep the gate receipts.

RESOLVED as with the request of the football club, to support the event but the gate receipts to remain for the parish Council.

12. TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE CRICKET CLUB TO CONSIDER ERECTING SIGNS TO ADVISE PEOPLE USING THE VARIOUS PLAY AREAS THAT THEY DO SO AT THEIR OWN RISK ESPECIALLY WHEN CRICKET MATCHES ARE BEING PLAYED.

It was proposed that, as the original risk assessment report cited this as one of the possible solutions, the Parish Council could agree to this.

RESOLVED to order and erect signs

13. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE OF EXERCISE WATERMARK

The Clerk reminded the council this was taking place on Monday 7th March between 7.00 – 9.00 pm. The exercise was to test the resilience of the Emergency Plan, and would be used to finalise it.

14. TO CONSIDER UPDATE ON LIBRARY (some information circulated)

Letter from the Parish Council opposing the proposed closure, giving a number of reasons, has been sent to WCC. No further progress can be made until the Cabinet Meeting, which is taking place on Thursday 17th March @ 13.45.

It was proposed, and **RESOLVED** that a representation from Bidford Parish Council attend the meeting

15. TO CONSIDER NOMINATING A COUNCILLOR TO REPRESENT BROOM

The Chairman asked if any councillor was willing to represent Broom as the Council had not received any applications from Broom to fill the Broom Ward vacancy. Cllr. Williams offered and this was unanimously supported.

RESOLVED Cllr. Williams to be the Broom Ward representative

16. TO CONSIDER REPLACEMENT COUNCILLORS FOR THE WORKING GROUPS

The Chairman proposed that the Planning Committee Vice Chairman be appointed this having been vacated with the resignation of Cllr. Mrs. Getgood.

It was proposed Cllr. Fleming be appointed and this was unanimously supported.

RESOLVED Cllr. Fleming be nominated Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee Meeting.

RESOLVED nominations for the Working Groups to be made at the Annual Parish Council Meeting in May.

17. TO CONSIDER MARSH FARM LIAISON COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Chairman of the liaison Committee had requested the Bidford Parish Council membership be reduced to two, to make membership the same as the other member groups, now that there was no representation from Broom.

After some discussion it was **RESOLVED** to accept membership be reduced to two, namely Cllrs. Mrs. Keeley and Langston, with the proviso that if in the future the Broom Ward members is from the village of Broom, the membership will revert to

three.

18. TO CONSIDER LEAVING THE GATE TO THE YOUTH SHELTER SITE UNLOCKED

The Chairman advised that when the site was originally opened, it had been agreed that it should be locked every evening. However, the site had now been established for some time, and it was proposed that it should be left open for a trial period of three months, during which it will be monitored, after which it will be reviewed.

RESOLVED the site to remain unlocked for a trial period of three months. To be reviewed at the Parish Council meeting of May 2011.

19. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- **11/00220/FUL Mr. Richard Smith Oosland Barn, Honeybourne Road,**
Proposed change of use of redundant farm buildings into 6 holiday cottages and associated works including drainage. Erection of new grain store
No representation
- **11/00281/TREE Amanda Randle Wisson Hill 16 Welford Road, Barton**
T1 Laburnum : fell
No representation

20. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MONTH'S PAYMENTS AND ACCOUNTS

The Clerk advised that:

- Invoice from Andy Findon Graphics, for £900, had been received after the accounts had been delivered to the RFO, and requested the Parish council to approve this payment.
RESOLVED to approve the payment and sign the cheque
- As the above payment had been approved, the Clerk and the RFO had agreed the amount transferred from the Deposit to the current account to cover payments, should be increased to £26,000.
RESOLVED to approve the transfer amount of £26,000

Purchases :	21,746.41
Wages:	<u>2,369.61</u>
(as per cheque list)	24,116.02
DDM	1,118.45
Andy Findon Graphics	<u>900.00</u>
Total payments	26,134.47

Payments Received	
Advertisements	£ 176.29
Burials	265.00
Cancelled cheque	29.00
Adjustment cheque 5165	0.05
Invoice	<u>47.28</u>
Total received	£ 606.09

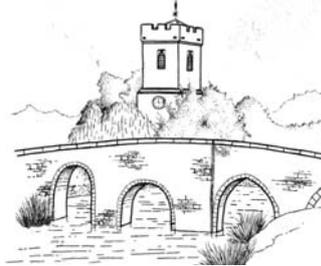
Amount transferred from the deposit account to the current account £26,000.00

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

The meeting closed at approx. 9.00 pm

BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

In the County of Warwickshire



CLERKS REPORT - FEBRUARY 2011

- **MATTERS ARISING**

- Old Geodis building : .SDC is arranging to meet with owners to discuss what can be done to tidy the area, including getting rid of the weeds and improving the borders.
- Friday Furlong : have contacted enforcement at SDC requesting something be done as the site is getting worse and is now very visible from the road
- Orbit has been contacted regarding the possibility of installing some play equipment on the green area by Crompton Avenue. Orbit will have to make a risk assessment as well as contacting residents, which will be done before end May.

- **SPEED LIMIT CHANGE - BROOM**

Following the consultation, the speed limit on Bidford Road, Broom is now 40 mph throughout.

- **BIG MEADOW TOILETS**

Work will be carried out whilst the Big Meadow is open. To minimise disruption, only one toilet will be closed while work is carried out. It is envisaged it will take 2/3 weeks.

- **MEETINGS**

- Tuesday 8th March @ 7.00 pm Local Community Forum @ the Crawford Memorial Hall
- Monday 14th March 2011 @ 7.30 pm Planning Committee Meeting
- Saturday 19th 10.00 – 11.30 am March Parish Council Surgery at Warner's Budgens
- Monday 28th February 2011 @ 7.30 pm – Parish Council Meeting

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