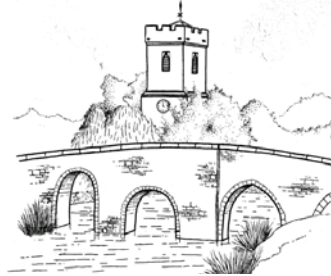


BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

In the County of Warwickshire



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18th April 2011 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Bramley Way @ 7.30 pm

PRESENT

Chairman Cllr. Hiscocks
Cllrs. Atkins, Fleming, Gerrard, Hill, Mrs. Keeley, Langston, Sandle,
Spiers and Williams

Also present: County Cllr. Barnes
District Cllrs. James and Slaughter.
4 members of the public and 1 member of the press

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

1. TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES

There were none

2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

All members of the Council are respectfully reminded that in order to comply with the Code of conducted adopted by the Parish Council on 2^{0th} 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 OF 28th MARCH 2011

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

4. YOUTH FORUM

There were no youngsters present

5. PUBLIC FORUM

- A Trustee of the Greig Hall made a presentation as to why the management had requested the lifting of the covenant. Essentially, funds are required to refurbish the facilities and bring them up to the required standards, as well as providing funds for the future as required. In order to obtain the necessary funds, they propose to sell part of the site (approx. 3 acres) to build homes. She requested the Parish Council support the request for the lifting of the covenant.

(it should be noted the Ward Members left the room during this discussion)

- The Big Meadow Gate Keeper (contracted by the Parish Council) advised there had been some trouble at the gate over the weekend, with youngsters continuously harassing his wife, who was on duty, asking for money and being rude when none was forthcoming. The Police was contacted, but did not consider it a priority and therefore did not attend. The Clerk confirmed she had been contacted and attended.

The Clerk read out part of the reply received from Warwickshire Police in connection with Bidford Bridge, where it was made quite clear that the Chief Constable has stated that the Police "*will concentrate on those issues that cause the most harm to the people of Warwickshire, such as violent crime, drug offences etc.*"

The Parish Council considered the anti social behaviour on the Big Meadow, as well as other parts of the village, unacceptable and that if care is not taken to nip it in the bud, it can become widespread and lead to more serious problems in the near future. It was therefore **RESOLVED** the Clerk write to the Chief Constable and the Police Authority advising them of the issues and requesting both an explanation and a proposed course of action.

6. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- There has been progress made in setting up the Youth Respite as a charity: the process is almost finalised
- Broom Flood Defence is going ahead as planned: extra funds were approved
- Staff at WCC have been made redundant, and some have been downgraded
- Councillor expenses have been reduced
- Welford Parish Council has sent a letter to WCC supporting Bidford library

Cllr. Barnes left the meeting

7. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- Letter has been sent to all parish/town councils regarding public conveniences and to dispel the rumours that a decision has been made as to which ones are to be closed.
- Council has approved some charges including
 - Charging village halls for refuse collection
 - Charging schools for waste collection

Cllr. James then paid tribute to Cllr. Slaughter who would be retiring after 52 years service to Bidford on Avon: as Parish Councillor, including a time as Chairman, as its County Councillor and as its District Councillor.

The Chairman of the Parish Council paid tribute to Cllr. Slaughter and all he had done for the parish, supporting its residents, organising the carnivals etc.

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

- **SDC**

- **The Greig Centre** requesting the view of the Parish Council regarding the request from Trustees to lift the restrictive covenant on part of the site of the Grieg Centre

Cllr. Gerrard and the Ward members left the room during this item
The Parish Council was minded to support lifting the covenant;
however, it felt it had insufficient information from SDC to make a considered decision. In view of the it was **RESOLVED** to

- ✓ Request full details from SDC
- ✓ Defer the final decision until this information was received

Cllr. Gerrard and Ward members returned to the room

- Invitation to a Planning Training workshop at Elizabeth House on Monday 13th June 11.00 am – 1.00 pm

RESOLVED 3 Councillors and the Clerk to attend.

The Clerk to make representation to SDC regarding the timing of this workshop which made it impossible for councillor who work to attend

- **WALC**

- Legal Briefing The Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity (England) (circulated)

NOTED

- Financial Update – consultation of future of Local Public Audit (circulated)

RESOLVED the Localism Bill Group to meet on May 10th after the planning committee meeting to consider the implication and reply

- NALC Annual Conference details “Communities in Action” (circulated)
Cost per Delegate (£97.50 +Travel)

RESOLVED to defer the decision until August to consider attending the London event

- **CPRE** – Newsletter (circulated)

NOTED

Invitation to the AGM 27th May @ 6.30 pm The Lord Leycester Hospital

RESOLVED Cllr. Atkins to represent the Parish Council

- **Bidford Juniors FC**
 - request for extra pitches on the Big Meadow (circulated)
 - arrange date to meet with the Amenity Working Group
 - Give delegated powers to Amenity Working Group to agree a fee for the use of the Big Meadow and set a minimum requirement.

RESOLVED all items to be discussed at the meeting with the Amenities Group on 12th May @ 8.00 pm. The Clerk to invite the full Committee of Bidford Juniors to attend.

- **Bidford Christmas Lights 2000** Permission to hold the Duck Race on the Big Meadow on Sunday 24th July

RESOLVED To grant permission

- **Worcester County Council** Worcester Waste Core Strategy Development Plan document: Publication document (Regulation 27 consultation)

NOTED

10. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE INSURANCE RENEWAL TERMS (Due 1st June 2011)

The annual premium is £4,855.41, including Insurance Premium Tax.

All new play equipment has been added, as have the tree guards.

RESOLVED cover to remain the same and renewal terms to be accepted.

11. TO APPROVE COST OF CLERK ATTENDING THE SUMMER SYMPOSIUM ON 6/7 JULY 2011 AT A COST OF £155.00

It was agreed these had proved to have been useful in the past years and an excellent opportunity to network.

RESOLVED to approve the cost

12. TO APPROVE RENEWAL OF CLERK'S MEMBERSHIP TO THE SLCC. COST £256.00

RESOLVED to approve the membership

13. TO APPROVE THE CRAWFORD MEMORIAL HALL ACCOUNTS

The Chairman of the Crawford Memorial Hall Management Committee advised the accounts had been approved at the Hall's AGM and he proposed the Parish Council, as custodians of the hall approve the accounts

RESOLVED to approve the account

14. TO CONSIDER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO HIGH STREET INDEPENDENT BUSINESSES FOR THEIR 2 X "BUY IN BIDFORD" EVENTS AT THE CRAWFORD MEMORIAL HALL (JULY AND NOVEMBER)

The Clerk had attended a meeting with the High Street businesses and it had been agreed that the Buy in Bidford event in November 2010 had been successful and that they should build on it. The cost would be £120 per event.

Members agreed it should continue to support the local businesses and it was

RESOLVED to pay the cost of hiring the hall on the two occasions @ £120 per time

15. TO RECEIVE A VERBAL UPDATE ON THE LIBRARY

A questionnaire is being delivered to all properties in the parish to gauge the support of the local community for the library service in Bidford. Once these have been returned and the information collated, the Parish Council will be able to decide how to proceed in this matter.

NOTED

16. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON THE PLANS FOR MOOR HILL FARM

Verbal report was made of the meeting held at Elizabeth House with planners, Ward Members, Wixford and Bidford parish councils and representatives of Brookhouse Engineering

NOTED

17. TO RECEIVE UPDATE OF BIG MEADOW REFURBISHMENT AND AWARDS FOR ALL GRANT

The refurbishment was now finalised. However, further improvements to the circular walk on the Big Meadow to Marlcliff and back, and along the river were now possible thanks to an Awards for All Grant of ££7,935.00

NOTED

18. TO ARRANGE DATE TO REVIEW ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED Thursday 28th April @ 7.00 pm

19. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION FORM

- **SDC/11CC005 – WCC under the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992(Regulation 3)**

Bidford on Avon C of E Primary School, Bramley Way B50 4QH

The development provides a single storey multi purpose space and adjacent small office to the eastern edge of the existing school. The principle space opens out onto an external area covered by an extended roof canopy. The whole is covered with a flat roof with rooflights and sun pipes to existing staff room.

RESOLVED No representation

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

Purchases :	19,750.25
Repayment (SDC overpaid)	2,409.00
Wages:	2,369.41
Customs & Excise	<u>2,322.39</u>
(as per cheque list)	26,851.05
DDM	<u>2,009.98</u>
Total payments	28,861.03

Payments Received	
Room hire	£35.25
Youth Club rent	43.72
Burials	655.00
Playing field rent	125.00
VAT Refund	7,692.11
Meadow Rights	672.00
SDC reimbursements (S106)	<u>16,251.42</u>
Total received	£25,474.50

No inter account transfer made

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

The meeting closed at approx. 8.55 pm

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CLERKS REPORT - APRIL 2011

- **MATTERS ARISING**

- Reply received from Sgt. Andy Moss to the issue raised by the Parish Council regarding the Police response to the HGVs crossing the bridge
- Request sent to WCC to consider introducing a 2 hour parking limit on the west end of the High Street, from the junction to Chapel Gardens. WCC have replied that the request has been added to its list, however will not be considered within this financial year.

- **PARISH COUNCIL SURGERY**

The next Parish Council surgery is due on 14th May in Broom.

- **EXPENDITURE**

- An Ollerton bench has been orders to replace the damage bench on Honeybourne Road, Expected delivery date 5th May
- A sign to be put by the newly refurbished Big Meadow toilets asking people not to loiter around them has been purchased
- Cars have been racing at the far end of the Big Meadow again. The owners broke the lock of the bar on the fence to force their way through. This is to be replaced metal
- Wood bollard by the memorial was broken. Replacement has been ordered; however, members are asked to note that the other bollards are beginning to rot and will need to be replaced soon.

- **MEETINGS**

- Monday 9th May Local Community Forum : Single Issue Bidford library @ 7.00 pm, Crawford Memorial Hall
- Tuesday 9th May 2011 @ 7.30 pm Planning Committee Meeting (only if planning applications have been received)

- Monday 23rd May @ 7.30 pm – Annual Meeting of the Parish Council Meeting followed by the ordinary monthly Parish Council meeting.
- All the above meetings are held at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Bramley Way, unless otherwise specified.