

4. YOUTH FORUM

There were no youngsters present

5. PUBLIC FORUM

- Resident, who runs both a football and cricket team and is member of Bidford Sports Association, expressed his concern at the way it was being run. Although he had paid the required affiliation fees, he was having difficulty in being able to play matches as both the football and cricket club were being obstructive. He enquired who was the Chairman of the Bidford Sports Association, so as to be able to address these issues with him, but had received no answer.

He also noted that from the accounts shown to him, it appeared he was the only party paying the fees.

He also expressed concern at the way the bar was being run.

The Parish Council appreciated the concerns expressed but replied that it could not interfere with how the sports association was run. It noted that it was also waiting for a reply from the BSA regarding full details of its committee which, it understood, had been elected at an EGM on Monday 20th June.

Members also advised that the Parish Council would try and assist the football team, and this item would be added to the Agenda of the July Parish Council meeting for members to consider.

- A Member of the South Warwickshire Environmental Association advised that there had been illegal tipping at Long Marston which was having an adverse effect on the landfill at the Marsh Farm sand and gravel. Ward Members advised that SDC had contacted Cllr. Brain, Ward Member for Long Marston, to try and obtain confirmation that this illegal tipping was, in fact, taking place.

6. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr. Barnes did not attend the meeting as he was on holiday

7. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

a written report had been received and is attached hereto.

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

- **WCC** – Report to the County Council on Partnership Landscapes. Copy of Recommendations circulated

NOTED

- **SDC**
 - Core Strategy Consultation Workshops (sections referring to Bidford-on-Avon PC circulated) Any comments to be sent by 30th June
RESOLVED to write to SDC stating that Bidford's opposition to further large development in the village had been more vigorously expressed than was written on the report, and should be reflected in the final version.
 - Proposed Amendments to the Developer Contribution to Transport Schemes in SDC Supplementary Planning Document (circulated)
NOTED
 - Flood Defence Assistance Grant 2011
The Clerk proposed that the Council should consider requesting a grant to clear the brook and or ditches, as this has been a concern for the council for some time.
RESOLVED to obtain quotes for the clearance of the brook and/or ditches and apply for the grant.
 - Annual Inspection of Play Area
RESOLVED the Amenities Group to meet and consider the report on Monday 11th July (after the Planning Committee meeting) and report back to the Council
- **WALC**
 - Legal Briefing – Councillors Notification under the Data Protection Act 1998 (circulated)
It was noted that all enquiries, correspondence etc. are carried out by the Clerk to the Parish Council who is registered under the Data Protection Act.
RESOLVED Councillors to take note and act accordingly should the circumstances change
 - Newsletter (circulated)
NOTED
- **CPRE**
 - Newsletter (circulated)
NOTED
- **Severn Area Rescue Association** – requesting permission to consider adding the Big Meadow Recreational area as one of their launch locations in case of an emergency.
Members considered this a good idea and it was **RESOLVED** to give the necessary permission and contact details.

10. TO CONSIDER THE INTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT (circulated)

Members agreed the report was comprehensive, addressing the issues in a clear and concise manner and raised some pertinent [points:

- **Bank reconciliation:** a couple of minor errors had been highlighted. These should be addressed by the Quarterly Accounts Review. Council accepted the Clerks recommendation that these should take place more regularly and it was **RESOLVED** to carry them out in February, April, July and October each year.

- **Minutes:** Item 6 of the January 2011 minutes appeared to be incomplete. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following wording: "Cllr. Barnes replied that he was unaware of any issues regarding Bidford library".
- **Planning Committee meetings:** although it was accepted that the full council was present at these meetings, the internal auditor recommended that, for the sake of clarity, the Council should agree to either consider only planning matters at these meetings, or rename the meetings Parish Council (Planning) Meeting.
RESOLVED to continue with the Planning Committee meetings, but ensure only planning issues be considered.

11. TO APPROVE RISK ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE (circulated)

this had been updated to include the Quarterly Accounts Review and the weekly play ground inspections.

RESOLVED to approve the updated schedule

12. TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND COMPLETE AND SIGN THE ANNUAL RETURN (circulated)

Members considered the Annual Accounts and Section 2 – Annual Governance Statement and

RESOLVED to approve the Annual Accounts and complete and sign the Annual Return. The Chairman signed the Annual Accounts and the Chairman and Clerk duly signed and dated the Annual Return.

13. TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDER

- **Talk Talk Business** quoted £26.45 a month (24 month contract) for "Unlimited business grade broadband"
- **Virgin Media** are unable to give a competitive quote as they do not have a direct connection to this address
- **BT** – waiting for them to contact me.

After due consideration of the above, it was **RESOLVED** the council retain its current providers: Demon for broadband and BT for telephone.

14. TO RECEIVE REPORT BY THE QUARTERLY ACCOUNTS REVIEW GROUP WHO HAD REVIEWED OCT-DEC 2010

It was noted that the following should have been minuted in the October Minutes:

- Cheque No. 4382 payable to WCC for an amount of £9,462.66 was replaced with
 - Cheque No. 4389 for an amount of £781.78, payable to SDC to cover invoices Nos. 4412186 and 43116209
 - Cheque No. 4389 for an amount of £8,680.88, payable to WCC to cover invoice No00234162.

RESOLVED to note and approve the above.

15. TO RECEIVE REPORT BY THE MARSH FARM LIAISON GROUP

RESOLVED to note the verbal report and to post the minutes of the meeting on the Parish Council's website

16. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE ALCESTER/BIDFORD COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING OF 21ST JUNE

The Chairman gave a verbal report stressing that two main issues had dominated the forum:

- Police – especially the theft of lead from a number of buildings in the Alcester area to the value of some £100,000 over a 1 month period.
it was also noted that a number of gully covers had also been stolen in Bidford and Broom
- NHS

RESOLVED to note the contents and to monitor the performance of the Police with a view of writing to the Chief Constable if the Council's concerns are not satisfied,

17. TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY REGARDING

- **Broom Flood Defence**

Work started on 27th June and it was envisaged to be finalised by end October/beginning November. During this time the public open space area of Millers Bank would be closed to the public for health and safety reasons. Broom Angling Club had met with the EA to agree terms on which the fishermen could continue to enjoy their pastime.

- **Marlcliff Flood Alleviation Scheme**

The scheme has been approved by the EA Project Approval Board, and the next step would be to arrange a consultation with the local residents. SDC have pledged £20,000 to the scheme and the EA are working to have the project come under Permitted Development so as not to have to go through the planning process,

To approve expenditure for purchase of a portable pump (value £2,467.23) agreed by the Planning Committee under S137 to benefit the residents of Marlcliff

RESOLVED to approve the expenditure

18. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS

- **11/01263/FUL Mrs. Briony Wheal, 12 Steppes Piece B50 4AT**
erection of porch and two storey extension to rear
RESOLVED No representation
- **11/010138/FUL Ms. Sally Homer, 26 High Street B50 4BU**
Replace dilapidated garage and home office
having considered the plans, members agreed a site visit would be appropriate
RESOLVED to have a site visit on Thursday 30th at 6.00 pm and those attending to be given delegated powers to make the decision.
- **11/01166/FUL Mr. Andrew Norris, 6 High street, Broom B50 4HJ**
Erection of porch to the principal elevation, erection of single storey extension to the side and conservatory to rear
RESOLVED No representation
- **11/01177/FUL – Miss Sarah Baker, 1 Cox Close, B50 4EF**
Single storey extension to front of garage with new porch and pitched roof
RESOLVED insufficient documents to make a decision. Clerk to advise the planning officer accordingly

- **11/01271/LBC L. Kelly, Newbold, 1 Mill Lane, Broom B50 4HR**
Removal and re-fixing of roof tiles. Replacement of brick in-fill panels.
Replacement pitched roof to flat roof rear dormer. Dormers to be re-clad in lead.
RESOLVED No representation

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

Purchases:	11,660.05
Wages:	2,396.15
Donation	3,420.00
Inland Rev.	<u>2,277.82</u>
(as per cheque list)	19,754.02
DDM	<u>1,505.58</u>
Total payments	21,259.60

Payments Received

Adverts	£102.00
Car parking	1,440.00
Meadow Rights	<u>500.00</u>
Total received	£2,467.10

£17,500 was transferred from the Deposit to the Current Account.

It was **NOTED** that cheque No. 5276 for an amount of £3,420 was made payable to English Clockmakers. The amount approved by the Parish Council at its Parish Council Meeting of 25th October 2010 was for £2,850.00 as a donation to St. Laurence Church for the repair of the church clock. The cheque was, therefore, replaced by cheque No. 5293, payable to St. Laurence PCC for the approved amount of £2,850.00

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

The meeting closed at approx. 9.15 pm

BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

In the County of Warwickshire



CLERKS REPORT - JUNE 2011

- **MATTERS ARISING**
 - **Neighbourhood Plan**
 - Crawford Memorial Hall has been booked for Friday 30th September for the Community Event to launch the scheme
 - Ward Members have been invited to elect a member to sit in the Steering Group
 - **SDC** have been invited to have a member of the planning department to sit on the Steering Group. It has replied that Cabinet has resolved not to invest resources into this, as it considers it premature until such time as the Localism Bill has been enacted.
 - **Bidford Library** – Parish Council has written
 - advising that it does not wish the library to close,;
 - pointing out the exceptional circumstances of the building in question
 - expressing its willingness to enter into discussion with a view of ensuring the library in its present form , remains open.
 - **Bidford Juniors FC** - letter advising the resolution of the Parish Council has been sent to the Chairman
- **STREET LIGHTS** – the cost for removing and disconnecting the two damaged columns is
 - Wards Lane - £404.40
 - The Meadows - £282.00

In view of the cost, and bearing in mind that in the event the Parish Council decides to replace them at a later date, there will be a reconnection charge, the recommendation would be to leave things as they are until the Parish Council makes its final decision.

- **BUY IN BIDFORD EVENT**
With the Support of both District and Parish Council, the independent High Street businesses have formed the Buy in Bidford Group. Its first event is taking place on Saturday 16th July between 10.00 am – 4.00 pm at the Crawford Memorial Hall. The Parish Council agreed to pay for the hire of the Hall for the event, and District Council is contributing £300, or the cost of printing 5,000 leaflets, whichever is the lower.
- **TPO Horse Chestnut – Broom Tudor Barn, Broom**
Forestry and Landscape, Planning Services SDC have advised that a crown reduction of 30% was approved under the “dead, dying or dangerous exemption within the TPO Order”
- **CROMPTON AVENUE** – the concrete bench is in poor condition and needs replacing, so I shall be ordering an Ollerton Festival bench to replace it

