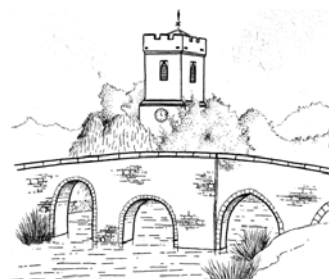


BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL In the County of Warwickshire



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 25th July 2011@ 7.30 pm at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Bramley Way.

PRESENT

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

Also present: District Cllrs. Howse and James
 8 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

Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs. Atkins and Hill

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 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
Cllrs. Gerrard, Mrs. Keeley, Langston and William declared an interest in Item 15 (Buy in Bidford) as members of the Crawford Memorial Hall Management Committee.

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27TH JUNE 2011

Cllr. Sandle proposed the Minutes be accepted as being accurate

RESOLVED that Minutes should be approved and signed by the Chairman

4. YOUTH FORUM

There were 5 young people present who spoke in support of the excellent work carried out by the Rural Mobile Youth Work Service over the last 9 months. It had enabled them to :

- Make new friends
- Learn to make food
- Receive advice on a number of issues
- Attend projects
- Go on a 4 day camping outing to Wales

In view of this, they would ask the Parish Council to support the request from the Rural Mobile Youth Work Service, in the report it had recently submitted, to give a grant of £2,000 towards the cost of a youth worker to continue the work being done.

5. PUBLIC FORUM

No issues were raised

6. TO RECEIVE/CONSIDER

- **REPORT FROM THE RURAL MOBILE YOUTH WORK (circulated)**

Members had read the report and found it to be very comprehensive. They expressed satisfaction with the work that had been carried out with young people aged 13-19 and were happy to note the work had also received the support of the young people attending the meeting, and hoped that the work could be continued.

To assist in this, the Chairman proposed the Parish Council agree to give a grant of £2,000 towards the costs of a youth worker, who would continue to work with young people aged 13-19 in the Bidford Youth Club building.

RESOLVED to give a grant of £2,000 towards the cost of a Youth Worker (Local Govt. (Misc. Provisions) Act 1976 S19).

- **REQUEST TO FUND YOUNG PEOPLE TO ENABLE THEM TO JOIN THE DRAYTON MANOR TRIP AS PART OF THE SUMMER PROJECT. COST £20 PER PERSON**

The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council agree to fund a maximum of 6 young people @ £20 each

RESOLVED to agree to pay a maximum of £120 to fund 6 young people attending the Drayton Manor Trip (Local Gov. And Rating Act 1997 S31)

7. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- 153 drains had disappeared – the perpetrator had been caught
- Available grants:
 - £50,000 was available in the Stratford Area with a max. of £2,000 per request
 - Big Society Funds
- Waterloo Road : Fire service had expressed concern at the cost of the fires started on the old Geodis site and on Friday Furlong
 - Fires had diminished on the old Geodis site after it has been boarded up
 - Wimpey's had responded regarding the Friday Furlong site after having been contacted by WCC's solicitors, Loders.

- Soil that should have been delivered to the Marsh Farm sites was being diverted to Long Marston. WCC and SDC were working together to see whether there is a breach at Long Marston and if enforcement can be applied.
- Buses – all buses, including the 212, are to remain
- Libraries –
 - it was proposed that Stratford Library be relocated to Elizabeth House to save money as the current building is very expensive
 - Alcester library – WCC looking for other sites
- Police – Warwickshire and West Mercia police forces working closer together, which would benefit this area as it is close to the border.

Cllr. Barnes left the meeting.

8. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- Long Marston tipping – the amount was considerable and it was clear this was a commercial operation. SDC and WCC were looking into the legality of this
- Cllr. Howse advised he had been confirmed as the SDC member on the Marsh Farm Liaison Committee
- Shipston were launching a Loyalty Card scheme which could be of interest to Bidford. It was agreed Cllr. Howse would send the details to the Clerk to be discussed at the next Buy in Bidford Group meeting.

9. 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

10. TO RECEIVE/CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- **WCC –**
 - **Big Society Fund 2011/12** – Guidance Notes and Application Form (circulated)
RESOLVED this could be of interest to the proposed Bidford Community Library and the Rural Youth Project
 - Promoting Warwickshire Master Gardening volunteers
RESOLVED to send details to the Gardening Society and to include this in the next newsletter
- **WALC**
 - Business Rates – consultation (circulated)
RESOLVED to support
 - i. Because it ties in local businesses with the council giving them a common objective
 - ii. Develop our programme of joint working with High Street businesses and open up opportunities for the Parish Council to as partners.

- Training for Chairman of Parish/Town Councils
RESOLVED to write in support of such training. It would suit some councillors on a weekday morning and others on a Saturday morning.
- Newsletter (circulated)
RESOLVED to note the contents
- **Local Works** – requesting support for an Early Day Motion (circulated)
RESOLVED to note the contents
- **CPRE**
 - Newsletter (circulated)
 - Letter (circulated)
RESOLVED to note both
- **St. Laurence Church** thank you letter for the donation towards the repair of the church clock
RESOLVED to note this. Members also expressed delight that the clock was working again!

11. TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM MARLCLIFF REGARDING THE PORTABLE PUMP (circulated)

Members gave the request, and points raised, due consideration, but agreed that the fire station remained the best option due to:

- it was another responsibility for the local station towards its local community
- it provided the local retained firemen with training
- The fire station offered a secure site and ensured the pump would be regularly serviced and ready for action. This was of particular importance as the pump would require that diesel oil also be stored for its operation
- The Parish Council would have little or no control over the pump, for which it is responsible, if it were kept in a private resident. There could also be a problem regarding the insurance, especially with regards to the diesel oil.

RESOLVED Bidford Fire Station was the preferred site to keep the pump, and a supply of diesel, subject of approval by WFRS.

The Clerk to write to the Marlcliff resident advising him of this, and to assure him that the pump had been bought for the relief of Marlcliff and, in the case of flooding, Marlcliff would take precedence over any other area within the Parish.

12. TO CONSIDER QUOTATION FROM WCC RE CHANGING STREETLIGHTS TO PART TIME NIGHT OPERATION. COST 176 STREETLIGHTS@ £25.28 = £4,449.28 (it is estimated this will take place in the 2012/13 financial year)

A member of the Council stated his opposition to this scheme. He had been looking into other areas where this decision had been made, and it appeared that it had resulted in more accidents and crime: many were thinking of reverting to all night lighting.

In view of this, it was proposed the Parish Council continue with all night lighting and a recorded vote was requested

It was **RESOLVED** by 6 votes to 2 votes to support the proposal for all night street lighting to continue

It was further proposed that the Parish Council write to WCC requesting that the

streetlights in Bidford not be changed to Part Night operation.

13. TO CONSIDER CARRYING OUT A FULL AUDIT OF THE USAGE OF THE BIG MEADOW AND ISSUING A SET OF RULES AND GUIDELINES (circulated)

Councillors stressed that the Big Meadow was leased by the Parish Council for the benefit of all residents, and all should have a fair opportunity of using it.

Councillors believed it was time the sport clubs (and/or similar entities) regular users, to have a formal agreement with the Parish Council and it was proposed the Amenities Group meet to set out some rules and guidelines.

RESOLVED the Amenities Group to propose some rules and guidelines to be approved by Council and thereafter to be incorporated into an Agreement between the Parish Council and the sports bodies regularly using the Big Meadow

14. TO CONSIDER CELEBRATIONS FOR THE QUEENS DIAMOND JUBILEE 2-5 JUNE 2012

Members considered the briefing received from NALC and showed interest in Bidford taking part in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons – 4th June 2012.

Members also expressed support of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations Committee

RESOLVED to write in support of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations Committee and to forward them the details of the Guide to Taking Part in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons.

15. TO RECEIVE A VERBAL REPORT OF THE BUY IN BIDFORD EVENT

The Chairman gave a verbal report of this event, stating that the 17 exhibitors, from both the High Street and other areas within Bidford, were satisfied with the event. The Clerk advised that the Crawford Memorial Hall Management Committee had written to advise that they had agreed to offer the free use of the Hall for the event, so the £120 the Parish Council had agreed to give as a grant, were not required. (Cllrs. Gerrard, Mrs. Keeley, Langston and Williams declared an interest in this as members of the Management Committee)

It was proposed the Clerk write to Michelle Herbert, of Riverside Florists, thanking her for her hard work in arranging the event, and congratulating her on the outcome.

RESOLVED to note the verbal report

16. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON BIDFORD LIBRARY

a written report was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting, following the workshop on 22nd July, organised by WCC which the Clerk had attended.

Councillors found the report comprehensive and the Chairman proposed the Council accept the recommendation to:

- draw up a Business Plan for a Bidford Community Library subject to support from the local community at a public meeting to be arranged for Thursday 11th August at the Parish Council Meeting Rooms.
- Give financial assistance with a grant of no more than £5,000

RESOLVED to draw up, and send a Business Plan for Bidford Community Library, with the assistance of VASA and to arrange a public meeting from Thursday 11th August @ 7.00 pm at the Parish Council Meeting Rooms, to be advertised and to give financial assistance for an amount of no more than £5,000

(Local Govt. (Misc. Provisions) Act 1976 S19).

17. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE AMENITIES GROUP MEETING OF 11TH JULY
RESOLVED to note the report

18. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- **10/01790/AMD and 10/02759/FUL, Mr. Spencer Shaw, 18, Cleeve Road, Marlcliff**

RESOLVED to note the amendment

- **11/01272/FUL Mrs. K. Bristow, Kings Lane, Broom B50 4HB**

To reconsider the response from the Parish Council in view of additional information received

RESOLVED to remove its objection under CTY.1 subject to the following condition:

the development hereby permitted shall not be used for any purpose other than in connection with the residential use of the dwelling known as Bentleys and shall not be occupied or used as a separate dwelling

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

The Clerk advised that a cheque in respect of the approved grant of £500 to the Bidford Citizen's Annual Party – 60th Anniversary had been issued after the Parish Council Meeting of 25th June 2011.

RESOLVED to note this. The Clerk to send a letter of congratulations to the organisers.

Purchases:	6,166.45
Wages:	<u>2,396.15</u>
(As per cheque list)	8,562.60
Bidford Snr. Citizens	500.00
DDM	<u>1,486.50</u>
Total payments	10,549.10

Payments Received	
Car parking	2,660.00
Total received	£2,660.00

£7,500 was transferred from the Deposit to the Current Account.

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

The meeting closed at approx. 9.15 pm

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CLERKS REPORT - JULY 2011

- **MATTERS ARISING**

Members visited the site of 26 High Street (PC Mins. June 2011/18/11/010138/FUL)

RESOLVED No representation

- **EXPENDITURE**

- 2 x Buy in Bidford banners (reusable) : Cost £40
- 2 x Parish Council Surgery banners (reusable) : Cost £40

- **PARISH COUNCIL SURGERY**

- Timing of the pedestrian traffic lights on the B439 to be adjusted so that they respond quicker when the button is pressed. Pedestrians find that currently, by the time the lights goes red, there are no cars!
Action : WCC has been duly contacted and will look into it
- Could numbers be added to the road signs of St. Laurence Way as visitors and emergency services have difficulty locating dwellings.
Action : request has been sent to SDC. However, it is doubtful that any action will be taken under the current financial circumstances.
- The Leys – could the grass be cut more often: otherwise children find it difficult to play football there and it is not used.
Action: contractor to be instructed