

5. PUBLIC FORUM

Those attending did not wish to speak.

6. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- **Grants**
 - Library had been granted £3,000 from the Big Society Grant
 - Outreach (CAB) had been granted £3,000 which would allow it to come to Bidford once a fortnight, starting in January 2012
 - 1 computer which will be used by CAB
- Long Marston airfield –the Environment Agency had put a stop to the dumping.
- **Waste Collection** The funds supplied by Government to reinstate weekly rubbish collection were insufficient to cover the landfill charges. Therefore it has been resolved by County Council that the collections would remain unchanged.
- Development to the rear of 18 Salford Road – Highways has objected on the grounds that they do not accept the Transport Survey as supplied
- Police – there is a meeting with the Chief Constable to clarify the 999 response policy following a recent incident that has caused confusion. The Parish Council requested that it be informed of the result of this meeting.

Cllr. Barnes left the meeting.

7. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

The main, and only, issue was the developments to the rear of 18 Salford Road and ion Friday Furlong.

- Ward members were meeting with Dr. Shackley to discuss his preference, bearing in mind that the new application for land to the rear of 18 Salford Road does not have permission to date.
The Parish Council requested that Ward Members ask Dr. Shackley to clarify the surgery's position: although members recognised that the doctors would like to keep their options open, the feeling was that they owe it to the community to be open and transparent about it.
- There were issues regarding the behaviour of Welbeck (applicants) that Ward Members did not find acceptable.
In this respect, the Clerk read out the Parish Council's reply to the applicants planning consultant McLoughlin's.

8. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE CLERK (circulated)

RESOLVED to note the contents,

9. TO RECEIVE CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- **WCC** – invitation to once again assist in case of severe weather. 25kg tubs of salt will be made available for use on the highway network.
A member of the community has already volunteered and is willing to store the salt on behalf of the council
RESOLVED to participate in the Snow Warden Scheme and to request as many tubs of grit as possible.

- **WALC –**
 - Legal Briefing on Data Transparency Code of Practice, including further correspondence (circulated)
Having considered the implications, and bearing in mind that the information is available to the electorate, it was **RESOLVED** that no changes are required.
 - New Up2Date information service to assist Parish and Town Councils keep up to date with current issues that concern them
RESOLVED to note this improved service from WALC.
RESOLVED to note that permission may be required for the wording used on any plaques, etc. to be installed for the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee
- **CPRE – newsletters x 2 (circulated)**
RESOLVED to note the correspondence
- **Bidford Community Group –** are donating £200 for planting bulbs by the new signs.
Members were delighted with this generous offer and it was **RESOLVED** a thank you letter should be sent
- **Warwickshire Rural Housing Association – Annual Report**
RESOLVED to note and make it available to interested members of the public
- **Thank you letters** from:
 - Acorns
 - Breakthrough Breast Cancer
 - CAB
 - Samaritans

10. TO RECEIVE AUDIT REPORT FROM EXTERNAL AUDITORS

The Clerk brought to the attention of the Parish Council the issues that had required clarification.

External Auditors had given an “unqualified audit” for the year ending 31st March 2011

RESOLVED to

- Note the issues that had required clarification
- Note the unqualified audit decision made

11. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON BIDFORD LIBRARY

The Chairman made a verbal report, of which the important points were as follows:

- He and the Clerk had attended a workshop at Shire Hall.
- Cabinet has accepted the business proposal subject to agreement being reached on some outstanding issues, namely:
 - Lease of the property
 - Agreement on the annual costs as these have to be shared with the school
 - Transfer of assets
- £3,000 had been awarded under the Big Society Grant, which was 10 times oversubscribed
- The 3 public computers to remain, although they would not be connected to the WCC network

- 2 computers connected to WCC network, one for the use of the volunteer staff and the other for public use, would remain the property and responsibility of WCC
- WCC would train 12 volunteers
- The Chairman would be attending a work shop in Manchester organised by a party called Locality – WCC to pay the costs.

RESOLVED to note the report

12. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE AMENITIES GROUP FOLLOWING THE MEETING WITH BIDFORD CRICKET CLUB (Ref. PC Mins. Sept. 2011/15)

The Chairman of the Amenities Group advised that it supports the erection of the netting. He added that the club was still looking to raise sufficient funds and at the issue of vandalism.

RESOLVED to note that the Amenities Group had used the powers delegated to it at the meeting of 26.09.11 to support the erection of netting by Bidford Cricket Club.

13. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING REQUESTES FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

- **Community Links Transport** – background information circulated. The scheme is looking for funding that will allow this valuable scheme to continue after 31st March 2012, when the current funding ceases... They are approaching parish and town councils, whose residents regularly use this method of transport, as well looking at sponsorship opportunities (currently 62 residents in Bidford use this facility: none in Broom.)

An article regarding Community Links has been included in the next issue of The BIG Paper. (circulated)

Members considered the various issues, including

- The lack of promotion of this service.
- It was also mentioned that a potential user, a Welford resident who used the service to attend Luncheon Club at Westholme Court on Mondays, was not always able to attend as she was dependent on whether or not the service would be available to come to Bidford.
- More details were required about the target figures supplied

RESOLVED the Clerk to seek clarification of the above, and more details, to enable the Council to give this request due consideration and evaluate the benefit to the community

- **CCTV** – following an initial meeting on Monday 17th October with members of other parish/town councils with CCTV cameras, as well as representatives from Stratford DC and Warwickshire Police. It was agreed that, amongst other things, financial contributions from the said parish and town councils should be sought, the amounts to be proportional to the number of cameras. Bidford would be looking at a contribution of between £1,500 to £2,000 p.a. to secure a comprehensive service.

It was proposed that as the CCTV appears to have been successful in reducing the trouble on the High Street, the Council should approve this expenditure to ensure CCTV is fit for purpose

RESOLVED to approve an expenditure of up to £2,000 towards the running of the CCTV

14. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE COST OF REPLACING THE GATE TO GRANGE ROAD CEMETERY, WHICH IS MUCH DAMAGED. COST OF A PAIR OF HARDWOOD GATES £1,137.95

After a short discussion it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the cost of replacing the gates.

15. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE HOLDING A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING WORKSHOP. COST £450/500

It was proposed the workshop be held on Thursday 24th November @ 7.00 pm for the benefit of the Parish Council and residents who had expressed an interesting in participating when they attended the Neighbourhood Planning Community Event. The cost of up to £500 was acceptable.

RESOLVED to arrange a workshop on Thursday 24th November @ 7.00 pm and approve the cost of up to £500.

16. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING GRANT REQUESTS:

- **Bidford Area Community Choir:** the aim of this organisation is to "*raise funds for local charities and organisations*": grant request of £1,150.00 to cover the costs of:
 - Keyboard (£500)
 - Music (£500)
 - Music stand (£150)

Completed grant form and financial statement have been provided

It was noted that the choir had raised funds for other bodies, and it was suggested that perhaps it should consider raising some funds for its own requirements.

It was proposed that a grant of £500 for the keyboard be awarded.

RESOLVED to award a grant of £500 for the keyboard.

- **Stop, Listen Play** – grant request of £500 to enable them to continue its work of bringing live music to the people of Bidford m especially the elderly, those resident in care homes and those adults with learning difficulties.

A proposal to grant \$500 was made.

Another member voiced a concern that, although this group performed in Bidford, it was based in Dunnington (Salford Priors) and it was proposed that the grant be for £300.

This proposal being put the Council it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to give a grant of £300

- **Poppy Appeal** – annual donation (this year will be 11.11.11)

The Council **RESOLVED** to grant £50 to the British Legion

17. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE QUARTERLY ACCOUNTS REVIEW GROUP FOR JULY-SEPT. 2011

The Review Group had carried out its audit on Thursday 27th Sept., and were happy to report that there were no issues

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

These had been circulated to councillors.

Attention was drawn to two cheques that were being replaced:

- VASA – required the name of the cheque amended from CVS to V ASA
- Westholme Luncheon Club – was mislaid

Purchases:	£13,843.73
Wages:	2,396.15
Donations	<u>110.00</u>
(As per cheque list)	16,349.88
DDM	1,113.28
Total payments	£17,463.16

Payments Received	
Car parking	1,820.00
Cemetery sales	1,520.00
2 x spoilt cheques	<u>110.00</u>
Total received	3,450.50

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

The meeting closed at approx. 8.50 pm

BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

In the County of Warwickshire



CLERKS REPORT - OCTOBER 2011

- **MATTERS ARISING**

- **From Plants to Pills Exhibition** – have replied that the parish Council would be interested and will contact them once the library issue has been resolved.
- **Diamond Jubilee Beacons** – Bidford-on-Avon has registered. Exact site has to be confirmed: either the Big Meadow or the top of Tower Hill
- **Youth Shelter Site** – the Police have been advised of the Parish Council's decision and have been requested to keep the council advised of any possible issues.
- **Flood Prevention Grant** – SDC have confirmed that it has awarded the Parish Council's grant request for £1,750 (ex VAT) to clear the brook
- **Skate Ramp** – repairs and the installation of the newly designed hump pump will be carried out on Thursday 3rd Nov.

- **EXPENDITURE**

- 2 X dog bins : **Cost £555.44**
- Proposed planning development to the rear of 18 Salford Road. Reply to lengthy and detailed letter sent by applicants which required a robust reply. **Cost £180.00**

One of the gates to the Salford Road Cemetery was recently stolen. A replacement at a **cost of £600** has been ordered. Due to the cost, a claim has been made to the insurance, although there is an excess of **£250**, which will be the cost to the Parish Council. The gate will be welded down to minimise the risk of it being removed again.

- **ENFORCEMENT ISSUED**
The Parish Council has advised the local enforcement officer of two possible breaches.
- **BROOM, FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME** – the EA sent an update via a September Newsletter which has been posted on the website (<http://www.bidfordonavonpc.gov.uk/pdfs/newsletters/broomflood1109.pdf>)
Completion date is expected next month (November 2011)
- **PARTICIPATORY BUDGETS** – posters and emails are being sent to the residents of Barton, Broom and Marlcliff advising that the Parish Council is inviting them to participate in the 2012/12 budget. Each of these villages is being offered £500 to spend on something they believe will benefit its residents. The Parish Council will be holding its Finance and Strategy Committee meeting on 14th November, and should appreciate having received some proposals from these communities.
- **GRIT BINS** – WCC has started filling these in in preparation for the winter. It will take a little time, but let the Parish Council Office know if a bin near you has not been filled by the end of the month.
- **FOOTPATHS** –WCC together with Community Payback have done an excellent job of clearing footpaths in the village. If you are aware of a footpath that requires clearing, please contact the Parish Council Office.