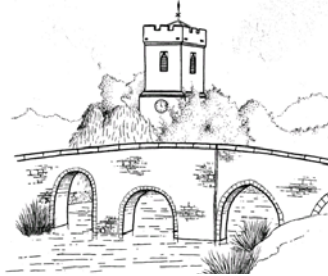


BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

In the County of Warwickshire



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 26th March 2012 @ 7.30 pm at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Bramley Way.

PRESENT

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

Also present: District Cllrs. James and Howse (Cllr. Pemberton had sent
 his apologies
 3 members of the public

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

1. TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES

Cllr. Fleming had sent his apologies, which were accepted.

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

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27TH FEBRUARY 2012

Cllr. Sandle proposed the Minutes be accepted as being accurate.

RESOLVED that Minutes should be approved and signed by the Chairman

4. YOUTH FORUM

No young people attended the meeting

5. PUBLIC FORUM

- Concern was raised regarding the work carried out to the ash tree to the rear of The Pleck
- **Monie Meadow** parking – it was believed that an alternative to the occasional parking could be found and resident would be visiting the Clerk with a proposal for the council's consideration as it was deemed that Monie Meadow should remain a meadow and nothing else
- **Friday Furlong** – although it was acknowledged that the parish council was doing everything it could, residents would like it to put more pressure on District Council to bring this to a conclusion so that development could start. The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council meeting with the Portfolio holder and planning officers after the election of 3rd May, to discuss the current situation, as the Parish Council agreed that the uncertainty regarding this site has been going on for far too long. Members agreed with this.
- **Big Meadow** – why had posts and chains been installed on the entry to the Big Meadow? The Parish Council replied that it was to prevent the chaos caused by visiting sport clubs parking there and preventing visitors entering the Big Meadow.

6. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr. Barnes did not attend the meeting

7. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- **Draft Core Strategy** –
 - Presentations had been made to all parish/town councils.
 - It was also important that members of the public respond
 - Policy team do take comments made into account when preparing the final documents – this had already happened and was noticeable in the case of Bidford on Avon, when comments made by the Parish Council had been incorporated into the current profile.
 - Reference was made about a letter that had been sent by Bloor Homes
 - Neighbourhood Plans – important that these are carried out and SDC is offering support.
- **Queens Diamond Jubilee Events** – all license and permission requirements were being waived for this event celebrations

8. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE CLERK

The Clerk gave a verbal report which is attached to these Minutes

RESOLVED to note its contents

9. TO RECEIVE/CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- **WALC**
 - NALC Legal Topic note LTN 80 – Code of Conduct (circulated)
The Clerk advised that more information would be forthcoming from

WALC following its Secretary's meeting with the Monitoring Officers of the Boroughs and Districts.

RESOLVED to note LTN 80 and the Clerk's comments

- NALC Legal Topic Note LTN 81 – Guidance of Pre-Determination (circulated)

RESOLVED to note LTN 81

- NALC – Employment Briefing on Unfair Dismissal (circulated)

RESOLVED to note the Briefing

- LAIS IUp2Date 13 (circulated)

RESOLVED to note the contents

- S137 limit for 2012/13 set at £6.80

NOTED

10. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING GRANT REQUESTS

- **Broom Village Diamond Jubilee Committee:** request for funds to assist in the village celebrations taking place on 4th June (circulated)
Proposed that £350 be awarded
RESOLVED to grant £350 under S137
- **Alcester Cafe** (support Alzheimer sufferers and their carers): request for £50 donation towards running costs
Council considered this to be a worthy cause and agreed to support it. It was proposed that £100 be granted. This was withdrawn when it was drawn to the proposer's attention that the request was for £50 and this could always be increased later if more Bidford residents made use of this facility.
RESOLVED to grant £50 under S137

11. TO CONSIDER EVENTS FOR THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE.

Bidford on Avon has already registered to take part in the Jubilee Beacon Event on Monday 4th June – time to be advised by organisers.

The Council proposed to encourage residents to celebrate locally in the open spaces close to them (Jubilee Close, Marleigh Park, Dugdale Avenue etc.) or on the Big Meadow itself.

The Council agreed to consider having a fireworks display on the Big Meadow.

RESOLVED

- Mark Smith to be in charge of the beacon
- The Clerk to look into the cost of a fireworks display and report back at the April Parish Council meeting

12. TO CONSIDER CONCERNS RAISED REGARDING WORK CARRIED OUT TO THE TREE BY THE BOUNDARY FENCE OF A PROPERTY ON PLECK CLOSE (circulated with the reply received from the contractor)

After some discussion it was **RESOLVED** the Clerk write to the contractor expressing its concerns, stating the tree appeared to have pollarded not a canopy reduction. In future, the Council to receive a "before photograph" to accompany details of the work to be carried out, and an "after" photograph.

13. TO AGREE DATES OF THE MEETINGS FOR MAY 2012

Bearing in mind the Annual Parish Council Meeting must take place within 14 days of the election (May 3rd) and that Monday 7th May is a Bank Holiday, it was recommended that

- Annual Parish Council Meeting and Planning Committee Meeting take place on Monday May 14th
- Parish Council Meeting take place on Monday May 28th (not a Bank Holiday)

RESOLVED to accept the recommendation

14. TO APPROVE REPLY TO THE DRAFT CORE STRATEGY (draft reply circulated)

This had been prepared and circulated to all members. No amendments were requested and it was **RESOLVED** to approve the reply and it to be sent prior to 30th March.

15. TO APPROVE SIGNING OF THE LEASE FOR THE LAND TO THE REAR OF THE FIRE STATION

RESOLVED that the Chairman and Vice Chairman duly sign the lease

16. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING MATTERS:

- **12/00533/FUL – Mr. Alan Ewins, 21 Victoria Road, B50 5AS**
Single storey rear extension
RESOLVED No representation
- **W/12/00420/PN (Wychavon DC) Mr. C. Hartwell, Spiers and Hartwell, Blackminster Bus. Park, Blackminster WR11 7TD**
Canopy over existing yard
RESOLVED no representation as this did not result in more traffic
- **12/00662/AGNOT M. R.S. Brookhouse. Moor Hall Farm, Wixford B49 6DL**
Agricultural storage building
RESOLVED No representation

17. TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM BIDFORD BAPTIST CHURCH TO HAVE A SPORTS DAY AND BARBEQUE ON DUGDALE SPORTING FIELDS ON 1ST JULY (OLYMPIC TORCH DAY)

RESOLVED to allow this as a unique event subject to a satisfactory risk assessment.

18. TO RECEIVE UPDATE OF THE PLANNED REPLANTING ON MILLERS BANK, BROOM

Councillors looked at the plans which were **NOTED**

19. TO RECEIVE UPDATE RE THE AWARDS FOR ALL PROJECT ON THE BIG MEADOW

Councillors looked at the draft interpretation panels and expressed great satisfaction with them.

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

These had been circulated to councillors.

Purchases:	15,225.20
In. Revenue	2,278.42
Wages:	<u>2,395.55</u>
(As per cheque list)	19,899.17
DDM	<u>1,318.61</u>
Total payments	£21,217.78

Payments Received

Cemetery sales	545.00
Allotment rent	10.00
Donations	<u>392.50</u>
Total received	£ 947.50

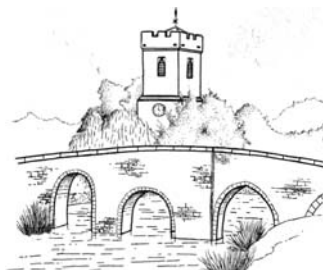
£20,000 was transferred from the deposit to the current account to meet the above payments.

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

The meeting closed at approx. 8.45 pm

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CLERKS REPORT – March 2012

- **BIG MEADOW**
 - Welcome and interpretation panels will be installed Friday 30th, ready for the 2012 official opening on 1st April
 - Posts and chain have been installed along the grass verges to stop car from parking, and appropriate warning sign will be erected.
 - Traffic cones have been ordered to close off the winter car parking area
 - Police will be giving us cards with their numbers on it to be given to anyone who needs to contact the police whilst on the Big Meadow – it is essential the Police is advised of any anti social behaviour **immediately.**

- **SDC WEST AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING** will be considering the planning application for 137 dwellings and possible Medical Centre at the rear of 18 Salford Road on **Tuesday 17th April @ 6.15 pm at the Crawford Memorial Hall.** It is very important for the local community to attend and make the Planning Authority aware that there is strong local objection to this development.

- **BIDFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY LTD (BCL)** will open its doors to the public on Monday 2nd April @ 10.00 am. BCL and the Parish Council are very grateful to all those volunteers who are making this possible, and would invite the local community to use this excellent facility and ensure its viability.
BCL has its own site with the Parish Council's website <http://www.bidfordonavon-pc.gov.uk/library.htm> with details of opening hours, newsletters and other information can be found.

- **MARLCLIFF FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME** – the EA have arranged for a drop in session for Marlcliff residents on Wednesday 4th April between 2.00 – 6.00 pm.
- **PORTAS PILOT** – SDC together with the University of Coventry are putting together a bid to central Government that, if successful, will help the smaller towns and villages to increase footfall and visitor numbers, and Bidford-on-Avon (together with Studley) were the chosen villages to act as pilots. Filming was carried out on Friday 23rd and will be sent to Government by the deadline of 30th March.