



#### 4. YOUTH FORUM

No young people attended the meeting

#### 5. PUBLIC FORUM

- Resident requested the council reconsider its objection to the planning application for 66 Victoria Road and put forward his argument for this. The Chairman advised that members noted his comments and would take them into account when considering his request which was included in the agenda.
- Resident requested financial assistance for a street party on Crompton Avenue, to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The request had been sent by email but, regrettably, the Clerk had omitted to include it on the Agenda. In view of the imminence of the celebration, the Chairman proposed a suspension of the Standing Order to allow the Parish Council to consider this request. It was **RESOLVED** to temporarily suspend Standing Orders (7.40. pm)

The request was for the Parish Council to fund the purchase of 40 x £5 Queens Jubilee coins for the 40 young people of Crompton Avenue.

The Council took into consideration the following:

- Funds had been allocated for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Event
- Broom Diamond Jubilee Committee had been given a grant of £350
- The Parish Council was advocating local residents to organise local street party events, so this should be supported.
- The Beacon will be at no cost to the Parish Council

It was proposed the Parish Council approve a grant of £200 for the purchase of the £5 Diamond Jubilee Commemorative coins. This was put to a vote and it was **RESOLVED** to approve this grant by 8 votes in favour and 2 abstentions.

Standing Orders were re-introduced at 7.50 pm

- There was a proposal from a resident that a Commemorative tree be planted in Bidford, with an appropriate plaque. It was proposed the resident put this forward under the Bidford Participatory Budget to be considered at the next Parish Council Meeting in May.

#### 6. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- **Mineral reserves:**
  - 2009 – there was 3.4 years reserve
  - 2010 – there was 2 years reserveNothing can be done regarding the strategy on mineral reserves until spring 2012.
- **Dinners for elderly** – there was concern about the quality of this service and Cllr., Barnes requested the support of the Parish Council to bring this to the attention of the Leader of WCC and the portfolio holder **RESOLVED** that the Clerk write to Cllrs. Farnell and Mrs. Seccombe

expressing the concerns of the Parish Council regarding the deterioration of this serve and its affect on the local community

- **Street lights** – it appears that the cost of fitting the new switches on streetlights for them to go off at 100.00 am and come on at 5.00 pm is recouped within the first year

Cllr. Barnes left the meeting

#### 7. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- **Cllr Howse** thanked the Parish Council for the way it had accepted him during his first year as Ward Member  
He also thanked Cllrs. James and Pemberton for their assistance and gave them credit for working together as a team, as had been witnessed at the recent planning committee meeting for the development to the rear of 18 Salford Road.
- **Cllr., Pemberton** requested that it be placed on record his thanks to Kim James for his unwavering support during the last 15 years, and for his trustworthy and valued advice.
- **Cllr, James** in his last report as Ward Member, thanked the Parish Council for the last 4 years adding that he couldn't have worked with a more pro-active parish council. It has turned the village around by investing in youth, the Crawford Memorial Hall and the Bowling Club and sports. It was a fantastic council to represent, and with it there would be no Fire Station and no Bidford library.  
One behalf of the Parish Council, the Chairman thanked Cllr. James for all his work during the last 15 years, adding that he would be sorely missed.

#### 8. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE CLERK

The Clerk's written report had been circulated and is attached to these minutes  
**RESOLVED** to note its contents

#### 9. TO RECEIVE/CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- **Warwickshire County Council:**
  - **Partnership Landscape** –update  
**NOTED.** The Parish Council to await decision of WCC at its meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> May when the report will be considered
  - invitation to a *Briefing Sessions on Closer Working with Town & Parish Councils* – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2012 7.00 – 9.00 pm at Shire Hall (between 2 and 3 attendants)  
**RESOLVED** Councillors to attend to be nominated at the Annual Parish Council Meeting (14<sup>th</sup> May)
- **Worcester County Council** - advise of Proposed changes to the Waste Core Strategy DPD following the Examination (consultation period 5<sup>th</sup> April – 21<sup>st</sup> May)  
**NOTED**
- **NALC** – Report of the Chief Executive dated 20.03.2012 (circulated)  
**NOTED**

- **WALC** –
  - News letter and Bespoke Guidance (circulated)  
**NOTED**
  - **Legal Briefing L06-12** The Repeal of the Power of Well Being (circulated)  
**NOTED**
  - **General Power of Competence** (circulated)  
**NOTED**
- **Bidford Area Community Choir** invitation to attend their Jubilee themed concert on 19<sup>th</sup> May in St. Laurence Church, when they will take the opportunity to thank the Council for the grant towards their new piano. **NOTED** with thanks. Councillors to confirm if they could attend so the Clerk could advise the Community Choir accordingly
- **Mr. Urquhart** requesting the Council reconsider its objection to planning application 12/00006/FUL (circulated)  
After a lengthy discussion, it was proposed the Council withdraw its objection **RESOLVED** by 8 votes in favour and 2 against, to withdraw the objection.
- **Resident** requesting the Parish Council's support to try and get the maintenance of the public footpaths improved  
**RESOLVED** that the Clerk write to County Highways requesting the footpaths be maintained to ensure the safety of residents
- **Resident** – requesting the Parish Council to consider Anti Litter signs to be placed on black spots on the Big Meadow. He suggests collaboration between the Parish Council and Bidford Primary School.  
**RESOLVED** that the Clerk liaise with the school to produce the artwork.
- **Resident** - email to the Parish Council in reply to article in the Stratford Herald, stating that there has been great improvement in the village in the last few years and that he supports the current council in what it is doing  
**NOTED**

#### **10. TO CONSIDER WARWICKSHIRE WASTE CORE STRATEGY PUBLICATION CONSULTATION**

The Clerk advised the consultation date had been extended to 15<sup>th</sup> June following the publication of the National Planning Policy Framework document.

**RESOLVED** to note the consultation and that it is available to read online.

Councillors to revert with any comments at the May meeting

#### **11. TO CONSIDER THE FUTURE OF THE APPLICATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF LAND TO THE REAR OF 18 SALFORD ROAD FOLLOWING THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING (email from Cllr. James circulated)**

It was proposed a Steering Group be set up to organise the response to the expected appeal from developers, and that Cllr. James be invited to form part of this group.

**RESOLVED**

- To form a Steering Group at the next Planning Committee meeting, on 14<sup>th</sup> May, and select its membership (elections on 3<sup>rd</sup> May will mean new councillors)

- To invite Kim James to be part of this Steering Group as he has great experience in planning matters

**12. TO CONSIDER A GRANT OF £4,000 TO SAFEGUARD THE SPORT ENGLAND'S INSPIRED FACILITIES GRANT OF £50,000 TOWARDS THE BIG MEADOW SPORT PAVILION PROJECT**

The Amenities Working Group had held a very productive meeting with members of Bidford Sports Association to discuss the project. Sport England's preferred contractor is based in Manchester and the project budget presented was just under £100,000! In view of this, quotations from local contractors were being requested, although the conditions of the grant are quite strict with regards to time. In view of this, the Amenities Group were proposing a grant of £4,000 to kick-start fund raising and ensure the Sport England grant was not lost.

After a short discussion to ascertain funds were available (Clerk confirmed the council had allocated £25,000 for grants) it was **RESOLVED** by 9 votes in favour and 1 abstention, to approve the grant of £4,000.

**13. TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM MARK SMITH TO SPONSOR THE ANNUAL VINTAGE GATHERING EVENT (12/13 MAY) BY CONTRIBUTING 1 TON OF COAL @ A COST OF £300)**

Members took the opportunity of praising the organisation of this event and its success the last 2 years, and noted the proceeds were donated to local charities.

**RESOLVED** to approve the grant of £300 by a unanimous decision

**14. TO CONSIDER APPROVING THE COST OF A FIREWORK DISPLAY ON THE BIG MEADOW TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE ON MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE @ A COST OF £500 FOR A 10 MINUTE DISPLAY**

The cost was considered to be good value for money and it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the cost.

It was also **RESOLVED** to approach Bidford Sports Association and ask if they would be prepared to be involved in the event and provide some catering.

**15. TO CONSIDER REPORT FROM THE AMENITIES WORKING GROUP (following its meeting of 23.04.12)**

The Chairman of the Working Group advised that the Annual Play Area Inspection Report had been signed off. There had only been 2 issues of concern raised both of which have been resolved.

**RESOLVED** to note the verbal report

The Chairman of the Council took the opportunity of thanking Cllr. Hill for the excellent work he had carried out during his time as Parish Councillor, especially in connection with the Sport England Grant. The Council hoped that he would be prepared to continue working with the Amenities Group as his knowledge of this sector was invaluable.

**16. TO CONSIDER REPLY RECEIVED FROM WCC ROAD SAFETY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT TO CONCERNS RAISED REGARDING SAFETY OF PEDESTRIANS ON BIDFORD BRIDGE**

The concerns had been noted by WCC, including the proposal for a footbridge. This proposal had already been considered at the time of the Millennium and the assessment made at that time that the cost was prohibitive is still valid.

WCC added that in terms of accidents the statistics for the bridge are very good when compared to other such locations, with no recorded injury accidents involving pedestrians since its records began in 1990.

**RESOLVED** to note the comments.

**17. TO CONFIRM THE PARTICIPATORY BUDGET PROJECTS:**

- **Barton** – flagpole
- **Broom** – to catalogue, safe-keep and exhibit local historical papers donated to the village by resident Mrs. Irene Williams
- **Marlcliff** – towards the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee celebrations

**18. TO APPROVE THE SIGNING OF THE DEEDS FOR DUGDALE AVENUE SPORTS FIELDS, WARWICKSHIRE.**

**RESOLVED** that the Chairman and Cllr. Hill, who had been instrumental in these fields becoming QE2 Fields in Trust, sign the Deeds

**19. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- **12/00727/FUL – Mr. and Mrs. Strickland, 24 Millers Bank, Broom B50 4HZ**

proposed single storey rear extension

**RESOLVED** to make the following comment

*Council is concerned that this extension is on a flood plain although it recognises that a Flood Alleviation Scheme has recently been constructed which should minimise the risk.*

- **12/00839/FUL Mr. and Mrs. Wells, Avonview, Stratford Road, B50 4LU**  
Removal of existing timber stable. Erection of a new office (B1) and garage.  
Modification to site entrance.

**RESOLVED** to make the following comment

*Fascia boards to be stained timber in keeping with all windows and door frames.*

**20. TO RECEIVE VERBAL REPORT FROM THE QUARTERLY ACCOUNTS REVIEW GROUP**

The accounts had been reconciled with no issues to report

**RESOLVED** to note the verbal report

## 21. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MONTHS'S PAYMENTS AND ACCOUNTS

These had been circulated to councillors.

Purchases:	16,570.50
Grants	500.00
Wages:	<u>2,419.97</u>
(As per cheque list)	19,490.47
DDM	<u>1,197.37</u>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>£20,687,84</b>

### Payments Received

Meadow Rights	£1,200.00
Cemetery sales	155.00
Car parking	900.00
Allotment rent	52.00
Precept	105,450.00
Photocopy	1.00
Donations	<u>270.00</u>
<b>Total received</b>	<b>£108,028.00</b>

£97,500 was transferred from the current to the deposit 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