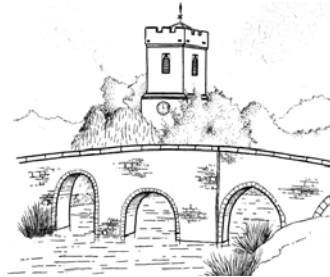


# BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

## In the County of Warwickshire



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2012 @ 7.30 pm  
at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Bramley Way.**

### **PRESENT**

Chairman                          Cllr. Gerrard  
Cllrs.                                Atkins, Harvey, Hiscocks, Mrs. Keeley, Pound and  
   Mrs. Randell

Also present:                      County Cllr. Barnes  
   District Cllrs. Howse and Spence

7 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 Cllr. Squires. Cllr. Spiers had not sent in apologies.*

### **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 20<sup>th</sup> 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  
*No declarations of interest made*

### **3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2012**

Cllr. Hiscocks 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**

- Resident raised objections to a planning application which had already been considered by the Parish Council. The reasons for the objection were:
  - Loss of light
  - Loss of privacy
  - Detrimental to the street scene

Cllr. Pemberton has visited the site and has requested the application go to Planning Committee as he has some concerns

Resident invited parish councillors to visit the site.

The Chairman of the Planning Committee advised that he had visited the site and does not share her concerns: other properties on the street have carried out similar extensions. This view was supported by another councillor who had also visited the site.

- Resident raised the issue of the large numbers of HGVs crossing Bidford Bridge. He had counted 20/30 whilst mowing. This was supported by other members of the public present, all requesting better signage. Concerns were expressed regarding the structure of the bridge itself which is being continuously damaged by HGVs.
- Resident advised the council that a tree it had had pollarded, and which was reviving, had had its green shoots cut off and was in danger of dying. He requested the Parish Council keep an eye on it.

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

- CAB continued to be fully booked and it was clear it is a much needed service to the area.
- Concern is being raised regarding the Alexander Hospital, Redditch. A Bidford patient was recently turned away and had to be taken to Worcester Hospital. Cllr Barnes will be taking this up at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee together with the County Councillor for Studley
- Stratford Parkway had been assigned to a London based company
- Marlcliff – the badger cull was right up to the border near Marlcliff
- Street lights – an officer will be attending the Local Community Forum on Wednesday to talk about the switch over to part night time operation

Cllr. Barnes left the meeting

## 7. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- There had been a presentation of the proposed development at Tower Hill (rear of the fire station) which Cllr. Howse believed was well designed
- Gypsy and Traveller sites policy will be proposed in September 2012
- There had been an increase in the number of burglaries in Broom.
- A new Neighbourhood Watch scheme had been set up with the assistance of Warwickshire Police

## 8. TO RECEIVE/CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- **WALC** –
  - Newsletter (circulated) – **Noted**
  - Code of Conduct and Register of Pecuniary Interests update (circulated) – **Noted**
  - Briefing Event for all Chairmen and aspiring Chairman Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> July 10.00 am – 1.00 pm Lapworth Village Hall. Cost £35 per delegate **RESOLVED** Cllrs. Fleming and Gerrard to attend
- **Nadhim Zahawi MP** – reply to letter from the parish council expressing its concerns in respect of the ending of the agreement with the Association of British Insurers (ABI) to continue insuring properties at risk of flooding. The Clerk read out the contents of the letter and it was **RESOLVED** to post it on the website for residents to access.
- **CPRE** – Newsletter (circulated) **Noted**
- **Resident** re Bidford Bridge and a proposal to stop the illegal crossing of HGVs  
This issue had been discussed at length during the open forum. It was **RESOLVED** to instruct the Clerk to:
  - establish the adequacy of the signage
  - contact the police to establish whether or not it was a prosecution offence to illegally drive over the bridge
  - contact Warwickshire County Council, Worcestershire County Council, English Heritage and the companies raising the concerns of the parish council and the local community.

## 9. TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2012 AND COMPLETE THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (circulated)

- The Chairman advised that the Annual; Accounts had been considered, and approved, by the Finance and Strategy Committee at its meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> June 2012, and proposed they be approved>  
**RESOLVED** to approve the Annual Accounts by a vote of 7 in favour to 1 against
- The Chairman read through the Annual Governance Statement and proposed it be approved.  
**RESOLVED** the Annual Governance Statement completed to acknowledge that the Parish Council had acted responsibly be approved. This was unanimous.
- **RESOLVED** that the Chairman sign the Annual Accounts and the Annual governance Statement.

**10. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS IN RESPECT OF THE NEW CODE OF CONDUCT, EFFECTIVE FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2012**

- **To adopt** the template provided by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) (circulated)
- **To consider** the advice of the Warwickshire & West Midlands Association of Local Councils (WALC) that the parish/town council adopt the same of as its borough/district council.  
Stratford DC will be approving a draft Code of Conduct in July and will be contacting parish/town councils in mid July (relevant correspondence circulated)

Members considered both options and **RESOLVED** to take the advice from WALC that it adopt the Code of Conduct approved by Stratford DC.

**11. TO CONSIDER**

- letter from Warwickshire County Council (WCC) regarding changes to Street Lighting in Warwickshire
- Information for the Parish Council should it wish to change to part night operation at the same time as WCC

A councillor expressed disappointment that WCC had decided to go ahead with its part night operation scheme as the Parish Council had voted against this at its meeting of July 2011.

Other councillors believed it was a good idea as it cut down of light pollution and carbon emissions.

IN order for the Parish Council to be able to make a considered decision, it was proposed that the Clerk find out the true costs involved by:

- Number of streetlights that are suitable for the change
- Reduction in the annual cost of electricity supply

**RESOLVED**

- The Clerk to establish the true cost/savings of part night operation
- The Council to consult with the local community once this was established

**12. TO CONSIDER CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL QUESTIONNAIRE CIRCULATED BY WCC (circulated)**

As this was aimed at the users of concessionary travel it was **RESOLVED** the questionnaire be made available online. h\hard copies would also be made available in the office and library.

**13. TO CONSIDER QUOTE FOR THE PURCHASE AND ERECTION OF A SECURITY PANEL ON THE ALLOTMENTS ( Ref. PC Mins May 2012/13) FOR £150**

**RESOLVED** that the matter be considered by the Allotment and Burials committee and their recommendation to be given to full Council for the final decision.

**14. TO CONSIDER THE PARISH COUNCIL'S COMMENTS REGARDING PLANNING APPLICATION 12/01177/FUL (Ref PM Mins June 2012/Public forum) WHICH WAS CONSIDERED BY THE COUNCIL AT ITS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 28.05.12 (Members are respectfully reminded that Standing Order 11a applies)**

This matter had been considered at length during the Public Forum. As the requirements of Standing Orders 11a that would allow the decision to be reconsidered had not been met, the Council's decision could not be overturned.

**15. TO RATIFY THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE TENDER APPROVED BY THE AMENITIES WORKING GROUP FOR WORK TO THE SPORTS PAVILION IN CONNECTION WITH THE SPORT ENGLAND GRANT OF £50,000**

Members of the Amenities Working Group made a short report of its meeting and proposed the council ratified the decision made

**RESOLVED** to ratify the decision as this would allow work to proceed in accordance with the conditions of Sport England

**16. TO NOTE THE FOLLOWING**

- Lease between Warwickshire County Council and Bidford Parish Council for land to the rear of the fire station has now been completed.
- Deed of Dedication Dugdale Avenue Sports Fields has been registered and a copy has been received.

**NOTED**

**17. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATION**

- **12/01360/FUL - Mr and Mrs Richard Winsper 2 High Street, Broom B5-0 4HJ**

Two storey side extension, single storey side porch, replacement porch canopy to front elevation and conservatory to rear

**RESOLVED** No representation

Due to the sensitive nature of this item, the Council may resolve to exclude the public (Public Bodies (Admissions of Meetings Act) 1960 s1(2))

**RESOLVED** that due to the sensitive nature of the items the public be excluded

**18. TO CONSIDER THE RESPONSE TO A RESIDENT'S LETTER REGARDING PUBLIC OPEN SPACE BELONGING TO THE PARISH COUNCIL (circulated)**

The contents of the letter and the background was considered at length and it was **RESOLVED**

- The Clerk clarify the legal situation in respect of the conditions attached to the Public Open Space
- Depending on the above, the Clerk to make the proposals to the residents as had been agreed by Council

**19. TO REVIEW THE CLERK'S SALARY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CLERK'S CONTRACT**

The Clerk left the room.

**RESOLVED** to acknowledge the Clerk's achievement in obtaining a Foundation Degree in Community Engagement and Governance (University of Gloucestershire) and award a 1 point increase in the salary scale to 32.

**20. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MONTH'S PAYMENTS AND ACCOUNTS (circulated)**

Purchases:	19,747.79
Grants	820.00
Wages:	2,420.17
In. Revenue	<u>2,247.66</u>
(As per cheque list)	25,235.62
DDM	<u>2,016.08</u>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>£27,251.70</b>

Payments Received	
Cemetery Sales	310.00
Car parking	755.00
Interest	<u>34.25</u>
<b>Total received</b>	<b>£1,065.00</b>

£22,500.00 was transferred from the deposit account to the current account to meet the above payment

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

The meeting closed at approx. 9.30 pm