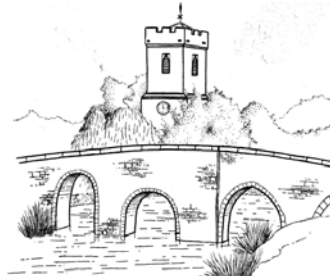


BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

In the County of Warwickshire



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 30th July 2012 @ 7.30 pm
at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Bramley Way.**

PRESENT

Chairman Cllr. Gerrard
Cllrs. Atkins, Fleming, Hiscocks, Mrs. Keeley, Mrs. Randell,
 Spiers and Squires

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

5 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. Harvey and Pound

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
No declarations of interest made

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25th JUNE 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 had noted the Parish Council's comments supporting the Medical Centre's planning application and wanted clarification as she had understood the council's reply had been No Representation.
The Council confirmed that it had resolved to support the application and to make comments regarding access to and from the site.

6. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- Reorganisation of the Worcestershire hospitals and possible closure of the Alexander Hospital in Redditch could have an impact on the local community. County Council had raised the issue with Worcestershire County Council regarding the lack of consultation and communication and had been assured this would not take place.
- Marsh Farm liaison meeting – it was made clear that sand and gravel reserves are down but that County Council would be doing nothing about this until the end of the year.
- Police Commissioner – elections would be taking place in mid November. Cllr. Barnes has written to both the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister asking that the vote be via post as this would encourage more voting as well as keeping costs down.

Cllr. Barnes left the meeting

7. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- Orbit Housing was disposing of some houses (13 and a possible further 4). This is currently under discussion with SDC who are strongly opposing the sale. However it should be noted that Orbit are within their rights to sell and raise funds this way if they should so wish, all SDC can do is try and influence the decision, which it is doing .
- Stratford Market – contract was coming up for renewal in Sept. 2012. Following all the procedures correctly, SDC had given the new contract to a new firm. However, Sketts, who had held the contract until now, are looking at the possibility of challenging this. SDC officers are satisfied that the process was carried out with due diligence.
- SDC has appointed a new Destination Stratford Manager. It is a temporary 1 year contract to start with, financed by SDC as well as other interested parties, including Bidford on Avon.
- SDC has also expressed concern about the lack of consultation regarding the possible closure of the Alexander Hospital
- United Carriers – Ward members and officers looking at options
- Grass cutting – together with the Clerk the clearing of footpaths had been carried out.

8. TO RECEIVE CLERK'S REPORT (circulated)

- **Bidford Bridge** – the contents of the replies received from both Warwickshire Police and County Council were considered. Extreme disappointment was expressed with regards to the reply received from County Council which, in essence, said nothing could be done due to lack of resources.

It was proposed and unanimously **RESOLVED** that

- The Clerk contact Gloucestershire and Worcestershire County Councils to see if they were more amenable and helpful
- The Clerk investigates the cost of a light activated sign.
- The Clerk to report back at the next meeting

9. TO RECEIVE/CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- **WCC** – Advice of temporary closure of Waterloo Road 16 – 21 August 2012
Noted – it has also been posted on the council's website
- **Stratford upon Avon DC** – Omnibus Byelaws to be made available for public inspection. It has been posted on the website
Noted
- **WALC** – information on the following consultations received:
 - Payment Method – deadline 11.09.12 (circulated)
RESOLVED that councillors should have more time to consider the reply, to be made at the August PC meeting
 - Sustainable Communities Act– deadline 05.09.12 (circulated)
RESOLVED that councillors should have more time to consider the reply, to be made at the August PC meeting
 - Red Diesel – deadline 01.10.12 - **Noted**

10. TO CONSIDER A PARISH COUNCIL POLICY ON HOW TO COMMENT ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS THAT ARE RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE INCLUDED IN EITHER OF THE COUNCIL'S MEETINGS, BEARING IN MIND SDC IS ADHERING STRICTLY TO THE 21 DAY RULE AND IS NOT GRANTING ANY EXTENSIONS

It was proposed, and unanimously **RESOLVED** that:

- The Chairman of the Planning Committee and 2 other councillors are given delegated powers to reply to minor applications.
- In the case of major or controversial applications an extraordinary Planning Committee Meeting be arranged to consider the application.

11. TO REVIEW THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL DOCUMENTS:

Councillors had received copies of these documents for consideration.

- Risk Assessment (updated version circulated)
RESOLVED to approve the updated version
- Policy for Grant Application (circulated)
RESOLVED to re-approve the document

12. TO APPROVE THE STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (circulated)

Councillors considered the draft and **RESOLVED** it be approved and adopted.

13. TO CONSIDER OPENING A DEPOSIT ACCOUNT WITH CCLC (details circulated)

Councillors considered the advantages/disadvantages of a deposit account with CCLA : no fixed term and no penalty but low interest rates; against the terms offered by Lloyds tsb: fixed term and penalties, but higher interest rate.

It was proposed that the money held in reserve be put into a 6 month deposit account with Lloyds tsb.

RESOLVED the RFO to identify the amount of reserve funds that could be put into a 6 month deposit account, to be reported at the next meeting for the purpose of opening a 6 month HDI account.

14. TO ADOPT

- The Code of Conduct template as adopted by Stratford on Avon DC (circulated)
RESOLVED to adopt the Code of Conduct (Ref. PC Mins. June 2012/10)
- The Declaration of Interest as adopted by SDC
RESOLVED to adopt the Declaration of Interest (Ref. PC Mins. June 2012/10)

15. TO CONSIDER THE TERMS OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN STRADFORD ON AVON DC AND BIDFORD PC IN RESPECT OF CCTV (circulated)

Councillors felt the agreement fulfilled its requirement and **RESOLVED** to accept the Terms of Agreement

16. TO CONSIDER THE 1ST QUARTER FIGURES (circulated)

The Chairman of the Finance and Strategy Committee presented the figures and pointed out the new, improved, layout following requests from Council that they be made easier to follow and to compare with last year's figures. He believed the RFO's new presentation achieved this and recommended it to Council.

One Councillor continued to object to the presentation which he believed did not accord with the way business/companies presented their monthly figures.

RESOLVED to accept the new layout and the 1st Quarter figures by 7 votes in favour to 1 against.

17. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE ALLOTMENT WORKING GROUP REGARDING THE INSTALLATION OF A LOCKABLE GATE

The recommendation of the Amenities WG was to accept the quote of £150.00 and have the gate installed

RESOLVED to accept the recommendation

18. TO CONSIDER ERECTING A FENCE AT THE ENTRANCE OF MILLERS BANK AT A COST OF £400.00

The Council were shown photos of the site clearly showing the gaps at either side of the gate which would allow vehicle to enter the Public Open Space area? It was proposed the quotation be accepted and the funds come from the S106 allocated to Millers Bank.

RESOLVED to accept the proposal

19. TO CONSIDER REQUEST TO FUND COMMEMORATIVE DIAMOND JUBILEE COINS FOR 30 CHILDREN AT GRAFTON LANE (cost £152.50 inc. postage)

Following a short discussion regarding the merits of this grant, it was proposed that the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year should be treated as a special "one off" event and that the children should be given something with which to remember such a momentous year.

RESOLVED to give the grant by 6 votes in favour and 2 abstentions.

20. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- **12/01463/LDE Mr. Deri Jones, 52 Westholme Road, B50 4AL**
Erection of garage
RESOLVED no representation
- **12/01528/FUL Mr. Michael Hobday, 3 Garden Court, Waterloo Road B50 4JQ**
Erection of conservatory to rear of property
RESOLVED no representation
- **12/01591/FUL Mr. and Mrs. B. Leitch 2 Garden Court, Waterloo Road B50 4JQ**
Single storey rear extension
RESOLVED no representation

21. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MONTH'S PAYMENTS AND ACCOUNTS (CIRCULATED)

Council was asked to note that a cheque for £170.00 had been raised to pay for the Planning Application in respect of the Sports Pavilion Project to be allocated to the Big Meadow Sports Pavilion Grant

Purchases:	£8,134.87
Wages:	<u>2,476.88</u>
(As per cheque list)	10,611.75
Cheque to SDC	170.00
DDM	<u>1,100.16</u>
Total payments	£11,881.91

Payments Received	
Cemetery Sales	615.00
Car parking	2,060.00
Fishing rights	90.00
Allotments	536.40
Meadow Rights	<u>600.00</u>
Total received	£3,901.40

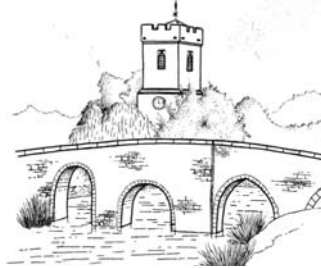
£7,500.00 was transferred from the deposit account to the current account to meet the above payment

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

The meeting closed at approx. 8.45 pm

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CLERKS REPORT – JULY 2012

- **MATTERS ARISING**

- **Bidford Bridge**

- **Warwickshire Police** carried out an signage audit at the request of the Parish council and concluded that better signage is the way forward
 - **WCC** – the reply received from the Police was forwarded to WCC for its comments which are:
 - ✓ Vehicles are deliberately using the bridge – better enforcement is the answer
 - ✓ Vehicles are using non commercial SatNavs – the experience is that drivers using SatNavs ignore any additional signage
 - ✓ No budget or staff resources currently available to deal with this type of work.
 - ✓ It has been added to a list of similar issues across the county and will be investigated as and when resources become available.
 - **Nadhim Zahawi MP** – wrote tour local MP who advised he would be taking the matter up with the Police and WCC

- **Street lighting – part time night operation** – awaiting information from WCC which should be available end of the month. Full report will be made for the August meeting.
 - **Concessionary Travel Questionnaires** – hard copies were made available to The Jolly Tea Pot via a local residents
 - **Planning Appeal** – Parish Council’s appeal sent to Inspectorate within the time limit

- **EXPENDITURE**

The following purchases have been placed:

- 5 x litter pickers £100.00
- 10 traffic cones for the Big Meadow 65.00
- Play Area sign for The Leys 104.24

- **FIELDS IN TRUST -**

The commemorative sign has been sent for installation.

- **BIG MEADOW SPORTS PAVILION PROJECT**

Sport England have approved the use of a local contractor and it is envisaged the work will take place during the autumn

- **MARLCLIFF FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME** – The Environment Agency have advised this is envisaged to start on 30th July weather permitting