



#### **4. YOUTH FORUM**

No young people attended the meeting

#### **5. PUBLIC FORUM**

- Overgrown area by the pelican crossing on Waterloo Road.  
The Clerk advised this had already been reported.

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

Cllr. Barnes had sent his apologies: he was stranded in Yorkshire due to the adverse weather conditions.

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

- Planning appeals: dates for the appeals for the Old Railway Yard and Land to the rear of 18 Salford Road had been set.
- Crabtree application: it was hoped a decision would be reached by Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept.
- Ward members had met with the Agents of the owners of the old Geodis buildings on Waterloo Road and it was expected that a planning application would be forthcoming end October.
- The consultation regarding the Alexander Hospital in Redditch would be starting soon and, as it has implications for the Bidford community, it was hoped they would become involved – especially at the next Community Forum meeting which was taking place in Salford Priors on 5<sup>th</sup> December
- Superfast Broadband – there had been a poor response from Bidford. The Chairman agreed that a new push should be made to encourage the local community to respond to this survey which was online.
- Government was relaxing planning rules, however no tangible information has been received to date.
- Draft Core Strategy: Over 8,000 responses had been received and collated. New consultation that would take into account the responses received would take place in January for a period of 6 weeks. It is hoped that it would be presented to DCLG in May for approval and adopted by Stratford on Avon DC in September 2013.
- Friday Furlong: Ward members were meeting with agents end October to progress this. Agent is adamant that this development will take place.
- It was envisaged that in future Ward Members will give one response to large planning applications in the manner it was done for the application for Land to the rear of 18 Salford Road.

#### **8. TO RECEIVE CLERK'S REPORT**

This had been circulated.

The Chairman took the opportunity to congratulate the Clerk on obtaining the Part 7 of the Certificate in Local Council Administration which qualifies the council to obtain the General Power of Competence.

**RESOLVED** To note the report

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

- **Warwickshire County Council**
  - Information on Road Safety Initiatives (circulated)  
After some discussion regarding the merits of the speed activated signs, and the cost to the Parish Council it was **RESOLVED** not to take up the initiative
  - Information of WCC's Councillor Grant Fund (circulated)  
It was **RESOLVED** to advise Broom Village Hall and Bidford Youth Club to send in an application for these funds.
- **Stratford District Council**
  - Flood Defence Assistance Grants 2012 – it is proposed the Parish Council apply for the grant to clear the ditches: along the Honeybourne Road and others if possible.  
**RESOLVED** to apply
- **WALC** – Invitation to attend the Annual General Meeting on Wed. 7<sup>th</sup> November @ 7.30, Shire Hall  
**RESOLVED** the Chairman and Clerk to attend with any other 2 Councillors
- **Letter from resident** requesting a bus stop between Marleigh Road and St. Laurence Way  
**RESOLVED** that the request be made to the responsible authority, WCC
- **Letter from HFT** thanking the Parish Council for its donation to purchase a fruit tree and plaque  
**NOTED**

## **10. TO CONSIDER CONSULTATION REGARDING THE LOCALISM SUPPORT FOR COUNCIL TAX (Circulated)**

Councillors are asked to note that in a consultation paper issued by the DCLG it is intended that there be **NO** financial impact on Parish and town Councils  
Councillors considered the information supplied by WALC was incomprehensible and it made it impossible for the council to consider replying to the consultation.  
**RESOLVED** the Clerk to write to WALC and advise them accordingly.

## **11. TO CONSIDER ADOPTING THE GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE TO REPLACE THE USE OF S137 (information circulated)**

The Clerk confirmed the eligibility of the council:

- all 10 councillors were elected (requirement is 75% of councillors to be elected)
- The council has a qualified Clerk

**RESOLVED** to adopt the General Power of Competence

**12. TO CONSIDER PROPOSAL OF FENCING THE PLAY AREA IN KING'S LANE, BROOM.**

Estimated cost: Approx £3,000

This is an excellent play area which is well used. However, due to the lack of fencing, dogs and other animals are able to regularly foul the area, making it unsuitable for its purpose. It is proposed that a fence be erected around the play area to prevent animals entering it and thus creating a safe and desirable environment for children and their families.

**RESOLVED** that a fence be erected round the play area

**13. TO CONSIDER COUNTY COUNCIL'S RIGHT OF WAY VOLUNTEER PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT.**

This is replacing the Parish Paths Partnership (PPP) which ran successfully as a volunteer group in Bidford. When this agreement lapsed 2 years ago, there was no longer any insurance cover for volunteers and it has since become dormant. The recommendation from the ex Chairman of PP is that if the Parish council take this on, they look for a retired/part time active person to lead it.

After some discussion it was **RESOLVED** the Council should see if there were volunteers within the community prepared to take this on.

**14. TO CONSIDER STREETLIGHT CONSULTATION SURVEY (draft circulated)**

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the purpose and contents of the survey. It was proposed it should be a consultation, not a referendum, making it clear the Parish Council would make the final decision based on the responses received.

**RESOLVED** that it should be a consultation with the Parish Council making the final decision

It was further proposed that the introduction should make clear why the Parish Council was consulting and that the question regarding the street where the household lived should remain.

**RESOLVED** to agree to this proposal

It was also **RESOLVED** the survey papers should be numbered to minimise fraud and that they should be distributed in the next edition of The Connection.

**15. TO NOTE THE FOLLOWING PLANNING UPDATES**

- Crabtree Nurseries (circulated)
- Friday Furlong (circulated)

**RESOLVED** To note the information received

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

- **12/02124/LDE Mr. Martin Finnigan, Mallory Barn, Wixford Road, B50 4LG**

Use of the properties known as "The Byre" and "The Studio" as separate dwellings (C3) from "Mallory Barn"

**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))

Members of the public were requested to leave.

#### **17. TO CONSIDER QUOTATIONS RECEIVED FOR THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTS**

- Gate keeping duties and Maintenance of the Big Meadow/Monie Meadow  
Only one quote had been received  
**RESOLVED** to accept the quote put forward by MGS Garden and Amenities Contractor for £7,500 per annum

It was proposed the Parish Council's Amenities Working Group look at this contract to see if it can be improved for next time.

**RESOLVED** to accept the proposal

- Mowing of the Public Open Spaces  
Only one quote had been received  
**RESOLVED** to accept the quote sent by MGS Garden and Amenities Contractor for £4,200 per annum
- Mowing of the Play Areas  
Three quotes had been received  
After considerable discussion it was **RESOLVED**, by the Chairman's casting vote to accept the quotation sent by Jill Houghton Garden Services for £2,380.00 per annum

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

Councillors are asked to note the following payments have been made since the last meeting:

- Stratford DC - £300.00 for Building Control fees in respect of Sports Pavilion project
- National Association of Local Councils - £240.00 for the Quality Status Accreditation fees

Purchases:	15,289.63
Wages:	2,476.88
Customs & Excise	<u>2,246.00</u>
(As per cheque list)	£20,012.51
DDM	1,407.87
Transfer to HID acc.	£200.000
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>£221.420.38</b>

Payments Received	
Cemetery Sales	155.00
Car parking	2,655.00
Sport pitches	840.00
Interest received	9.41
Cancelled cheque	95.00
Sport Pavilion contribution	3,500.00
Refund from Royal Min	<u>54.29</u>
<b>Total received</b>	<b>7,299.29</b>

The following errors were noted:

- Cheque No. 5611: cheque correctly made out for an amount of £141.75, but payment sheet recorded an incorrect amount of £142.34
- Cheque No. 5615: cheque correctly made out for an amount of £33.99 but the payment sheet recorded an incorrect amount of £34.00
- The difference of £0.60 was corrected in the figures shown above.

£12,500.00 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. Gerrard and Hiscocks sign the cheques.

The meeting closed at approx. 9.10 pm