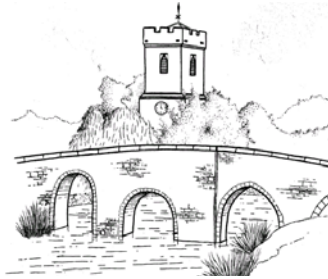


# **BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **In the County of Warwickshire**



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2012 @  
7.30 pm at Broom Village Hall, Broom**

### **PRESENT**

Chairman                                      Cllr. Gerrard

Cllrs.    Atkins, Fleming, Harvey, Hiscocks, Mrs Keeley, Pound, Mrs  
Randell, Squires and Spiers

Also present:                                      District Councillors Howse, Pemberton and Spence  
6 members of the public

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

### **1. TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES**

*There were no 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

*None declared*

### **3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 29<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2012**

Cllr. Fleming proposed the Minutes be accepted as being accurate

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes should be approved and signed by the Chairman

#### 4. YOUTH FORUM

No young people attended the meeting

#### 5. PUBLIC FORUM

- Representative from Warner's Retail spoke objecting to the proposed development on the old Geodis site.
  - They did not agree that Bidford was a thriving village,
  - Businesses are struggling to survive
  - 8 retail premises are currently on sale
  - Request the Parish Council use caution when considering this application
- Resident also objected stating this would kill the High Street: adding that what the village needs is more industrial units not retail,

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

Cllr. Barnes had sent his apologies as he would not be able to attend due to the floods.

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

- **Boundary review** was taking place. Consultation is underway until February 2013 with submission by March 2013. However, it would not be until March 2014 until a decision was made  
There will be a reduction in the number of MPs as well as numbers of Ward Members. SDCs proposing to reduce the number of councillors from 53 to 40 – this would mean a reduction in the number of Members per Ward.
- **Rural Cinema** had received a grant from SDC.
- **Community Links Transport** will be going ahead although funding is still outstanding
- **Empty Houses Policy**
- **Broadband Survey** important Bidford make an effort to complete the survey or it will be left behind.
- **Flooding** despite the many warnings there has been little actual flood damage in the area

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

- **Big Meadow** – pebbles/stones have been laid out on the entrances to make it less muddy
  - **Sport Grant** – pleased to confirm £20,000 have been deposited into the council's account by Sport England.
  - **Salford Road cemetery** – on receipt of a number of complaints from residents, have requested Limebridge to deal with the mole problem
  - **Flooding** update
- RESOLVED** to note the report

## 9. TO RECEIVE/CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- **WCC –**
  - Notice of Submission of the WCCC Waste Core Strategy Development Plan Document, in accordance with Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012  
**NOTED**
  - Winter Service in Warwickshire 2012/13 – includes map of gritting route  
**NOTED**
- **WALC**
  - NALC Legal Topic Note LTN 79 – Staff Pensions (circulated)  
**NOTED**
  - NALC Legal Topic Note LTN80 Members' conduct and the registration and disclosure of their interests (England) (circulated) for Parish and Town Councils (circulated)  
Taking account the advice from NALC, it was proposed councillors seek dispensation to allow them to set a precept and that the Clerk be given delegated powers to grant such requests for dispensation. There followed some discussion during which it emerged that the advice from NALC was unclear and there was a counterproposal that clarification be requested from the Monitoring Officer.  
**RESOLVED** 7 votes in favour and 3 against that clarification be sought.
  - Invitation to Joint LGA and NALC conference on 30<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2013  
The Clerk to request an Agenda to see if it would be advisable for her to attend.
- **Warwickshire Rural Housing Association – Annual Report for 2011-12**  
**NOTED**

## 10. MATTER ARISING

- **To consider** – replacement of overgrown Norway Maple tree in Albion Terrace with one or two trees.  
(Ref. PC Mins. Oct.2012/10)  
and **to note** work has been carried out to reduce the crown  
After some discussion during which the Clerk advised that the residents had complained about the work that had been carried out it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Parish 'Council would not pay for the replacement trees and that all work should be carried out by WCC
- **To note** the Parish Council has been successful in obtaining a Flood Defence Assistance Grant to carry out work to the ditch on Honeybourne Road  
**NOTED**

## 11. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE

- Quotation for General Maintenance Operation (circulated)  
**Cost : £1,650.00**  
There was considerable discussion as to whether this work was part of the existing maintenance contract or not. In view of this it was proposed that the Council not consider this quotation as presented.  
**RESOLVED** not to approve this quotation that should be considered in full by the Amenities Working Group and its recommendation considered by full council at the next meeting.
- Quotation for the repair of pot holes on the Big Meadow road – supply and lay 20 tons of stone  
**Cost: £700.00**  
**RESOLVED** to accept the quote although it was mentioned that the damage could be worse following the floods.
- Quotation for repairing the dragons teeth: to remove concrete and repair all flaps, refit and re concrete:  
**Cost: £900.00**  
**RESOLVED** the Amenities Working Group to consider this following a visit and report to full council at the next meeting

## 12. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ANNUAL LIST OF DONATIONS TO VARIOUS CHARITIES (circulated)

It was proposed the WRVS be deleted as it no longer delivered lunches.

**RESOLVED** to delete the donation to WRVS

It was proposed to give a donation of £100 to CAB

there was a counterproposal of £200

**RESOLVED** CAB be granted a \$200 donation

It was proposed the remainder of the donations be approved

**RESOLVED** to approve the other donations

## 13. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATION

- **12/02429/FUL Silva Developments Ltd., Land Adj Tile Warehouse, Welford Road, Barton**  
Amended site plan and cross sections submitted by the Applicant following discussions with neighbouring landowners. The amendments involve moving the mooring basin and parking area 10m close to the river and proposing a planting belt between the car park and road  
**RESOLVED** to raise no objections
- **12/02517/OUT Bidford Properties Ltd, Geodis Limited, Waterloo Road**  
Erection of a 1,950 sq. m gross retail unit and 743 sq m of business units with associated access, parking and servicing arrangements  
After some discussion regarding the advantages and disadvantages of this proposal a recorded vote was requested:
  - Cllr. Atkins – in favour
  - Cllr. Spiers – against
  - Cllr. Pound – in favour
  - Cllr. Squires – against
  - Cllr. Gerrard – against

- Cllr. Fleming – against
- Cllr. Mrs Keeley – against
- Cllr. Hiscocks – against
- Cllr. Harvey – in favour
- Cllr. Mrs Randall – against

**RESOLVED** by 7 votes to 3 to object to this proposal on the grounds of Highway Issues due to excessive traffic movement on this already busy road.

- **12/02519/FUL Mr. Ryan Kirby, 27 Mill Lane, Broom B50 4HR**  
Erection of single storey rear extension and insertion of second floor facing window (Amendment to previously approved application)  
**RESOLVED** no representation
- **12/02657/TPO Mrs Jackson, 2 Old School Mead, B50 4AW**  
T1 Birch – reduce crown by 1 metre  
**RESOLVED** No representation

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

The Clerk advised that the payment to The Alcester Connect should be for only £200.00 which had not cost the Parish council as this was a grant from SDC who had already paid the Parish Council this amount.

Purchases:	43,618.86
Donation	50.00
Wages:	<u>2,476.88</u>
(As per cheque list)	46,145.74
DDM	<u>733.16</u>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>46,878.90</b>

Payments Received	
VAT rebate	1,857.88
Cemetery Sales	740.00
Meadow rights	1,273.20
Interest received	12.68
Allotments	449.50
Cancelled cheque	190.00
Grant SDC	200.00
Grant Sport England	<u>20,000.00</u>
<b>Total received</b>	<b>24,710.58</b>

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

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

The meeting closed at approx... 9.15 pm