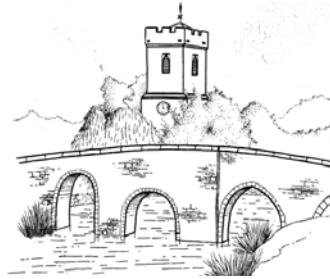


BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

In the County of Warwickshire



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 22nd April 2013 @
7.30 pm at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Bramley Way**

PRESENT

Chairman Cllr. Gerrard

Cllrs. Atkins, Fleming, Harvey,, Mrs Randell, Squires and Spiers

Also present: District Councillors Howse and Spence
4 members of the public

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

1. TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES

*Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Hiscocks and Mrs Keeley
Cllr. Pound had advised he would be arriving late*

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 30th July 2012, 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 25TH MARCH 2013

Cllr. Harvey 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

- A resident raised the issue of the proposed social housing development on Grafton Lane:
 - Did the council know the type of development it would be?
The reply was that at present there are no concrete plans – once these are drawn up, it will go to public consultation.
The development would be a mixture of houses for rent, shared ownership and market value (the latter to cover the costs)
 - Was there any need for social housing in Bidford-on-Avon with all the new developments taking place?
The Parish Council had carried out a Housing Surety in August 2012 that clearly showed a need for 37 new homes for people with a local connection.
- Monie Meadow – was it correct that the Sport Pavillion Project included a hard standing parking area?
the reply to this was no.

6. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Barnes had sent his apologies

7. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Pemberton had sent his apologies

- **Core Strategy**
 - Timetable was discussed at the Council meeting earlier in the afternoon.
 - Housing numbers – as per the evidence of the REM Report, commissioned by SDC, it would be between 9,500 and 10,000
 - Draft – would be out in June 2013
 - Approval – would be in July 2013
 - Submission to Secretary of State – January 2014
 - Jan. – Nov. 2014 – final consultation period
 - Final Approval – November 2014.
- **Taylor Wimpey**

Meeting had taken place with Taylor Wimpey in the morning, attended by some members of the Parish Council

 - Taylor Wimpey were requested to look at the whole development of Friday Furlong and Bramley Way as one and try and make it a singular development for Bidford-on-Avon
- **New Bedroom Tax** – Orbit Housing had a very good explanatory document which could be accessed online
- **Audit recommendations approved by Council**
 - Quinton and Snitterfield – planning applications for these two parish councils would now be considered by Planning committee (East) to ease the pressure on Planning Committee (West)

- Salford Priors Parish Council – number of councillors to be increased from 7 to 9
- Kinwarton will remain separate from Alcester Town Council
- City Deal – confirmation that SDC will be fully involved and will have to meet certain deadlines.
As Portfolio holder Cllr., Howse will be personally involved and “at the table”
- **Greenacres** – the increase in the number of caravans was being investigated by enforcement.

8. TO RECEIVE CLERK’S REPORT

This had been circulated to Members. However, there had been an addition following a theft from the cemetery shed, which the Clerk read out at the meeting and is included in the report attached hereto.

RESOLVED to note the report

9. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE

- **SDC** – Advice of receipt of Application for the Designation of a Neighbourhood Area by Welford-on-Avon Parish Council
NOTED
- **CPRE** – newsletter (circulated)
NOTED

10. TO RECEIVE WALC’S NEWSLETTER AND BESPOKE GUIDANCE

ADH/105/8/2013 (circulated)

The following issues were considered:

- Amending Standing Orders to include Powers to censure a Member
The Clerk advised that a new model of Standing Orders was due in June/July 2013 and this amendment could be incorporated at that time should the Parish Council so decide
RESOLVED to consider the issue at the time when Standing Orders will be reviewed in summer 2013
- A Guide for Councillor 2013 regarding Transparency on Personal Interests
The Clerk directed councillors to a website where they could find the updated guide issued by the DCLG regarding “personal interests”
RESOLVED to note the site address
- Precept capping – the National Financial Advisor for Parish and Town Councils recommended Parish/Town Councils write to their MP opposing the proposed 2% capping on Parish/Town Council precepts as “prudent financial management requires parish and town councils to be protected from capping”
There was a short discussion when it was proposed that the Parish Council should write to the MP as councillors believe they should have the flexibility of reacting to circumstances, which could result in the precept requiring an increase of over 2% at some time.
RESOLVED The Clerk to write to the MP asking him to object to Parish and Town Councils being capped.

11. TO RECEIVE CCTV MONTHLY REPORTS (circulated)

RESOLVED to note the report

12. TO APPROVE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS JUNE 2013 – MAY 2014 (circulated)

RESOLVED to approve the schedule

13. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- **11/01103/VARY – Daniel Broadhurst, Bidford Grange Golf Club, Bidford Grange, B50 4LY**

Appeal has been made by the applicant against the decision to refuse the application to remove the holiday condition and allow permanent residential use.

The Parish Council objected to the variation on the basis that:

- the Parish Council supports projects that bring business to the village, such as holiday homes and lets. Allowing these holiday homes to become permanent residential is against this policy.
- These are barn conversions and therefore permanent residential use is against SDC policy

The appeal is being dealt with by way of written representation to be sent later than 22nd May 2013.

RESOLVED the Council send a written objection to the appeal

- **13/00012/LBC Lloyds Banking Group, Lloyds TSB Bank, High Street B50 4NJ**

Amended plans have been received removing the illumination and lighting strips to windows.

This is for information only

NOTED

- **13/00118/FUL Mrs. Jane Paterson, 17 Millers Bank, Broom, B50 4HZ**

Removal of existing boundary fence and erection of new boundary fence adjacent to footpath

This application has now been withdrawn

NOTED

- **13/00206/REM Bellway Homes Ltd and Cranbrook Homes Ltd Land at Friday Furlong, Friday Furlong**

Application for approval of reserved matters relating to Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale for 108 dwellings and ancillary development in association with outline planning permission 09/00247/OUT

Councillors were concerned about the mix of houses on this site and made appoint of checking these.

RESOLVED to object on the following grounds

- The Parish Council objects on the grounds that it does not agree with the dwelling stock mix of:
 - 23%- 2 bedroom dwellings
 - 54%- 3 bedroom dwellings
 - 9% - 4 bedroom dwellings
 - 15%- 5 bedroom dwellings

Although members note that the above figures broadly comply with SDC's Supplementary Planning Document: Meeting Housing Needs MHN11, which states that 75% of dwellings should be 2/3 bedroom, and the remaining 25% 4 bedroom plus, the feel the differential between the number of 2 to 3 bedroom dwellings is too high at more than double the number of the latter, and also with reference to the number of 5 bedroom dwellings that a almost twice the number of 4 bedroom.

The preference for a higher number of 2 bedroom dwellings is supported by the Bidford on Avon Housing Needs Survey, carried out in August 2012, which shows the following figures:

- 64% - 2 bedroom dwellings
- 30.5% - 3 bedroom dwellings
- 5.5% - 4 bedroom dwellings
- no requirement for 5 bedroom dwellings

The Parish Council believes that development should be sustainable and that the dwelling stock should reflect this

- **13/00566/FUL & 13/00568/LBC – Mr Barry Green, Barton Farmhouse, Welford Road, Barton,**
Conversion of existing Grade II listed barn to single dwelling house
RESOLVED No representation
- **13/00664/FUL and 13/00665/LBC Miss Linda Cresswell (Punch Taverns) the Cottage of Content, 15 Welford road, Barton**
Replacement of existing septic tanks foul drainage system with new sewage treatment plant and pumping station and replacement of existing clay roof tiles with new clay roof tiles
RESOLVED No representation
- **13/00713/FUL Mr Roger Brookhouse, Moor Hall Farm, Wixford B49 6DL**
erection of stable block comprising of 3 x loose boxes and provision of a roof to cover existing horse walker
RESOLVED No representation
- **13/00734/FUL Mr N Smart 33 High Street B50 4BQ**
Erection of two storey rear extension to include a balcony
RESOLVED No representation

14. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THIS MONTH'S PAYMENTS (circulated)

The Clerk advised that cheque No. 5882 for an amount of £132.00 payable to WALC had been raised to replace cheque No. 5736 which had been mislaid in the post..

Purchases	21,181.72
Wages	<u>2,512.26</u>
As per cheque list	23,693.98
DDM	1,142.96
Transfer to HID	<u>170,000.00</u>
Total payments	£194,836.94

Payments received	
Cancelled cheque 5714	29.00
Burial fees	870.00
Youth club rent	43.72
Meadow Rights	600.00
Allotment rents	935.00

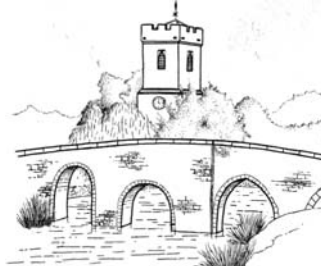
It was **RESOLVED**

- To note and approve the issue of replacement cheque No. 5882
- to approve the accounts and that Cllrs. Harvey and Mrs. Randell sign the cheque.
When signing the cheques, it was noted that that the amount on the pay list for cheque No. 5887, payable to Bloomfields, Ltd. was incorrectly noted as £520, when the amount should be £624. This was duly corrected.
- that no transfer to the High Deposit Account be made as the precept had not been received at the time of the meeting..

The meeting closed at approx. 8.45 pm

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CLERKS REPORT – April 2013

- **BIG MEADOW** – the refurbishment of the ladies and disabled toilets has started. However, once again the weather has played havoc and delayed completion date; due to frost, the flooring did not adhere to the ground and everything has had to be put on hold until such time as the temperature allows the adhesive to set.
In the meantime, arrangements have been made for 2 x portaloos to be installed on the Big Meadow, one for disabled.
Cost is £190 for 2 weeks
- **GREENACRES** – the office was made aware of activity on this site and this has been reported to Planning Enforcement Department. We await their news as to whether it is transitory as in previous years, i.e. visitors to a wedding or similar; or whether it is as a result of work commencing at Friday Furlong.
- **BARTON'S PARTICIPATORY BUDGET** – as was done last year, Barton Village was asked to vote for the preferred participatory budget scheme, and the winner was the purchase of tables, chairs etc, to be used for their charity raising events etc.
I am also pleased to advise that the flagpole has now been installed.
- **BURIALS** – in order to ensure the Parish Councils follows the correct procedures, the Chairman of the Burials Working Group agreed that membership of the Institute of Cemeteries and Crematorium Management (ICCM) be applied. The cost is £90 per annum .
It is also foreseen that a member of the ICCM will be invited to come and advise/train the members of the Burials WEG (cost to be confirmed be

confirmed but will be around £400) to ensure they are aware of all procedures etc. The WG will then in turn train the rest of the Council to ensure the whole council is fully aware of all the current regulations and record holding obligations.

Once the training has been carried out, this item will be included in the Council's Risk Assessment Schedule.

- **CEMETERY**

There have been two break-ins into the cemetery shed at Salford Road.

- It would appear the first one could have taken place on Monday 15th/Tuesday 16th, but we only became aware on Friday afternoon. The door was closed and the bar in place across it, so no indication of a break in. They had attempted to saw through the second, metal door but were unsuccessful, so they forced two bars apart and got in and out through said hole. The following was taken:
 - 2 x strimmers
 - 1 x hedge cutter
 - 1 x blower
- Second attempt was made on Friday: a white Ford Transit was seen by a member of the bowling club at approx. 8.30 pm driving up to the cemetery. When challenged, he replied he was collecting a ride on mower he had bought! The bowling club member said that could not be the case and that time of the evening, he turned around and left, but the Reg. No. was taken and given to the police. 2 youngsters were seen on site.
This time, they had sawn the second metal door into pieces but nothing was taken.

ACTIONS

- Quote received and accepted to replace inside metal gate and to clad the existing wooden gate with a metal sheet
Cost : £600.00
- Ride on tractor has been removed to another site until the above work has been completed
- The following items have been replaced::
 - 1 x strimmer
 - 1 x hedge cutter
 - 1 x blower**Cost : 557.42**