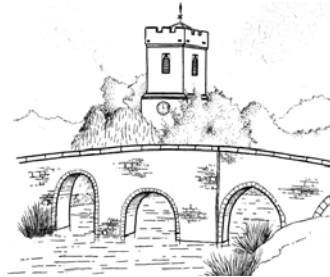


# **BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **In the County of Warwickshire**



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2013 @ 7.30  
at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Bramley Way**

### **PRESENT**

Chairman                      Cllr. Fleming

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

Also present:                 County Cllr. Brain and District Cllr Pemberton  
4 members of the public

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

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

*Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs. Gerrard and Squires*

### **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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

*There were no declarations*

**3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 29<sup>th</sup> JULY 2013**

Cllr Harvey proposed the Minutes be accepted as being accurate, subject to a typo error at the top of page 3, which was duly amended.

**RESOLVED** the Minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting and be signed by the Chairman

**4. YOUTH FORUM**

No young people attended the meeting

**5. PUBLIC FORUM**

A resident raised the issue of who would pay for the attendance of the Fire Brigade and Police at a boat incident by Bidford Bridge (a boat got stuck when going under the wrong arch) earlier this month. AS far as could be ascertained they did not contribute very much, but were there for quite a long time and brought with them considerable equipment.

Cllr. Brain, as the representative for Warwickshire County Council, said he would look into this and report back.

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

Cllr. Brain had presented his report, which is attached to these Minutes of which it forms an integral part.

Councillors raised the following question:

- The Parish Council was looking at investing on some table tennis equipment in its public open spaces, - could they approach him for a grant application in support of this>
- Had there been any conclusion as to the site of the “flower shrine” following the fatal incident in December. The Parish Council’s proposal was for a flower box to be installed under the Marlcliff sign, on Cleeve Road by the crossroads. If the family so wished, a plaque could be affixed to it.

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

There was no report from SDC

**8. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE CLERK, INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING (CIRCULATED)**

**NOTED**

**9. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE**

- **CPRE** – monthly newsletter (circulated)  
**NOTED**
- **Mercia Canoe Club** –requesting permission to use of the Big Meadow for its Avon Descent event on 3<sup>rd</sup> November.  
**RESOLVED** to grant permission
- **WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL** – consultation on a Speed Limit Review on Honeybourne Road (this had been received after the Agenda had been published but, as a response was required by WCC before the council next met, it had been circulated to councillors with time for them to consider the

contents of the consultation)

After considering the proposals put forward by County Council, it was

**RESOLVED**

- That the speed limit should not be amended – if it is not possible to enforce a 60 mph, then the circumstances will not change if it is reduced to 50 mph
- That better signage from directions would best increase the level of safety of the crossroads, including, but not limited to:
  - The areas approaching the crossroads be painted red to draw attention to the area
  - Rumble strips at the approach to the crossroads

**10. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE FROM WALC**

- Monthly newsletter –(circulated)

**NOTED**

- Renewable Energy Planning Guidance (circulated)

**NOTED**

**11. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION THEREIN**

- **AMENITIES WG**

This had been circulated to all members who **RESOLVED**

- To contact the English Table Tennis Association and pursue the possibility of a grant to improve table tennis facilities in some of the public open spaces for which the council is responsible
- Recycling – that a contract be placed with Thamesdown Recycling for glass. The other recycling material to continue with Grundon as at present.
- Grant application Guidelines and Application Form – to approve the reviewed guidelines and application form.

**12. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING ANNUAL REPORTS**

- **Bidford Youth Club** – members were impressed with the excellent report that had been sent, and were pleased to note the great progress that had been made in the last year. The Council would like to develop the collaboration between the Council and the Youth Club and

**RESOLVED**

- To invite members of the Youth Club and its leaders to attend council meetings
- Members of the Amenities Group to visit the youth club when an Overs session was taking place
- Congratulate the Team Leader on the excellent report she had produced.
- **Citizens Advice Bureau** – members were pleased to note the number of local residents that had been assisted by the CAB Outreach at the library **RESOLVED** to note the excellent work carried out by CAB Outreach

### 13. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- **13/01449/FUL Mr Steve Agar Brookfields Farm, Stratford Road B50 4LU**  
Change of use of existing storage barn and stable as a 2 bed holiday home  
**RESOLVED** No representation
- **13/01889/LBC Mr James Andrew 31 Welford Road, Barton, B50 4NP**  
Replacement of existing timber sole plate. Timbers to be replaced with oak on a like for like basis  
**RESOLVED** No representation

### 14. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MONTH'S PAYMENTS AND ACCOUNTS AND THE HIGH INTEREST DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

These had been circulated to councillors.

The RFO recommended that the amounts invested in the HID accounts should be reinvested for a period of 6 months when they matured early in the month.

#### Purchases

Wages	£2,535.06
Donations	1,340.00
As per cheque list	9,738.72
DDM	<u>1,784.19</u>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>15,397.97</b>

#### Payments received

Car Parking	1,740.00
Burial fees	160.00
VAT refund	4,211.26
Directory Advertisement	105.00
Allotment rents	<u>47.00</u>
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>£6,263.26</b>

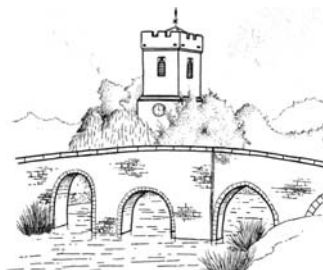
#### RESOLVED

- That the amounts invested in the HID accounts, maturing in early September, be reinvested for a 6 month period
- To approve the accounts
- To approve payments
- That Cllrs. Mrs Keeley and Randell sign the cheques
- That £10,000.00 be transferred from the deposit account to the current account.

The meeting closed at approx. 8.15 pm

# BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

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### CLERKS REPORT – August 2013

#### 1. MATTERS ARISING

- **Friday Furlong development street naming**

As instructed, the names were sent to SDC which, on receipt, requested a change of name to Beech Place, as this could cause confusion with a similar location on the industrial estate.

Together with Cllr. Hiscocks, it was agreed to change this to Rowan Place, which was the other tree name preferred by councillors.

#### 2. FOOTPATHS

These continue to be a problem. As advised, the responsibility of the Rights of Way paths is with WCC. However, its annual maintenance budget for 1700 miles of footpaths, bridle ways etc. is £30,000. Due to the weather conditions of the last 2 years, this had not been a problem as there was little growth. However, the wet spring, followed by hot dry weather this years has resulted in very overgrown paths and highlighted the problems.

I am looking into the possibility of WCC devolving this to the Parish Council, but it is in the early stages. I shall, of course, keep council advised of progress.

#### 3. MARLCLIFF FAS

As part of its contribution to the above scheme, the Parish Council agreed to supply a pump. Following a test run, organised with the Environment Agency, it was decided a method of transport was required to take the pump to and from its site.

This has been ordered from the same company that supplied the pump.

**Cost. Approx. £170.00**

# County Councillors August Report

## County Councillors Grant Scheme

Warwickshire County Council's Grant Fund was launched on Monday 22nd July. The Councillors Grant Fund is designed to help communities to help address issues of local concern to them. It is primarily aimed at community and voluntary organisations and provides grants of £5,000 per County Councillor (ideally up to 4 projects per Councillor in order to keep administration costs to a minimum, but there is flexibility in this if there is a significant demand for more projects to be funded) for small scale projects that meet community needs within the district of Stratford-on-Avon. Bids should be supported by the County Councillor for the electoral division in which the project is based.

Town & Parish Councils are also eligible to apply to the Fund for a community project, but this will be at the discretion of the councillor and will vary according to the preference of the councillor. A form can be obtained by email [southernareateam@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:southernareateam@warwickshire.gov.uk) or from the website at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk)

The deadline for the return of completed applications to the Area Office is Friday 11th October (5pm). They will then be evaluated and recommendations made to the relevant Councillor.

There will be workshop for all prospective applicants to the fund on Tuesday 17th September at 11 am at Stratford District Council Offices, the aim of which will be to provide support and guidance to community and voluntary organisations (including Town & Parish Councils) il

If you require any further information by contacting Anita Kendall who is our Area Support Officer for South Warwickshire on 01926 456102.

## Bidford High Street Change of Parking Regulations

Street Consultation on new parking regulations is imminent if not already received by consultees, including Bidford Parish Council

## Barton / Honeybourne Cross Road Consultation

The proposed 50mph speed limit for this road is now at consultation stage. Implementation (as long as no objections are received), will certainly be this financial year, but hopefully around Christmas time. I have already commented whereas I support the reduction. I would welcome the extension of the speed limits of 40 mph Marlcliff side and 30mph Barton side of the crossroads together with rumble strips on the Honeybourne Road.

Fatal Accident Memorial at the same crossroads. I am still waiting for a response from WCC and the police liaison officer, but again I must stress , that this must be dealt with , with the utmost of sensitivity, but we have to be mindful of road safety issues.

## The Pleck

Patching repairs have now been completed to the worst potholes ready for redressing and local resident has had his claim for damage to his car approved in full by WCC. Other seasonal road dressing is well underway

## Electric Blanket MOT

Get free electric blanket 'MOT' by making an appointment now, Warwickshire County Council Trading Standards Service are urging residents.

Warwickshire Trading Standards will provide electric blanket tests FREE OF CHARGE, for Warwickshire residents aged 50 or over, between Monday 30 September and Friday 4 October 2013. WCC urge anyone aged over 50 and living in Warwickshire to take advantage of this offer and book an appointment now!" A two blanket per person maximum has been set.

Local testing will take place at Stratford Briar Croft, Friday 4 October 2013 To book an appointment, call the Trading Standards Service on: 01926 414016 (Monday to Friday) or email:

[Tebtesting@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:Tebtesting@warwickshire.gov.uk)

For a complete guide to checking your electric blanket, visit website: [www.warwickshire.gov](http://www.warwickshire.gov)

## **Capital Transport Seminar - Next Meeting Wednesday 2nd October**

Discussion at these meetings is about bidding for funds for my County Division and is being dealt with in a 3 meeting approach way.

The first meeting took place in May and was just to give background information about the fund. The second meeting in October is to discuss any ideas I have for transport funding in my Division. The final meeting will be in January where the schemes put forward by all Councillors will be considered and agreed and the £400 k allocated. I need to know if you have any schemes in mind.

### **Meeting with Chief Fire Officer**

I meet with the Chief Fire Officer Andy Hickmott on 18th July at Shire Hall. My reason for requesting the meeting was to make sure Bidford Fire Station is safeguarded for the future. Although no one can see into the future with any certainty I was pleased , that there were no plans to change anything.

9 On-call firefighters have been added to the ranks. Warwickshire County Council's Fire and Rescue Service has held a passing-out parade for nine retained duty system firefighters who have successfully completed their training and are now qualified to be members of a crew and go 'on the run' . They will serve areas where there has been an identified need for more on-call firefighters who can have the flexibility and commitment to serve their Communities . A shortage of people who are able to turn out and help in an emergency was identified recently, particularly in the south of the county. The majority of the firefighters who passed out will serve the following retained fire stations .

- Kenilworth
- Bidford
- Shipston
- Henley in Arden
- Southam