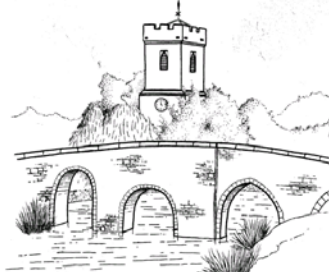


BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

In the County of Warwickshire



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20th January 2014 at the Parish Council Meeting Rooms, Bramley Way, and Bidford on Avon

PRESENT

Chairman Cllr. Fleming

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

Also present: District Councillors Howse, Pemberton and Spence
9 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 Cllr. Atkins

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 a disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI) they should leave the room
Cllr. Mrs Randell declared a non pecuniary interest in item 15 Planning Application No. 13/03043/FUL
- Written requests for Dispensations for DPI should be received by the Clerk no more than 24 hours prior to the meeting.
Dispensations will be granted as appropriate
None required

3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16TH DECEMBER 2013

Cllr. Gerrard proposed the Minutes be accepted as being accurate

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

4. YOUTH FORUM

Council noted with pleasure that there were some young people present at the meeting.

- **Bidford Youth Club** –young members of the club proudly showed the trophies received as Club of the Year.
 - **Report** - One of the leaders of the youth club then gave a verbal report on the progress that had taken place since the refurbishment of the building, including: increase in the number of members; activities taking place and planned; consultation for the future of the club; what had been brought with the grant provided by the Parish Council.
 - **Community involvement** - The club has also become more involved with the community taking part in the Buy in Bidford and New Health Centre events last December, and more were planned for the future.
 - **Leaders** – there were now 4 young leaders helping the “seasoned” ones, and training and qualifications were now in place.
 - **Grant** – Cllr. Brain had secured £900 from his WCC grant budget for the club, for which they were grateful.
 - **Thanks** – were given to the Paris Council for its support which was invaluable to them.

5. PUBLIC FORUM

- **Resident** raised the following issues:
 - **Petrol station** – could something be done about the signs that are now appearing on the footpath obstructing the way.
 - **The Pleck** – grateful for the resurfacing, but are there any news on markings being reinstated: difficulty driving out of The Pleck when vehicles driving into the petrol station

6. COUNCILLOR FORUM

No items were raised

7. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Brain had sent his apologies

8. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- **Core Strategy update**
 - It would now cover the years 2011-2031
 - 5 year land supply has nearly been attained
 - Following 2 independent report, the Cabinet had resolved to revise the housing number from 9,500 to 10,800

- Number of dwellings at the proposed Lighthorne Heath site had been reduced, requiring the approval of another strategic site. Four sites were being considered
 - South East Stratford
 - Long Marston
 - Stoneycroft
 - Southam North
 This would require an extended consultation period
- Dispersal is still an option but not the preferred one
- Timetable
 - Submission to Secretary of State – Sept. 2014
 - Adoption of strategy – April 2015
- **Gypsy and Traveller sites** – number of required pitches remain 52 plus transitory sites
- **Community Links** – newly branded should be ready by 1st June 2014

9. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE CLERK

Verbal report was made which was **NOTED**

10. TO CONSIDER PROPOSED WORKS TO BIDFORD BRIDGE INCLUDING NARROWING OF THE CAR PARK ACCESS (circulated)

A motion was proposed to

- Support the following measures
 - Realignment and raising of existing kerb line
 - New raised footway consistent with the above
 - No. 3 Buffer type bollards
 - Improved signing in advance – if possible this should take into account the fact that many of the drivers are foreign and do not read English signs
- Oppose
 - The narrowing of the car park access which it considered would be counterproductive

RESOLVED – the motion was unanimously supported

11. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE FROM WALC

- **NALC** – Government written statement on Local Authorities' Finance 18.12.2013 (circulated)
NOTED
- **WALC** – Newsletter and Bespoke Guidance (already circulated)
Councillors are requested to consider the issues raised and bring to the attention of Council any that they think require further consideration.
NOTED

- **WALC – Draft Charters x 2 (circulated)**
Council is invited to give its views on the form the Charter should take bearing in mind the need to obtain the agreement of the other tiers (County and Borough/District Councils)
It was proposed that Example 2, which was shorter and more concise, would be more appropriate and stand a better chance of being adopted by all tiers
RESOLVED to propose Example 2 be selected as the model
- **WALC – Nomination for attendance at a Royal Garden party at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday 21.05.2014 (1 councillor plus a companion)**
RESOLVED the chairman and his wife be nominated
- **WALC Invitation to the Annual Briefing Day on Sat. 1st March “The Future of Localism”:** **Cost £40 per delegate. £20 for the Clerk (as County Committee member)** (circulated)
After some discussion regarding day (Saturday) and contents of the briefing day (once again the heading was Localism) it was **RESOLVED** the Clerk should attend, as a County Committee member, and select Neighbourhood Planning as the workshop. Cost would be £20.00

12. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL'S WORKING GROUPS (if applicable)

- **Amenities Group (report circulated)**
 - **GRANT APPLICATIONS**
 - **Stratford upon Avon and District CAB**
Continuation of the CAB Outreach at Bidford
Between Jan and Nov. 2013 CAB booked 48 appointments at Bidford Outreach.
Grant request: £3,909.00
RESOLVED to reconsider the request once a full breakdown had been received
 - **Bidford on Avon Youth Club**
 - Building of an additional storage shed to store tables, chairs and craft equipment
Grant request : £1,780.00
 - To replace and extend the concrete path leading to the main entrance which has been undermined by tree roots
Grant request £475.75
RESOLVED to approve a grant of £475.75 to replace and extend the concrete path
 - **Icknield Court Residents Ass.**
To replace 4 benches that have rotted.
Cost per bench; £200
Grant request £800.00
RESOLVED the Parish Council to purchase and donate 1 bench and have a plaque stating “Presented by Bidford on Avon Parish Council”

○ **MILLERS BANK BROOM**

The Parish Council considered the request of some residents to take over and maintain a piece of land which the Parish Council's contractors has difficulty accessing.

RESOLVED – 2 Councillors to meet with the residents to consider an agreement to be put to council for approval

13. TO CONSIDER CCTV REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2013 (circulated)

Councillor considered the received information and **RESOLVED** to note it

14. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE FROM

- **Worcs. County Council** – advising the availability of the Annual Monitoring Report – AMR – available online.

NOTED

- **Bidford on Avon Cricket Club** – thank you letter for grant received.

NOTED

15. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATION

- **13/03043/FUL – Mr Aaron Brown, the Plough Inn, Tower Hill, B50 4DZ**
Demolition of existing public house and erection of 4no. Two storey dwellings
Cllr Mrs Randell, who had declared a non pecuniary interest, mentioned her support of this application and then left the room.

After carefully considering the application it was **RESOLVED** to support it on the following grounds:

- It fulfils a housing requirement of 2 bedroom dwellings
- It conforms with the current Parish Plan that supports small-scale developments
- It will tidy up the current site and improve the character of the street scene

16. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MONTH'S PAYMENTS AND ACCOUNTS

- **Transfer of funds to a 6 month HID account**

The recommendation from the RFO was to reinvest £60,000

RESOLVED to approve the recommendation

- **Budget comparison**

RESOLVED RFO to include a forecast for the next quarter

RESOLVED to approve payments and accounts. Cllrs Mrs Keeley and Mrs Randell to sign the cheques.

£25,500 to be transferred from the deposit account to the current account to cover the payments and the transfer to the HID account.

17. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MONTH'S PAYMENTS AND ACCOUNTS

The Clerk brought to the Council's attention that an extra payment, for the Barton participatory Budget, needed approval as it was not in the circulated list.

Purchases

Wages	£2,535.06
Grants	1,989.86
As per cheque list	2,517.97
DDM	<u>767.85</u>
Total payments	£7,810.74

Payments received

Burial fees	£320.00
Directory Advertisement	180.00
Treasury Deposit	<u>100,235.21</u>
Total Received	£100,735.21

RESOLVED

- To approve the accounts
- To approve payments
- That Cllrs. Mrs Keeley and Randell sign the cheques
- That £25,500.00 be transferred from the deposit account to the current account.
- That £60,000 be reinvested into a 6 month HID account immediately

The meeting closed at approx. 8.45 pm

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CLERKS REPORT - January 2014

1. MATTERS ARISING

- **Boundary Commission** – replied to consultation as instructed by the Parish Council: namely that although 2 Ward Members is acceptable, the actual warding of the parish is not.
- **Parish Council vacancy – Bidford Ward:** no request for a bye election was received by SDC, so the vacancy is now open for co-option. I have placed notices on the website and notice boards for candidates, with a deadline of 21st February.

2. GREENACRES

The current breach of condition has been reported to SDC. Following a meeting with the enforcement and legal department, at which the Portfolio Holder was also present, last month, I was given to understand that the next time an infringement took place, enforcement would take place forthwith. Regrettably, this does not appear to be the case, and I have been sent a long explanatory email as to the reasons why SDC have to continue to follow procedure, which means writing to the applicants advising them of the breach and giving them x amount of time to comply etc. etc.

I am no happier than the rest of the local community but, apart from continuing to advise SDC of the many breaches, my hands are tied.

I am meeting with the head of enforcement officer once more and will raise the grave concerns of both the Parish Council and the local community regarding the continuous breaches and the lack of progress.

3. PLANNING APPLICATION FOR 18 SALFORD ROAD

As advised, this arrived too late for this meeting and, in view of the size of the proposed development, and the potential controversy of same, a special meeting has been arranged for Wednesday to consider this application.

In the meantime, I have contacted Simon Tucker, whom the Parish Council used as a Transport Adviser for the previous application on this site, and who successfully defended it at the Planning Inspectorate, for his initial thoughts and opinion.

4. VILLAGE LIAISON OFFICER

After many years as Village Liaison Officer, offering assistance and advice to the local community, Mrs Heather Gerrard has, reluctantly, decided that she can no longer continue to do this demanding job.

So, there is a vacancy for this position, which is extremely useful to the village and, in the meantime, the Parish Council Office will try its best to do this work. From a personal point of view, this is a great loss – Heather has worked conscientiously and tirelessly for a good number of years and I will sorely miss her, as will many residents who have been the recipients of her assistance.