

- 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 20TH JANUARY 2014

Cllr. Harvey 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

There were no young people present at the meeting

5. PUBLIC FORUM

- **Resident** complained about the scaffolding on the New Saxon Inn, raising concerns how it was affecting the elderly.
The Clerk advised that, following concerns from a number of residents, she had contacted County Council, the responsible authority who had advised that the scaffolding had been erected due to health and safety reasons, and that consideration had been given as to how it should be erected to ensure the safety of both drivers and pedestrians.
All permissions are for 3 months. The scaffolding was scheduled to come down on Friday 21st, but damage to the roof had been discovered which required the scaffolding to remain. It is envisaged that it should come down on Wednesday 26th Feb.
The Clerk confirmed County Council was keeping her informed of progress.
- **Resident** repeated his request that the hedge on Mill Lane, Broom be cut back. Although he understood the reason why the Council was reluctant to do so, as it acts as a speed deterrent, the result was that vehicles were driving onto his lawn.
The Council would look into cutting back the hedge whilst still ensuring the speed deterrent aspect.
- **Flooding** – could something be done to clear the ditches along George Elm Road and Bidford road, as they were full and causing the roads to flood.
Clerk to advise County Council

6. COUNCILLOR FORUM

The Chairman raised the issue of the Clothes Bin on the Fire Station. It is not emptied often enough, which means bags are left around the bin itself. ~And, it appears that over the weekend, some of these bags were “removed” by unauthorised people.

The Clerk to contact the number on the bin and request the bin is emptied more regularly.

7. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Brain had sent his apologies

8. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- **Council Tax** – SDC would not be putting its council tax up this year
- **Core Strategy** – new time table had been agreed:
 - Submission to Secretary of State in Sept. 2014
 - Adoption in April 2015
- **CIL**
 - Submission to Secretary of State in October 2014
 - Adoption in April 2015
- **Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan** – adoption in June 2015

9. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE CLERK

The Clerk read the report which is an integral part of these Minutes.

With regards to the issue of Dog Fouling, the Council agreed that the CCTV should be used to prosecute offenders where possible, and the Clerk was instructed to investigate this possibility.

The Report, and its recommendations, were **APPROVED AND NOTED**.

10. TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED STRATFORD ON AVON DISTRICT GYPSY AND TRAVELLER LOCAL PLAN (circulated)

There was a short discussion regarding the merits of :

- Smaller sites v larger ones – it is the recommendation of the DCLG that smaller sites of no more than 8 pitches function better and are better assimilated into the larger community
- Green belt areas, such as Alcester, where there already are industries, and which has a number of brown sites that could be appropriate for this use, especially bearing in mind the infrastructure Alcester has to offer when compared to Bidford.
- Bidford already has a site and the reason why Bidford housed a number of gypsy families is no longer valid, as they are not employed in the market garden business.

It was proposed that Councillors feed their thoughts to the Clerk, who would present a reply for approval at the next Planning Committee Meeting on 10th March

RESOLVED – the proposal was unanimously approved. The Clerk to present a reply for approval at the Planning Committee Meeting of 10th March 2014

11. TO CONSIDER THE STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR 2014/15

Cost: £1,250.64 (covers 162 columns @ £7.72 each)

RESOLVED to accept the maintenance contract

12. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE FROM WALC

All had been circulated and Councillors were requested to note the contents and bring to the attention of Council any issue they believed required special consideration.

- **NALC** –
 - Ministerial Statement “No capping of Parish Council Precepts 2014-15
- NOTED**

- Legal Topic Note 8: Elections
NOTED
- Legal Topic Note 30 – Defamation
NOTED
- Legal Topic Note 79 – Staff Pensions
NOTED
- Financial Briefing : An update on the Repeal of s150 (5) of the LGA1972 - cheque payment
NOTED
- **WALC –**
 - **Local Government Boundary Commission** is reviewing WCC’s electoral boundaries and is holding an event on Monday 10th March @ 7.00pm at Shire Hall to brief parish and town councils. (circulated)
This is an important review, especially as County Council is also starting the process of consulting whether or not to become a Unitary Council.
NOTED
It was also noted that this meeting coincided with the Planning Committee Meeting, so Councillors would be unable to attend. A report from another attendee would be sought
 - **WW1 Events** (circulated)
Council may wish to consider if it wishes to organise an event
It was proposed that the Council could take up the offer of poppy seeds from B & Q and plant them in strategic places within the Parish.
RESOLVED the proposal was unanimously approved
 - **WALC invitation to attend a workshop: “How to make effective responses to Planning Applications The new National Policy Planning Framework”** It is taking place at Ettington Community Centre on Sat. 22nd March 10.00 am – 1.00 pm and is led by West Midlands Planning Aid.
Cost is £35 per delegate.
RESOLVED Cllrs Fleming and Mrs Keeley together with the Clerk top attend.
Some Councillors requested that WALC be asked to hold some of these events on weekdays.

13. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL’S WORKING GROUPS (if applicable)

- **Amenities Group** (report circulated)
Recommendation: that CAB be given the grant of £3,909.
RESOLVED to approve the grant of £3,909.00 to CAB
- **Accounts Quarterly Review**
No issues had been found
NOTED

14. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE FROM

- CPRE (circulated)
NOTED

15. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATION

- **14/00151/FUL – Mr and Mrs Spence, The Old Coach House, Mill Lane, Broom**

Erection of replacement garage and wall. Removal of two trees

Council duly considered the application and a motion was put forward that a reply of No Representation be made.

A counter proposal was moved to object to the application on the grounds that the height of the proposed building was excessive and overbearing.

The second motion was put to the vote: 5 in favour 2 against

RESOLVED to object on the grounds that the height was overbearing in general and to the neighbour in particular.

No objection was raised in respect of the removal of vegetation.

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 £100,000 in a 6 month HID Account and £30,000 to be transferred to the councils' deposit account.

RESOLVED to approve the recommendation

Purchases	
Wages	£2,535.06
Grants	5,975.75
As per cheque list	12,656.08
DDM	<u>1,607.86</u>
Total payments	£22,774.75

Payments received	
Burial fees	£2,050.00
Directory Advertisement	<u>341.80</u>
Total Received	£2,391.80

Twenty Thousand pounds to be transferred from the deposit to the current account to meet the approved payments

RESOLVED

- To approve the accounts
- To approve payments
- To approve the transfer
- That Cllrs. Fleming and Harvey sign the cheque

The meeting closed at approx. 8.40 pm

BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

In the County of Warwickshire



CLERKS VERBAL REPORT – February 2014

1. EXPENDITURE

- 1 x litter bin for Millers Bank
Cost : £235.00
- 1 x lantern for LP No. 7 Saxonfields/The Bank
Cost £310.00

2. DOG FOULING

This continues to be a problem that is regularly raised by residents. Regrettably, the Dog Warden at SDC has now left, so we are waiting for news of a replacement.

This is an issue throughout the district and it will be an item on the agenda of the next WALC Stratford Branch meeting in June, when someone from SDC will come and advise what is being done and councils will have the opportunity of putting forward proposals, ideas etc.

In the meantime, the agreement is that the best thing is peer pressure. Other dog walkers and residents who suffer the consequences, to keep an eye on the minority of dog owners who commit the criminal offence.

3. SCAFFOLDING – 72 HIGH STREET

I am aware that there have been complaints about this – however, it was erected for health and safety and in consultation with WCC.

It should have come down on Friday 21st Feb. but it appears the damage to the roof was discovered that requires work. The new date for it to come down is Wed. 26th Feb.

WCC is aware of the concerns and is keeping me informed.

4. UNITARY AUTHORITY DEBATE

I will be attending this debate tomorrow, and will give a report at the next PC meeting end of March.

Are there any particular aspects the Council would like me to concentrate on?

5. OLD GEODIS BUILDING

I sent photos and details of the council's concern to enforcement who, in turn, sent it to building control. I met an officer from building control this afternoon, and he confirms the entrance to the Persimmon site from the industrial estate is fenced off securely – it is in the interests of Persimmons to do so to avoid break ins.

However, he did acknowledge that you can easily enter the site from the side and will contact the owner requesting that the building be made safe by closing off the front and a side door. However, he did stress that there is nly so much they can do