

3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24th FEBRUARY 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** advised that on Monday 24th March, between 6.00 am and 2.00pm he counted 42 HGVs illegally driving over Bidford Bridge.
- **Residents** raised concerns about the lack of pedestrian safety at the new Health Centre. They had been advised that there will be no shuttle service on offer so patients will have to use the No. 28 bus, which will mean having to cross the road.

The Chairman encouraged them to write to the Parish Councils with these concerns and it will make sure the letters are sent to the appropriate authority with support from the Parish Council.

The Clerk would contact the Planning Officer to clarify the planning conditions and whether they had all been met.

6. COUNCILLOR FORUM

No issues raised

7. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Brain had sent his apologies

The Clerk was instructed to write to the County Councillor expressing its disappointment at the number of times he had sent his apologies and not attended the meetings.

8. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Howse had sent his apologies

Cllr Spence has advised that, due to work commitments, it will be difficult for him to attend meetings in the foreseeable future

9. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE CLERK

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

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

10. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE FROM WALC

NALC – circulated

- Financial Briefing F02-14 Accounting for council tax support grant
- Financial Briefing F03-14 – Electronic Payments to HMRC

Councillors are requested to note these. The RFO has been advised, **RESOLVED** to note both Financial Briefings

- **WALC** – circulated
 - Repeal of S150(5) of the LGA 1972 and Safeguarding Public Money
Councillors are asked to carefully note these. A separate report is enclosed for further information on how this may be implemented by the Parish Council
After a brief discussion a motion was put forward that, for the time being, the Council continue with cheques, with Standing Orders being set up to pay for monthly payments, such as salaries.
RESOLVED
 - ✓ That payments continue by cheque
 - ✓ That the clerk propose a list of possible standing orders for approval by the Council
 - Public Right to Record Local Council Meetings and Access to Documents
Council is asked to carefully look at this and its implications. Please note, however, that, to date, this has not come into force. Further information will follow.
NOTED
 - Reminder that Councils have to power to delegate power to an officer of an authority
NOTED
 - Newsletter ADH/110/5/2014
Councillors are ask to note the contents and bring to the attention of Council any item they believe to be of significant importance or that requires further consideration
NOTED

11. TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE FROM SDC

- **Appointment of Parish Council representative to Standards Committee**
Council is requested to consider whether it wishes to propose one of its members to be part of this committee.
RESOLVED no councillor was put forward
- **Arrangements for dealing with complaints of Councillor misconduct – public consultation**
Council is requested to consider whether it wishes to reply to the consultation – closing date 9.th May 2014
RESOLVED the Clerk to respond on behalf of the Council

12. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE FROM WCC

- Notification of Pension Fund Contributions for the periods 2014/15; 2015/16 and 2016/17
Correspondence and report circulated
RESOLVED to note the contents of the correspondence

13. TO CONSIDER SUPPORTING SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL WHICH HAS SUBMITTED THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ACT

That the government take the necessary action to allow a percentage of Business Rates to be paid direct to parish and town Councils for the benefit of local economic growth"

A motion was put forward that the Council should support this as, if successful, it could benefit the local business community

RESOLVED by 6 votes in favour and 1 abstention to support this.

14. TO CONSIDER CCTV REPORTS FROM JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2014 (circulated)

RESOLVED to note. The Clerk to receive assurances that those paying the supplement are still benefitting from 24 hour surveillance.

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

- **Amenities Group** (report circulated)
 - **Broom Village Hall** has requested permission to hold a car boot sale on Kings Lane playing field on 29th June for a fund raising event.
RESOLVED to grant permission, subject to weather, and receipt of satisfactory risk assessment.
 - **Sport England Award** –the Parish Council has been successful in obtaining a grant to purchase 2 to 3 outdoor table tennis tables.
 - **Grants**
 - **Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance**
The service costs, on average, £141,000 per month.
Grant request is £1,700 which would fund an entire rescue mission, potentially saving a life
Recommendation: that a grant of £850.00 be given and invite them to re-apply for the next financial year
RESOLVED to grant £850.00
 - **Mark Smith**
Grant request: £320.00 to sponsor the cost of coal for the Bidford Vintage Gathering Event in May
Recommendation: that a grant of £320 to be given
RESOLVED to grant £320.00
 - **Broom Village Hall**
 - Renovation and refurbishment of the all which has been opened since 2006
Cost £6,218.00
Grant request : £3,000
Recommendation: that a grant of £1,000 be given
RESOLVED to grant £1,000.00

- Extension to the secure storage area
Grants applied to and received include:
 - ✓ WCC - £1,500
 - ✓ Bidford PC 500
 - ✓ Big Lottery 5,000
 - ✓ WRCC 1,000

Cost £13,462.00

Grant request £3,000

The Parish Council has already considered this and awarded a Grant for £500.

Recommendation that no further grant be given

RESOLVED no further grant be given

- **Bidford Senior Citizens Annual Party**

To provide an annual party for the senior citizens of the parish in 2015 – approx. 120 persons.

Includes entertainer, raffle prizes, hire of hall and catering costs

Cost : £1,500

Grant request : £750

Recommendation: that a grant of £500 be given

RESOLVED to grant £500

- **Evesham Sea Cadets**

Support to purchase a new yole (small dinghy) that would allow cadets from Bidford and surrounding villages to access water based activities – supports local anti social behaviour. Most of the training is carried out on the Big Meadow which supports the local businesses.

Cost : £3,000

Grant request : £2,500

20 young people from Bidford-on-Avon parish are members and the Sea Cadets carry out an excellent work in providing activities for local young people.

Recommendation: that a grant of £500 be given

RESOLVED to grant £500

○ **SAMARITANS**

Project to create a Community Hub in Stratford following the award of £420,000 from the Community Challenge contest. They have identified Tyler House, Tyler Street as the perfect location. They have to raise funds of £25,000 a year to keep the branch operating and are looking for support from the Parish Council

Recommendation: that a grant of £250 be given

RESOLVED to grant £250

○ **Icknield Court update**

The Parish Council had awarded 1 bench at a cost of £200 plus a plaque. They have written to advise that they were able to purchase 4 benches at a total cost of £541.50 – i.e. £126.00 per bench and should appreciate a cheque for £126.00 to cover the cost of the one bench.

Agreed that a cheque for £126.00 be raised and sent

RESOLVED to raise and send cheque for £126.00

● **Burials WG**

Report was circulated regarding the purchase of a new mower for the maintenance of Salford Road Cemetery.

Cost : £2,082.50 + VAT

Recommendation that it be approved

RESOLVED to approve the purchase

16. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE FOLLOWING POLICIES (circulated)

- **Child Protection Policy**
RESOLVED to approve
- **Vulnerable Adult Policy**
RESOLVED to approve

17. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE FROM

- **Bidford Community Library Ltd**
Thank you letter for the £5,000 grant
NOTED
- **Bidford Youth Club**
Thank you letter for the recent grant and support
NOTED

18. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATION

- **14/00202/FUL Mr Roger Brookhouse, Moor Hall Farm, Wixford B49 6DL**
General purpose agricultural building with yard hardstanding and surfacing of existing farm track (Retrospective Application)
RESOLVED no representation

- **14/00673/FUL – Mr and Mrs Smith, 15 High Street, Broom**
Single storey rear extension
RESOLVED no representation
- **14/00720/REM Mr Phil Radford (Taylor Wimpey) Land North of Bramley Way**
Submission of reserved matters (internal roads, layout, scale, appearance and landscaping) pursuant to planning permission 12/02921/OUT for the erection of 45 dwellings. Internal road layout, public open space,, balancing pond, associated earthworks to facilitate surface water drainage, landscaping, car parking and other ancillary and enabling works.
RESOLVED no representation

Due to the sensitive nature of this item, the Council may resolve to exclude the public (Public Bodies (Admissions of Meetings Act) 1960 s1(2))

The Council **RESOLVED** to exclude the public

19. TO CONSIDER CO-OPTION OF TWO COUNCILLORS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

Four applications had been received.

RESOLVED that the applicants be invited to meet with Council on Monday 14th April after the Planning consultative Committee meeting and 2 candidates be co-opted

20. TO CONSIDER QUOTATIONS/BIDS, PUBLICISED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL FOR THE FOLLOWING

- **Sole Catering Rights for the Big Meadow 2014 season**
RESOLVED to grant the rights to M. Dobson
- **Sole Ice Cream Rights to the Big Meadow Season 2014**
RESOLVED to grant the rights to G. Ford
- **Inflatable Rights to the Big Meadow 2014 season**
RESOLVED to grant the rights to M. Dobson

21. TO CONSIDER RENEWING THE CONTRACT FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER FOR 2014/15

RESOLVED to renew the contract for a further year

Meeting was reopened to allow the public

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

The Clerk advised that £25,000 had been transferred from the Deposit account to the Current account before the meeting to ensure there were funds to meet the payments to be approved at this meeting, as this was taking place on the last day of the financial year.

NOTED

Purchases	
Wages	£2,534.46
Inland Rev.	2,277.20
Grants	7,494.93
As per cheque list	19,678.65
Treasury Deposit	100,000.00
DDM	<u>1,024.96</u>
Total payments	£133,010.20

Payments received	
Room hire	£54.00
Burial fees	500.00
Allotment rents	40.00
Fishing rights	1,243.00
Directory Advertisement	341.80
Treasure Deposit	<u>135,468.61</u>
Total Received	£137,730.61

RESOLVED

- To approve the accounts
- To approve payments
- That Cllrs. Hiscocks and Mrs Keeley sign the cheques

The Clerk requested authorisation to use her personal credit card to pay for the food for the Annual Parish Meeting/Neighbourhood Plan event.

RESOLVED to authorise this

The meeting closed at approx. 8.45 pm

BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

In the County of Warwickshire



CLERKS REPORT – March 2014

1. DOG FOULING

As instructed by Council, CCTV will be used to track dog fouling offenders

2. UNITARY AUTHORITY DEBATE

I attended the 3 hour debate at Shire Hall. I am pleased to advise that the public gallery was well attended by members of Parish/Town Councils.

It was an interesting debate, with many County Councillors standing up and praising the work carried out by Parish/Town Councils many of which are in an excellent position to cope with a Unitary Authority system.

Regrettably, it was very much down party lines, with the Labour Party opposing the move. This can, in part, be explained by the fact that Bedworth and Nuneaton Borough is not parished so the councillors representing that area are not aware of the benefits

The decision was to proceed with the process of looking into this, but it will take time, a long time.

In the meantime, I shall be meeting with the Town Clerk to Corsham in Wiltshire in the early summer, as they are a Unitary Authority, and will discuss the pros and cons of this system..

A full summary of the Chief Executive's report is available at

<https://democratic.warwickshire.gov.uk/Cmis5/Document.ashx?czJKcaeAi5t>

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3. TABLE TENNIS GRANT

The Parish Council has been granted an award of **£8,944 for outdoor table tennis tables** – name of project is **Ping around the Parish**

The cost of the total project is £11,024 – the balance of £2,080 is the form of volunteer support costa and to ensure the maintenance of the facilities, which will be the responsibility of the Parish Council.

Acceptance Letter has been completed and returned, as per the conditions.

I have also contacted Chris Newton of the Table Tennis Ass. so we can start the process of purchasing and installing the tables.

Regrettably, it appears the cost of the tables has increased quite considerably and the grant will only cover 2, possibly, 3 tables.

4. BIG MEADOW – GENTS TOILETS

Work has started on this and the hope is that it will be completed by the time the Big Meadow opens, though it is very much weather permitting

Cost £5,855.00

5. WAR MEMORIAL

The British Legion contacted me to enquire if the Parish Council would be prepared to clean the War Memorial as part of the commemoration of the start of WW!.

A number of quotes have been obtained and considered by the Amenities Working Group. They have requested more information before the final decision is considered by Council