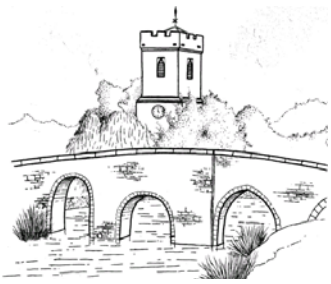
BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL
In the County of Warwickshire



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 19th May 2014 at the Parish Council Meeting Rooms, Bramley Way, and Bidford on Avon, after the Annual Parish Council Meeting

PRESENT

Chairman	Cllr. Fleming
Cllrs.	Harvey, Hiscocks, Mrs Keeley, Knight, Pound, Mrs Randell and Spiers
Also present:	District Councillors Howse and Pemberton 8 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 Atkins and Ms Ford

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
     There were none

   - 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 28TH APRIL 2014

Cllr. Pound proposed the Minutes be accepted as being accurate subject to two typographical amendments on page 3:

- Item 8 – Plan period should read "2011 – 2031"
- Item 11 – should read "Council did not feel"

RESOLVED the Minutes be accepted, subject to the above two amendments, 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 understood that St Laurence's PCC was not willing to have the bronze plaque currently on the War Memorial, when these are removed and replaced by longer lasting granite. He suggested the Parish council may consider putting the plaque in the Garden of Remembrance, Salford Road Cemetery.
- Monie Meadow was used during the Vintage Gathering to take the overflow, and it worked extremely well.
- Resident took the opportunity to thank Mark Smith for the excellent Vintage Gathering event – he and his family had worked very hard to ensure it was the success it was – it was amazing!

6. COUNCILLOR FORUM

None raised

7. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Councillor Brain had sent his apologies, but had sent an annual report. This had been circulated to Councillors and, due to its length, only references to Bidford-on-Avon were read out.

The full report is attached to these minutes and was posted on the website.

8. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- **Core Strategy** – Full Council met and adopted the proposed Core Strategy which will now go out to final consultation before being sent to the Planning Inspectorate for approval
    - Gaydon/Lighthorne Heath was the adopted preferred option
    - Bidford-on-Avon's profile has been amended to better reflect the current situation, especially with regards to the infrastructure, and is more realistic than the original.
    - Number of dwellings required remains at 10,800 for the district

The Parish Council raised concerns regarding this figure as, following the Shottery appeal, the Secretary of State appeared to agree that the number of dwellings required was 12,000.
District Councillors replied that SDC was confident as the figure of 10,800 had ben reached based on robust evidence. There is full employment in the district and businesses do not like to start up in areas where there is full employment – therefore the need for new dwellings for employment is reduced.
The Parish Council remained concerned that there would be a challenge and that this would further increase the costs of this Core Strategy.

9. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE CLERK

There was no report this month

10. TO CONSIDER RENEWAL OF THE PARISH COUNCIL'S INSURANCE

Cost: £2,285.83 – compared to last year's at £2,418.42.
RESOLVED to approve

11. TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION INFORMING FO THE CONSULTATION OF THE ELECTORAL REVIEW OF WARWICKSHIRE (information circulated)

Council considered whether it wished to respond at this stage and
RESOLVED to note the information received

12. TO APPROVE THE CARRYING FORWARD OF THE AMOUNT OF £4,325.00 IN RESPECT OF WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT TO TREES ON MILLERS BANK (Ref. PC Mins..October 2013/11)

The Parish Council approved this expenditure at its meeting of October 2013. The work has not been carried out due to adverse weather conditions and it is envisaged to be done this summer.
RESOLVED to approve the carrying forward of this expenditure.

13. TO CONSIDER WORK TO THE WAR MEMORIAL

Correspondence from the PCC had been received and circulated. The letter requested the Council reconsider the removal of the bronze plaques, which it considered an intrinsic part of the memorial and advised they would not be able to have them in the parish church of St. Laurence as it has the words "celebration of victory".
Councillors considered the contents of the letter: other parish councils had carried out similar work and had had no problems with the removed bronze plaques being placed in their parish church, with no objections from their PCCs.
The Crawford Memorial Hall was suggested as a suitable alternative, as it would be inside locked premises as the risk of theft remained an issue
A motion that the bronze plaques be removed and replaced by a granite stone was put forward, with the decision as to where the bronze plaques be placed be taken at a later date.

RESOLVED

- To proceed with the replacement of the bronze plaques by a granite stone
- To make a decision as to the final location of the bronze plaques at a later stage
- To write to the PCC advising them of the Parish Council's decision and expressing its disappointment at not being able to have the bronze plaques placed in St. Laurence, which is the village's parish church

14. TO NOTE UPDATE ON TNE NEW MEDICAL CENTRE

The Clerk had attended a meeting at the Medical Centre attended by the local MP, Mr Zahawi, Councillor Brain (WCC), Councillor Pemberton (SDC), Drs Shackley and Edwards, Stage Coach Manager for the West Midlands Area, as well as WCC officers and the site project manager.

The main point of discussion was the safety of patients attending the surgery using the No. 28 bus.

A report was circulated to Councillors with the main points:

- the proposed shuttle bus scheme had to be cancelled due to a reduction in the available funds
- doctors carry out a large number of house visits and are prepared to increase these if necessary
- Stagecoach reiterated its schedule was currently too tight to allow them to go into the site. The company was considering an extension in 6 months time that could result in an extra bus at which time it would reconsider.
- Based on the above, the decision was made to delay the full implementation of the bus stop requirements until such time as Stagecoach made its final decision.
- WCC had carried out a Road Safety Audit (RSA) which had not highlighted any issues. A copy had been made available to the Parish Council and had been circulated to Councillors.

  Concerns were raised about the RSA and how it had been carried out and its conclusion and the Clerk was instructed to write to WCC raising these concerns

15. TO NOTE UPDATE TO PLAY AREA MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

An update report had been circulated to Councillors

RESOLVED .to note the update

16. TO CONSIDER THE TRANSPARENCY CODE

This had been circulated to Councillors. A motion, supporting the Clerk's recommendation, that the Council wait until such time as it becomes mandatory, bearing in mind all residents have access to the information.

RESOLVED to await making any changes until such time as it =becomes mandatory

At the request of the Chairman of the Amenities WG, the Chairman proposed that item 18 be considered first, so that Items 19 and 20 could be considered at the same time. This amendment was agreed

17. TO NOTE CCTV UPDATE

The Minutes of the meeting held at Elizabeth House had been circulated and the contents considered satisfactory.

RESOLVED to note the update

18. TO CONSIDER BIDOFRD JUNIOR FC'S

- Monie Meadow Proposal
  this had been circulated and referred to the annual tournament held on the Big Meadow every year. The football club would like the use of Monie Meadow and proposed that the income derived from same should be shared 2/3 to the club and 1/3 to the Parish Council.
  This income would be re invested in the club and would negate the requirement of requesting grants to fund its development.
  A motion was put forward that the Parish Council approve the use of Monie meadow for this year and arrange a, meeting with the club to consider a strategy for the future.
  An additional proposal that the Parish Council accept the parking income distribution was put forward
  RESOLVED by 7 votes in favour and 1 against, to accept the proposal for this year and to arrange a meeting to consider a strategy for the future.
- Invitation to member(s) of the Parish Council to attend the event and give a set of medals at the tournament and attend the presentation evening>
  RESOLVED those that can attend to advise the Clerk who would pass this information onto to Bidford Junior FC

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

- **Neighbourhood Plan –** the Steering Group had had a very good meeting recently, where joint Chairmen had been elected (one Parish Councillor and one resident) and the various sub groups had been chosen and members allocated)
  Dates for future, monthly, meetings had been arranged and it was starting to make good progress

20. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE FROM

- **Bidford Lights 2000 –** permission to hold the Annual Duck Race on 31st August
  RESOLVED to grant permission
- **Samaritans –** thank you letter for the £250 grant

21. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATION

- **14/00720/REM Mr Phil Radford, Land North of Bramley Way**
  Amended layout to plots 1/5 due to sewer easement provision + pumping station reorientation (already considered by the Consultative Planning Committee)
  Amended Housetypes plots 2-4 + solar panels added to roofs of plots 1-5, 18, 22, 24-25, 29-30
  RESOLVED to note the information

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

Details of the accounts had ben sent to Councillors.

The Clerk advised that payment to the Information Commissioner, for an amount of £35, was to be made by DDM as resolved by Council at its last meeting.

Expenditure	
Wages	£2,564.66
As per cheque list	4,117.33
DDM	931.64
Total payments	**£7,613.63**

(this does not take into account cheque No. 6048, for an amount of £35 payable to the Information Commissioner)

Income	
Burial fees	165.00
Allotment rents	890.00
Car parking	1,050.00
VAT refund	2,765.80
Meadow Rights	600.00
Glasdon (UK) refund	100.47
Total	**£5,571.27**

RESOLVED

- To approve the accounts
- To approve payments
- That Cllrs. Harvey and Pound sign the cheques

The meeting closed at approx. 8.40 pm