

BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

In the County of Warwickshire



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 23rd June 2014 at the Parish Council Meeting Rooms, Bramley Way, and Bidford on Avon, after the Annual Parish Council Meeting

PRESENT

Chairman Cllr. Fleming

Cllrs. Atkins,, Mrs Keeley, Knight, Pound, Mrs Randell
and Spiers

Also present: District Councillors Howse and Pemberton
11 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 Ms Ford, Harvey and Hiscocks

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 ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AND THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19TH MAY 2014

Cllr Mrs Keeley proposed the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting be accepted as being accurate.

Cllr Mrs Randell proposed the Minutes of the Parish council Meeting be accepted as being accurate

RESOLVED the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting and the Parish Council Meeting be accepted and signed by the Chairman

4. YOUTH FORUM

There were no young people present at the meeting

5. PUBLIC FORUM

Concerns were expressed regarding the access to the new medical centre, and specific requests were raised:

- Footpath from the village to the medical should be built to enable push chairs and mobility scooters to access the medical centre. They currently having to use the grass verges and even the road, which is highly dangerous.
- It was important the promised shuttle bus be established
- Things were not so bad now, it is summer and the weather has been dry and sunny – but what will happen when it is dark, cold and wet?
- It is clear that the doctors are no concerned about their patients but with their business.

The Chairman replied that, although the Parish Council was sympathetic to the local community's concerns, which it shared, the facts were as follows:

- WCC are not in a position to fund a footpath, at a cost of £300,00 in the current situation that was not going to happen. And neither the doctors nor I were able to fund it either.
- The doctors have complied will ALL the planning conditions, so no more can be demanded of them.
- It is the understanding of the Parish Council that the bus e necessary ancillary works are proceeding - the Parish Council has of £3000 towards this
- If patients feel unsafe going to the centre, they are able to tors to pay a house visit.

Resident insisted the Parish Council should continue to put pressure on WCC.

- Resident highlighted the Community Transport Scheme and requested it be made more public by publishing it on the website.
- Dragons teeth to the entrance appear not to be working again.
- Bidford Juniors FC thanked the Parish Council for its support of the annual tournament on the Big Meadow. Special thanks to Mark Smith and the Clerk for their help with the parking issues.

6. COUNCILLOR FORUM

A Councillor had noted that in The Connection, only Barton, Broom and Marclifg had been mentioned in connection with the Participatory Budget Scheme: there was

no mention of Bidford-on-Avon.

The Clerk explained that when the Council had considered this item a three year period, the motion was in respect of the three peripheral hamlets/villages as most of the investment was made within the main settlement of Bidford-on-Avon.

The scheme had been applied to Bidford-on-Avon, but the Council had approved it in each case.

7. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Councillor Brain had sent his apologies, and requested the Clerk to highlight the following items:

- Murray House was opening on Thursday 26th June
- Bidford Bridge and Honeybourne Cross roads – a productive site visit had taken place

RESOLVED to note this

8. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- Following elections there had been some portfolio holder changes.
 - Cllr Spence had stepped down as Portfolio holder for Environmental Services, which includes Planning
 - Cllr Pemberton has been named Chairman of the Planning Committee (West)
 - Draft Core Strategy is now out for consultation until 17th July 2014
 - New Community is being re-launched shortly – press release to follow in due course
 - Greenacres – Pre application protocol letter has been served and they have until 2nd July to comply. This is the first stage of an injunction which, if nothing is done by the 2nd July, will proceed.
 - Issues regarding the Public Open Space by Hill View Cottage have been raised with the Planning Officer
 - Planning Committee (West) some changes are in motion to improve transparency and efficiency.
 - Ward Members are doing the McMillan ride again this year on 17th August raising funds for local causes.

RESOLVED to note the report

9. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE CLERK

This had been circulated.

Table tennis looked good but:

- One of the tables on Dugdale Avenue tilted
- Who had agreed the way the tables were set up on the Big Meadow?

RESOLVED to note the Report and the Clerk to look into the above issues.

Cllr Pound left the room with Cllr Pemberton at 8.15pm and the Chairman temporarily suspended the meeting. However, on the door to the Parish Council Meeting Room being closed, the Chairman re commenced the meeting at 8.17 pm

10. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

- **To complete**

- the Annual Return (circulated)

(Councillors are requested to carefully read and consider the replies to the various questions)

This had been circulated to Councillors and the Chairman proposed that the answer to all questions was YES, with the exception of Question 9 which is Not Applicable.

RESOLVED to approve the motion by a unanimous vote and reply YES to questions 1 to 8 and N/A to question 9. The Chairman and Clerk duly signed to Annual Return.

- **To approve**

- the Annual Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2014 (circulated)

A councillor referred to the reserve amount for the repair to Grange Road cemetery and asked if this was necessary. The Clerk replied that a stone mason had inspected the wall and it does require replacing as part of it is dangerous under the current guidelines. The stone mason is having difficulty sourcing the stone, hence the delay in quoting for the work. Also it is in the conservation area so awaiting advice from the planning department as to any issues the Parish Council has to consider regarding the rebuilding of the wall, as this may influence the cost.

Councillor Pound returned at this point.

The Chairman proposed the Annual Accounts be approved

RESOLVED to approve the motion that the Annual Accounts be approved by a unanimous vote. The Chairman signed the Annual Accounts

11. TO CONSIDER THE INTERNAL AUDITORS COMMENTS (circulated)

These had been circulated and it was

RESOLVED to approve the motion that they be noted

12. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE NEW FINANCIAL REGULATIONS (circulated)

Councillors had taken due note of the new regulations and it was proposed they be approved

RESOLVED to approve the new Financial Regulations

13. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE UPDATED STANDING ORDERS (circulated)

This applied to Point 18 Financial Controls to conform with the new financial Regulations

RESOLVED to approve the updated Standing Orders

14. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE FROM WALC (circulated)

- **Newsletter ADH/111/1/2014** – Councillors are asked to note the information and bring to the attention of Council any item they believe to be of special interest.

RESOLVED to note the contents

- **NALC Policy Consultation PC08-14** – Consultation on Underground drilling access (Payments for Access)
Council is required to decide whether it wishes to reply to this consultation and, if it does, to whom it delegates the responsibility.
RESOLVED not to reply to the consultation
- **NALC – Financial Briefing F08-14** – LGPS and Pension Funding Deficits
Council is requested to note this at present – (report enclosed)
Councillors had noted the report and it was
RESOLVED to note the report and not attend the meeting
- **WCC** –invitation to attend a meeting **Parish Councils willing to fill the gap?**
at Dunchurch Village Hall on Monday 14th July @ 7.00 pm
Council is requested to consider attending
The Clerk had sent a report recommending the Council attend this important meeting. WCC are having to save a further £92 million pounds in the next 3 years and she considers it essential the Parish Council participate in this dialogue.
Council considered various options and
RESOLVED that Cllrs. Mrs Keeley, Knight and Mrs Randell, together with the Clerk should attend the meeting.
The Consultative Planning Committee meeting date to be brought forward from 14th to 7th July.

15. TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM RESIDENTS OF MILLERS BANK TO PURCHASE LAND TO THE REAR OF THEIR PROPERTIES (report circulated)

It was proposed that, subject to a written confirmation from the planning department that a single application was in order; defined border and all fees to be paid by the purchasers, the Council approve the sale in principle
RESOLVED to approve the sale in principle subject to the proposed provisos.

16. TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM TALYLOR WIMPEY TO ADOPT THE POND AND PUBLIC OPEN SPACE AT THE BRANLEY WAY DEVELOPMENT (report and map circulated)

It was noted that not all the open space was being transferred; the Clerk to enquire if it were possible to include ALL the area

It was proposed that the Council adopts the Public Open Space and Pond, subject to confirmation that it is not required to maintain the technical parts of the pond

RESOLVED that the motion be approved and the Parish Council adopts the Public Open Space and Pond

That the Clerk enquire as to the remainder of the open space

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

None available

18. TO NOTE THE CCTV MONTHLY REPORT FOR MAY 2014 (circulated)

RESOLVED to note the report.

**19. TO CONSIDER MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD BY BARD ON 12TH JUNE
(ATTENDED BY CLLR KNIGHT ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
(circulated, together with report from the Clerk and a report from Cllr Knight)**

The circulated correspondence had been considered by Council. A motion was proposed that the Parish Council published the issue on its website and encouraged residents to object to the proposal

RESOLVED the details to be published online and residents invited to object

20. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATION

- **14/01178/FUL Dr Grieve, Tyfield, 8 Kings Lane, Broom B50 4HB**
Alteration to roof including installation of dormer window
RESOLVED no representation
- **14/01377/FUL – Mr Neil Sherring, Farmington Farm, Georges Elm Road, B50 4JY**
Proposed oak veranda to side
RESOLVED no representation

21. TO CONSIDER THE CLERK'S APPRAISAL (circulated)

RESOLVED to note the circulated report

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

Details of the accounts had been sent to Councillors.

Expenditure

Wages	£2,564.66
As per cheque list	4,117.33
DDM	<u>931.64</u>
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	<u>100.47</u>
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