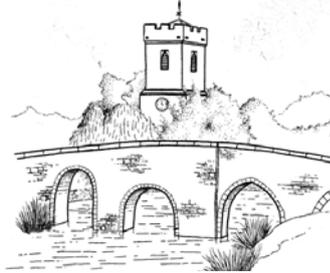


# **BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **In the County of Warwickshire**



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at Broom Village Hall, High Street, Broom

### **PRESENT**

Chairman                                      Cllr. Fleming - Chairman of the Council

Cllrs.    Atkins, Ms Deacon, Harvey, Hiscocks, Mrs Keeley, Knight, Pound, Mrs Randell and Spiers

Also present:                                      County Councillor Brains  
15members of the public

In attendance:                                      Mrs E. Uggerløse, Clerk to the Parish Council

### **1. TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES**

*There were no apologies*

### **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 30<sup>th</sup> July 2012, if any matter arises during the meeting in which they have declared a disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI) they should leave the room.

*None declared*

- 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 24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2014

Cllr Harvey proposed the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting be accepted as being accurate.

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting be accepted as an accurate account, and signed by the Chairman.

### 4. YOUTH FORUM

There were no young people present at the meeting.

### 5. PUBLIC FORUM

- Resident raised concerns that bad parking along Mill Lane, especially on the junction with the High Street is more dangerous than speeding, and some thought should be given to this.
- Trees and hedges along Mill Lane require attention, especially the trees at the site of The Arrows, need cutting back.
- Another resident disagreed – stating that speeding was the main concern.
- A third resident stated that the parked cars and hedges not being cut back all the way assisted in keeping down speeding and acting as traffic calming.

The Chairman agreed with the last speaker, advising the Council had made a point of cutting back the hedge to make it safe, but without widening the lane, to keep speeding down.

- Member of the Broom History Village Group spoke in support of his group's bid for the Participatory Budget.

### 6. COUNCILLOR FORUM

- **Skate Ramp** – Clerk gave a report.
- **HS2** – Both County and District Councils had spent very large sums of money opposing this project, when we are led to believe they are short of funds. County Council is the 5<sup>th</sup> largest spending county opposing HS2. Councillor Brain replied he was unaware of this large spend adding that it is an expensive issue as it requires Barristers etc.

### 7. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- **Honeybourne Crossroads** – efforts had been made to contact the parents of the deceased victim regarding the dismantling of the roadside memorial to no avail. County Council had agreed to wait until after the second anniversary of the accident, 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec, before proceeding with all the work.
- **Site allocation** – WCC had put forward a number of sites. Cllr. Brain added he was disappointed to see Grafton Lane was included.
- **Council Computers** – Bidford Youth Club and Creative Sport Bidford had both benefited from this scheme.
- **County Councillor Grant** had been given to:
  - Marlcliff Flood Group : £600 towards an electric pump
  - Bidford and District History Society : £850
  - Medical Centre received £1,000 towards a defibrillator

## **8. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Cllr. Howse had sent his apologies, he was unwell, but forwarded a report that was read out by the Clerk and is attached to these Minutes.

## **9. CLERK'S REPORT**

This was read out at the meeting and is attached to these Minutes

One item on the Report, the response of Cllr Mrs Organ, to the invitation by the Parish Council to meet to discuss the issue of "double taxation" resulting from play areas maintained by the District Council, raised concern, as the queries remained unanswered.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk resend the invitation to her, and the Ward Members, to meet with the Chairman and Vice Chairman to discuss the matter in more detail.

## **10. TO CONSIDER**

- Membership of the new Action Plan Working Group.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding how membership of working groups should be elected, especially bearing in mind they had no decision making powers, only recommendations.

There was consensus that membership should not be restricted and that those that volunteered and were interested in a particular area should be allowed to be allowed membership even if they were already members of other working groups.

A motion was put forward requesting volunteers for the newly formed Action Group and it was **RESOLVED** that:

- Cllrs Ms Deacon, Hiscocks, Knight and Pound be elected members.
  - That members of the community be co-opted when and if required.
- Nominating a reserve councillor to the Amenities WG.

It was proposed that Cllr Ms Deacon join the Amenities Working Group with immediate effect.

**RESOLVED** that Cllr Ms Deacon become a member of the Amenities WG.

## **11. TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS TO COMPLY WITH THE OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS 2014 (circulated)**

The recommendations put forward were:

- A new "Finance" sub-site within the Parish Council site to include Budget, Annual Accounts/Return information.  
**RESOLVED to approve.**
- That a spread-sheet showing all the expenditure of over £500 on a quarterly basis be posted online in the Finance sub-site.  
**RESOLVED to approve.**
- That the Council approve a Protocol on the Recording and Filming of Council and Committee Meetings.  
**RESOLVED to approve.**
- That the Council approve the contents of a Notice to be made available at the start of each meeting concerning the rights of members of the public to record and film Council and Committee Meetings.  
**RESOLVED to approve.**

**12. TO RECEIVE REPORT OF VISIT BY THE INTERNAL AUDITOR AND TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS WHEN APPLICABLE (circulated)  
RESOLVED**

- To note the report of the Internal Auditor's visit.
- To approve the recommendation that Council invoice the Bidford Allotment Association 7p per Sq. M based on the area of the allotment site.
- To approve the recommendation that the Burials WG meet to reconcile all books every 6 months or every 15 transactions, whichever falls first.

**13. TO CONSIDER SPEED LIMIT FOR MILL LANE AND BROOM HIGH STREET (report circulated)**

The report included speed tests carried out by Warwickshire County Council (WCC) in the summer of 2013 in connection with the proposed Gypsy site north of Mill Lane. These showed an average speed of 22 mph on Mill Lane and of 23 mph on the High Street. On this basis neither WCC nor the Police would consider reducing the speed limit to 20mph.

A motion was put forward that:

- The Police be requested to have a greater presence in the village.
- That cars park strategically to act as traffic calming measures.
- That the hedge on mill lane be maintained, but not cut back, to act as a traffic calming measure.

**RESOLVED** to approve the proposals

**14. TO CONSIDER THE BROOM PARTICIPATORY BUDGET**

Both proposals had been circulated in full to all councillors for them to consider. A proposal was made that, as there were only two applicants, each be given £250. A counter proposal was made, that the Broom History Society's proposal would benefit more people than the improvements to the riverside my Millers Bank. The counter proposal was put to the vote and resulted in 9 votes against: 1 in favour. The first proposal, that the £500 be equally split, was then put to the vote: 9 in favour: 1 against.

**RESOLVED** that each applicant be given £250.

**15. TO APPROVE WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT TO THE FENCE TO THE NORTH EAST BOUNDARY OF DUGDALE SPORTS FIELD**

- Repair the existing palisade fence (from the property to the north boundary) **£350.00**
- Repair/Improve the existing fence from the back of the property to the gate **£1,026** (this represents 50% of the cost)

During a short discussion the following issues were raised:

- Would a post and rail be more cost effective?
- Did the Council have an obligation to fence the field?

It was proposed and **RESOLVED** that a site visit be arranged on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00 am.

#### 16. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- **14/02211/FUL Mr and Mrs Silcock, Riverside, Kings Lane Broom B50 4HD**  
Erection of a two-storey dwelling.  
**RESOLVED** 7 votes in favour: 3 against No representation.
- **14/03099/FUL Mrs Jane Humby, Taylor Wimpey West Midlands, Site of former Hill View, Lambourne Close**  
Erection of temporary sales cabin and associated car parking including a generator - temporary permission until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015.  
**RESOLVED** to maintain the Council's objection that this should be placed at the site of the Bramley Way development.

#### 17. TO CONSIDER AUTHORISING THE CLERK TO INSTRUCT THE BANK TO STOP CHEQUES SO THAT HER SINGLE SIGNATURE IS SUFFICIENT

Once Councillors were assured that the authorisation would be limited to stopping cheques, it was **RESOLVED** to grant the authorisation.

#### 18. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THIS MONTH'S PAYMENTS AND ACCOUNTS

Full details had been circulated:

##### **Expenditure**

Wages	£2,640.54
As per cheque list	19,313.66
DDM	<u>972.20</u>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>£22,926.40</b>

##### **Income**

Cemetery charges	£1,090.00
Photocopy	1.00
Flood Grant	485.00
Return of overpayment	34.00
Allotment rents	<u>1,493.98</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,103.98</b>

##### **RESOLVED**

- To approve the accounts.
- That Cllrs. Harvey and Mrs Keeley and sign the cheques.
- That £15,000 be transferred from the deposit to the current account to cover payments.

The meeting closed at approx. 8.45pm.

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### **CLERKS REPORT – Nov. 2014**

- **Matters arising**
  - **“Double taxation”** – Reply from Cllr Mrs. Ogden was circulated, as was Cllr Howse’s update regarding S106. If Council wish me to take this further, will require further instruction.
  - **Shakespeare’s England**

Went to Elizabeth House on Thursday to complete the form with Gemma – she is the expert and I wanted to ensure it got the best and most complete covering.

I will have to set up a Big Meadow site within the Parish Council’s website so that interested parties are directly sent there, as well as photos etc. all ready for the Spring/Summer launch which they will do early in the year.
  - **Gypsy site on Land to the North of Mill Lane, Broom**

Have spoken to both Highways and Police.

Both emphasise that it only requires driving with due care and attention, which drivers should be doing in any case as it is on a curve. Highways stated that the driver driving into the site from Bidford Road should indicate left.
  - **Skate Park** – delay is due to original difficulty in getting a good supply of concrete. Contractor was let down three times and he has had to attend to other commitments in the meantime. I have his

assurances that it will be completed by the end of the month.  
In the meantime, the supplier of the steel is being paid this month, and this amount will be deducted from the final invoice for the skate ramp.

- **Cemetery Wall (Grange Road)**

Quotation for the work has been received at **£17,760.00** (reserves have been built up for this work over the years) Contractor has secured some blue Lias stone, and this is being bought – invoice for this to be approved at this meeting.

Application form completed and sent

- **Millers Bank Trees**

- Riverbank – application for work to be carried out has been validated 19<sup>th</sup> Nov. with a 6 week consultation period. If no objections heard within that time, work can commence. Quotation for this will be raised for council's approval.

- Work to rear of 11 Millers Bank

Application sent and will be considered at the Council's next Planning meeting. Again, quotation will follow.