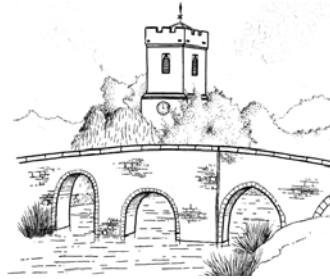


# **BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **In the County of Warwickshire**



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2014 @ 7.30 pm  
at the Parish Council Meeting Rooms, Bramley Way, B50 4QG

### **PRESENT**

Chairman                      Cllr. Fleming - Chairman of the Council

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

Also present:                 County Councillor Brains and District Councillor Howse  
7 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. Hiscocks and Pound*

### **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> NOVEMBER 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**

Two young persons attended the meeting to raise concerns, and questions, regarding the Skate Ramp.

- Why was it taking so long for the new skate ramp to be completed?  
The Clerk explained there had been some issues with the delivery of concrete that had created a snowball effect. However, she now had received confirmation that work to complete the ramp would commence the week of 19<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2015
- Requests were also raised for flood lighting, to allow youngsters full use of the ramp and perhaps a cover when it rained  
Council encouraged the youngsters to come forward with ideas, to raise these in the NDP questionnaire which is shortly to be arriving. They were also encouraged to look at alternative funding, not only the Parish Council.

### **5. PUBLIC FORUM**

- Council was advised that there had been some wreaths stolen from Salford Road Cemetery – Police are aware of this
- Concerns were raised regarding the new on street parking enforcement agency: according to shop owners, they are being too strict, penalties are being imposed too quickly and businesses are suffering. Can council do something to assist.  
Clerk was instructed to look into it and report back to Council

### **6. COUNCILLOR FORUM**

The Chairman took the opportunity of updating Council on the talks he and the Clerk had been having regarding the future of Bidford Young Firefighters. After a number of meetings with the Deputy Chief Fire Officer and with members of Bidford Fire Station, it appears a solution that is financially and operationally possible is emerging and he hoped to be able to come to Council shortly with a full proposal.

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

- Work on Honeybourne Road would start in early January – there would be some disruption but all efforts would be made to keep these to a minimum

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

- Council had held a meeting regarding joint work with Cherwell and South Northants Councils. Some joint work is already taking place and Council is considering if, and how, to extend this without damaging Council's priorities. A consultation was taking place, until 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. 2015, and Council was urged to participate as it will affect the way services are delivered in the future.

- Consultation on the Corporate Strategy was also taking place, and again Council was urged to take part
- Draft Core Strategy examination would be taking place throughout January – open to the public

Council took this opportunity to thank the Ward Members for their excellent presentation at the Planning Committee (West) objecting to the development on Land to the rear of 18 Salford Road

## 9. CLERK'S REPORT

This was read out at the meeting and is attached to these Minutes  
**RESOLVED** to note the report.

## 10. TO CONSIDER/APPROVE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FINANCE AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE IN RESPECT OF THE BUDGET/PRECEPT FOR 2015/16

A report, with the figures as agreed at the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014 had been circulated to councillors for their consideration.

It was proposed the budget/precept, as presented, be approved

**RESOLVED** unanimously that the Budget/Precept be approved

## 11. TO CONSIDER OPTIONS OF COST OF WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT TO THE FENCE TO THE NORTH EAST BOUNDARY OF DUGDALE SPORTS FIELDS FOLLOWING A SITE VISIT

A report, and quotations, had been circulated with the Agenda.

A motion was put forward that Council should approve the cost of replacing the fence with the first option, using wooden posts, at a total cost of £687.91. If the resident wished to continue with the work as presented, the Council would use his approved contractor and contribute £687.91 towards the cost.

**RESOLVED** the motion was unanimously approved. Council also wished to minute that the fence would remain the property of the Parish Council.

## 12. TO CONSIDER

- **WALC** Newsletter (enclosed)  
Councillors are requested to note the contents and to bring to the attention of Council any issues any they believe may require attention  
**NOTED**
- Annual Subscription fee for 2015/16 is **£826.00**  
**NOTED**
- NALC Policy Consultation on “Modernising Parish Polls Regulations” (Recommendation that Council approve this)  
**RESOLVED** to support the change
- Local Council Awards (replacing Quality Status – report enclosed)  
**RESOLVED**
  - To apply for the Foundation Award
  - To work towards applying for the Quality Award during 2015
  - To work towards Gold Quality Award in the future
  - To approve the Strategic Plan wording

- Society of Local Council Clerks subscription fees of **£260**  
**RESOLVED** to approve the cost

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

A report updating Council on the NDP was made. Things moving forward rapidly although there would always be the statutory constraints. However, there was confidence that it would be in place at the same time as the final Core Strategy. Thanks were expressed to all members of the Steering Group

**14. TO NOTE COSTS OF THE FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS IN MAY 2015 (circulated)**  
**NOTED**

**15. TO NOTE THE CLERK'S APPRAISAL (circulated)**  
**NOTED**

**16. TO NOTE THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE**

- **Broom Village Hall Committee** - thank you letter for the grant towards the defibrillator
- **Bidford Community Choir and Bidford Pantomime Group** -thank you letter for the grants
- **Barton Village Group** thank you letter for the grant towards the defibrillator

**17. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- **14/03209/FUL Mr and Mrs J Price, 5 Crawford Close, B50 4EJ**  
Proposed single storey side extension and erection of detached garage to side  
**RESOLVED** no representation
- **14/03235/FUL Mr B Steele, Meadow Lane Bakery, 70 High Street B50 4AB**  
conversion of first floor 2-bed flat into two one bed flats and conversion of roof space to a new one bed flat  
**RESOLVED** No representation
- **14/03418/FUL Mr Payne, 9 Holland Close, B50 4BE**  
Proposed single storey extension to front  
**RESOLVED** No representation

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

Full details had been circulated

The Clark advised that a cheque for £97.50 had been issued to SDC to pay for a planning application for the Grange Road Cemetery Wall replacement

### Expenditure

Wages	£2,640.54
As per cheque list	12,361.81
SDC cheque	97.50
DDM	2,142.71
HID payment	<u>75,000.00</u>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>£92,242.56</b>

### Income

Cemetery charges	£330.00
HID Account	<u>100,142.11</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100,472.11</b>

### RESOLVED

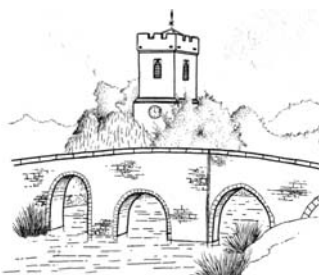
- To approve the accounts.
- That Cllrs. Harvey and Mrs Keeley sign the cheques.
- That £10,000 be transferred from the current to the deposit account
- That £75,000 be reinvested in a 6 month HID Account @ 0.70%

The meeting closed at approx. 8.30 pm.



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### **CLERKS REPORT – Dec. 2014**

- **Matters arising+**
  - Email sent to Cllr Mrs Organ – no reply received
  
- **Expenditure**
  - Replacement pads for play equipment on Marleigh Park  
**£384.09**
  - Black bin bags  
**£86.40**
  - Mole Clearing Salford Road Cemetery  
**tbc**
  
- **Meet the Leaders Event – 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. at Stratford Race Course**

This event, based on a successful Rugby Borough model, replaced the quarterly Community Forum.

Panel consisted of

  - Izzi Seccombe – Leader of WCC
  - Chris Saint – Leader of SDC
  - Andy Parker – Chief Constable
  - Eric Wood – Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner
  - Gillian Entwistle– CEO of NHS South Warwickshire
  - Ham Patel – General Manager Arden Division West midlands Ambulance Service
  - Martin Yardley – Managing Director of Warwickshire LEP

I have to admit to attending in a sceptical mind as I was aware that all panel members were to be given 10 minutes of introduction time – i.e. over 1 hour!! However, I was most pleasantly surprised: the intros were short and to the point and we moved on to the Question and Answer sessions very quickly, which were effectively managed by the Master of Ceremonies Will Hanrahan.

As the event was in Stratford, most of the questions raised were from that area. However, I did send in some questions before hand.

One point that did stick in my mind as, although it referred to Stratford, actually concerns all the district>: a resident, who it appeared had work for the National power grid in quite a high position, mentioned the fact that Stratford was beginning to suffer from “flickers” – this is something we are all very well aware of in our parish!! This occurs when there is not enough power at a particular time and his concern was what was the Local Planning Authority doing to ensure there will be sufficient power fro the district taking into consideration all the development that is taking place and is planned.

As Bidford already suffers from these flickers on a regular basis, and we too are having a lot of new development, it is something that perhaps should be taken into consideration in the |NDP preparation.