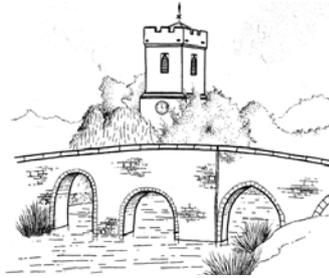


# **BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **In the County of Warwickshire**



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015 @ 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, Hiscocks, Mrs Keeley, Knight,  
Pound and Spiers

Also present:                                      District Councillor Pemberton  
27 members of the public

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

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

*No apologies. Cllr Hiscocks advised he had to leave at 8.00 pm*

### **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 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2015**

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**

None present

### **5. PUBLIC FORUM**

- **15/00212/OUT Bidford Properties Limited, Waterloo Road (Old Geodis site)**
  - Resident objected to this development due to:
    - traffic issues. Should this application be successful, it would result in too many vehicle movements throughout the day and during the week ends. The Parish Council has objected to development on Waterloo Road due to traffic issues, and it should do so this time for the same reason.
    - Water/drainage problems: not enough pressure for the water supply and insufficient drainage which causes localised flooding
    - The village already has a supermarket – it is not large enough for `a second one: other villages don't have even one.
  - Resident supported the development on the grounds that it will tidy up the area which is currently an eyesore.
- **Jubilee Close tree**

Contractor has visited the site and is of the opinion that if only the roots are cut off, it will increase the risk of the tree falling.

  - Resident objected to the tree being removed and raised concerns at the number of trees being felled and not replaced – such as along Millers Bank in Broom.

The Clerk clarified that the tree on Jubilee Close was damaging a third party property, so the Parish Council is responsible for removing the cause of the damage.
- Resident requested the Parish Council to start taking more care of the High Street and less of the Big Meadow.

The Clerk clarified that the Parish Council is responsible for the Big Meadow, and can only be a facilitator regarding High Street issues.

### **6. COUNCILLOR FORUM**

None

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

Cllr Brain was unable to attend and had sent his apologies. However, Cllr. Pemberton gave the following updates on his behalf:

- **Waterloo Road** the sweeping operation in place was resulting in debris being dumped into the drains, so WCC will be arranging more jetting to prevent any blockages
- **Man holes** – there was one on the B439 which was not levelled and being looked at.  
The Clerk advised there was another on Victoria Road near the junction with Steppes Piece which was also not level and required attention

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

- Full Council meeting had taken place earlier in the day and had resolved to keep an unchanged Council Tax
- Corporate Strategy 2015-19 had been approved and sets out the priorities, the top three being
  - Create a flourishing Economy
  - People and the Environment
  - Setting Community Leadership

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

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

Clerk added a verbal report regarding the application for 200 homes on Land to the West of Waterloo Road.

At the Consultative Planning committee meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. it had been resolved to maintain the Parish Council's objection on the basis of:

- Highway/traffic issues
- Lack of parking facilities for the proposed sports area to the west of the site

The site allocation issues were being considered by the NDP Steering Group at its next meeting, which is on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March @ 7.00 pm and it would make its recommendation to the Parish Council. The Planning Officer is aware of this.

**RESOLVED:** to note the report.

## **10. TO REVIEW AND ADOPT UPDATED RISK ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE**

This document had been circulated to all Councillors together with the Agenda, for its careful consideration.

It was proposed it be adopted.

**RESOLVED:** to adopt the updated Risk Assessment Schedule

## **11. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE**

- **WALC**
  - **Newsletter** (circulated)  
Councillors are requested to note the contents and bring to the attention of Council any issues they believe should be considered  
**RESOLVED:** to note the contents
  - **Parish Council Precepts 2015/16** A rise in precept demand for 2105/16 will not require a community referendum  
**RESOLVED:** to note

- **Grant** – Council has received a grant for £250 from WCC/WALC in recognition of having achieved the Local Council Foundation Award  
**RESOLVED:** to note

- **SCAN** – signed petition against the change of location of the Post Office from the High Street to Warner’s Budgens (29 names; 27 signatures)  
It was noted that the Parish Council had already made a decision on this item.  
**RESOLVED:** to note the correspondence

**12. TO CONSIDER REPLY FROM DCK BEAVERS REGARDING THE COUNCIL’S QUERY IN RESPECT OF THE TRANSFERABILITY OF THE ACCOUNTS IF IT WISHES TO TERMINATE THE CONTRACT (circulated)(Ref. PC Mins.Jan.2015/11)**

Council expressed satisfaction with the correspondence received which answered its query in full

**RESOLVED:** to accept the explanation received which results in DCK Beaver Ltd. being appointed as Accountants to the Parish Council.

**13. TO CONSIDER REMOVING THE TREE ON JUBILEE CLOSE AREA (Ref. PC Mins.2015/13)**

As instructed, contractor has looked at the possibility of removing the roots. However, in his opinion, this will weaken the tree and increase the risk of its falling. Council considered the contractor’s comments, which it accepted.

**RESOLVED** the tree be safely removed

The concerns raised by a resident concerning the number of trees being removed and not replaced was considered, and a motion was put forward that the NDP Steering Group and the Parish Council’s Action Group, should consider a Tree Planting/Replacement Strategy to be recommended for adoption by the Parish Council

**RESOLVED:** that the NDP Steering Group and the Action WG develop a Tree Planting/Replacement Strategy for adoption by the Parish Council

At the request of a councillor, the Chairman allowed the following motion to be put forward: that a replacement tree for this one being removed on Jubilee Close Play Area be approved, to be planted in the next planting season

**RESOLVED:** to approve the purchase and planting of a tree for Jubilee Close Play Area by 6 votes in favour and 2 abstentions

**14. TO CONSIDER REPLY FROM SDC IN RESPECT OF CONCERNS RAISED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL ABOUT THE PLANNING COMMITTEE (WEST) MEETING HELD ON 27.11.2014 (report circulated)**

Council had carefully considered the report sent and noted its comments, which concluded the decision stood and giving three options to Council:

- Accept the decision and do nothing
- Accept the decision but ask SDC to record its concerns and to request that in future, when similar situations occur, the LPA staff make it absolutely clear to committee members what they are voting on, to remove any doubt. This way, not only will they be reminding members but, at the same time, will be letting the members of the public know – this is part of the problem: members of the public, directly affected by the decisions, come away from these meeting feeling “stitched up” and perhaps SDC should take appropriate measures to

avoid this – and being open and transparent at meetings is one easy way of doing so.

- Ask for Judicial Review, which SDC will defend.

It was proposed Council act on option 2

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to write a letter to SDC based on option 2.

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

- **NDP**

The Chairman of the NDP Steering Group gave a short, verbal update on the situation:

- Have received the headline returns – a 25% response which is great, so a big thank you to all
- Also received the initial responses to the Business Questionnaire, which had been reasonable
- Although we only have the headline results it will give strong evidence for the Steering Group to consider at its meeting and to start developing the policies, which will be the next consultation stage.
- Allocation sites – broadly speaking the sites outside the build-up area have the highest disapproval, whilst the highest approval is for infill sites.

**RESOLVED:** to note the verbal report

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

- **14/03028/OUT Persimmon Homes – South Midlands, Marriage Hill Nurseries, 45 Salford Road, B50 4EY**

Amendments received with additional supporting information in relation to Highways, Landscape, Flood Risk and Ecological matters (report)

**RESOLVED:** not to withdraw its objections on the grounds of:

- Highways – added traffic especially now that permission has been granted to the land north of 18 Salford Road which is virtually opposite
- Overdevelopment
- Loss of employment

- **15/00212/OUT Bidford Properties Limited, Waterloo Road (Old Geodis site)**

Outline application (with all matters reserved except access) for the erection of a 1685 sq.m (gross internal floor area) retail unit (A1) and 743 sq.m (gross external floor area) of business units (B2/B8) with associated infrastructure. (A1 use is Shop:

B2 use is Business

B8 is Storage or Distribution)

NDP Chairman made strong recommendation that the Council not object to this application which offers employment as well as an amenity for the new developments in the area.

It should also be noted that it had received the highest support for development in the Site Allocation question of the NDP Questionnaire

Motion put forward that the Council support this application

**RESOLVED:** by 7 in favour and 1 against to support the application as it is an opportunity for this very rundown site to be developed and the retail business should give employment opportunities to the local community

- **Mr David Owen, 31 Mill Lane, Broom**

Single and two storey rear extension

**RESOLVED:** No representation

#### **17. TO CONSIDER NAMING OF A FURTHER ROAD ON FRIDAY FURLONG DEVELOPMENT**

Proposed it be called "Nelson Way"

**RESOLVED:** to name it Nelson Way

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

Full details had been circulated

HID Account – Recommendation is to reinvest £80,000 for 12 months on receipt of funds from a current deposit maturing on 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2015

**RESOLVED** to accept the RFO's recommendation

##### **Expenditure**

Wages	£2,681.39
Grants	4,212.20
As per cheque list	13,415.51
DDM	<u>1,108.23</u>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>21,417.33</b>

##### **Income**

Allotment rent	£910.00
Cemetery fees	165.00
WALC Grant	250.00
Donations	592.75
HID Account	<u>50,092.92</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>52,010.67</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

The meeting closed at approx. 8.25 pm.



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### CLERKS REPORT - February 2015

- **Matters arising**

- **Dugdale Fencing** – Work has been carried out and resident happy with the result.
- **Millers Bank** – Phase 1 (as agreed with the Forestry and Landscape Dept. at SDC) has been carried out. Due to the weather, some damage (ruts) was done to the grassed area, but this was kept to a minimum and was unavoidable.

Phase 1 concentrated in felling and pollarding trees that represented a possible danger to the public using this public open space. Other trees marked for felling and pollarding, and which do not represent a risk to the public, will form part of Phase 2 or 3.

Some of the branches and logs remain in situ and these will be removed once the ground has hardened, as contractors do not wish to cause more damage than necessary. The Council may wish to consider leaving the big logs as an ecological feature of the area ( like the ones on the play area on the Big Meadow).

- **Big Meadow entrance**- WCC is adamant that the width of the entrance is adequate and conforms to the guidelines for residential developments. However, I have stressed that the Parish Council is concerned that the narrowing will result in traffic congestion when the Big Meadow opens on 1<sup>st</sup> April and the officer has agreed to a site visit together with the Big Meadow Gate Keeper).

- **Expenditure**
  - 2 x bins for the Big Meadow @ £145. Each
  - The normal toilet order for the opening of the Big Meadow will be done in March so that all is ready for the opening
  - Authorisation has been given to the Gate Keeper to carry out the normal preparations to the Big Meadow to ensure it is ready for the opening:
    - Pot holes
    - Dragons teeth
    - Etc.
  - Instructions have been given to the Gate Keeper to fill in the area by the cablewire
  
- **Warwickshire Police** – Following the spate of burglaries in the area, Warwickshire Police are holding a **Crime Prevention Morning** at the Crawford Memorial Hall, **on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March between 10.30am and 12.30pm.**  
Information sheet has been posted on Noticeboards and on the website.
  
- **Youth Shelter Area (Wards Lane)** this area was locked by an unknown party (the Police have been asked to look into it). As this is an area managed by the Parish Council, it has been reopened and a new lock put in place.