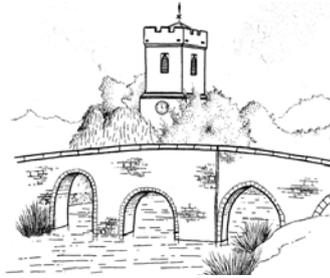


# **BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **In the County of Warwickshire**



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 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, Hiscocks, Mrs Keeley, Knight,  
Pound and Spiers

Also present:                County Councillor Brain and District Councillors Howse and  
Pemberton  
11 members of the public

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

Before starting the meeting, the Chairman advised that there were a couple of farewells to be made at this meeting.

First of all, the Parish Council's RFO, Vaughan Hully, had retired at the end of the financial year after nearly 20 years of service. The Parish Council would like to thank him for his work and advice during this time, and made him a presentation.

Cllr Mrs Keeley, as the second longest serving Councillor, then paid tribute to Cllr Spiers which, after over 40 years loyal service, was attending his last Parish Council meeting. The Council and the Local Community would have the opportunity of paying tribute to Cllr Spiers at the Annual Parish Meeting, which is taking place on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

And, finally, the Chairman thanked Cllr Howse who, after representing Bidford and Salford for some years, is now standing for election in Stratford upon Avon.

## 1. TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES

*Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Harvey*

## 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.  
*Cllr Mrs Keeley declared an interest in Planning Application NO. 15/00908/FUL, as her son rents a property from the applicant*  
*Cllr Knight also declared a non pecuniary interest in Planning Application No 15/00908/FUL as he knows both the applicant and one of the objectors*
- 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 30<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2015

Cllr Ms Deacon 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

- **Skate ramp** – when will it be completed?  
Clerk advised that she had been assured it would be completed by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May and that both concrete and pump had been confirmed.
- **Big Meadow** – Anti-social behaviour was again taking place on this lovely recreational area – though it had been noted that there was more Police presence.
- **Streetlight on High Street** – it was noted that this was on the agenda for consideration by Council: surely the streetlight on the other side of the road was sufficient and no more columns were required  
The resident that had requested the additional column, supported the request stating it was dangerous in the area during the dark winter
- **Bollards round the War Memorial** – resident expressed concern that they were plastic: she was not sure this was appropriate.  
The Clerk advised that these durapol bollards were being widely used and the purchase had been approved and they had been delivered.
- **Stone House, Barton** –
  - Resident opposed this application on the basis that the design is detrimental to the setting of Barton village

- the applicant made a presentation and showed a model. They had decided to go for a modern building as opposed to a pastiche, feeling it was more appropriate. They had tried to ensure it blended into the landscape and were planting semi and fully matured trees as screen.
- **Bidford Juniors FC tournament** – ensure attendants used one way in and one way out: that it was well stewarded at all times

## 6. COUNCILLOR FORUM

Councillor asked if he could have the income derived from the Large California plot and what the lease time was

The Clerk was able to advise that the income was just under £900 per annum and there was no lease agreement as it is an allotment.

## 7. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- HGVs still driving over the bridge – police should enforce the limit
- Road works have now been completed
- Memorial – most of it has been removed, but not all. If the Parish Council supports its total removal and replacement with a post and plaque, then this would be vigorously pursued. Council unanimously agreed it would like the memorial removed for safety reasons.

## 8. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- Cllr Howse took the opportunity to say his farewells and to thank the Parish Council and the local community for their support over the years.
- Cllr Pemberton advised there had been a Council meeting but, that until after elections, no decisions are being made.

## 9. CLERK'S REPORT

This had been circulated and publicised.

**RESOLVED:** to note the report.

## 10. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE

- **WALC** –
  - **NALC** – Legal Topic Note 15 - Legal Proceedings (circulated)  
Council is requested to note  
**RESOLVED** to note
  - **NALC** – Legal Topic Note 31 – Section 137. The Parish Council has the General Power of Competence which supersedes Section 137  
Council is requested to note  
**RESOLVED** to note
  - **VASA** – Thank you letter for the £700 grant  
**RESOLVED** to note

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

- **Amenities WG** – report and recommendations circulated  
The Chairman of the Amenities WG made the presentation

○ **BIDFORD JUNIORS FC ANNUAL TOURNAMENT**

Proposed that Council accept the recommendation that:

- Monie Meadow parking facilities be used
- Bidford Juniors FC to steward the event and ensure all cars drove in one way and out the other and at no time blocked the free entrance to the Big Meadow
- Stewards to be present =during the whole of the event and wear visibility jackets
- Revenue Share Agreement : the Parish Council to be given 40% of the total income of the event

**RESOLVED** unanimously to accept the recommendation

The Chairman added that there were three other items to be noted:

- Use of Monie Meadow 3 to 4 times a year for logistical purposes. Cost to be agreed at a later stage
- Aston Villa Summer School – talks had been initiated with Aston Villa FC regarding the possibility of holding a Summer School over the Summer of 2016
- Pavillion Security – some measures were being taken by the clubs to minimise the incidents of vandalism, with the support of the Parish Council and Police

**RESOLVED** to note

- **Neighbourhood Development Plan** – The Steering Group was in the process of developing the Draft Policies that would go out for a 6 week consultation in early May

**12. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE STONE WORK TO THE OUTBUILDING AND OUTBUILDING WALL OF GRANGE ROAD CEMETERY**

**Cost: ca £4,750**

The Clerk confirmed she had checked with SDC, and no further planning application was required. She added that there was sufficient stone for this extra work which is required for safety reasons

**RESOLVED** to approve the work

**13. TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL FEE TO WALC OF £826**

**RESOLVED** to approve

**14. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE CHANGE OF PHOTOCOPIER CONTRACT (report circulated)**

It was noted that the quotations received were no different to the existing contract. The Clerk clarified that this was due to the existing contract having a further two years to run, which resulted in a “buy out” amount. She added, that she would understand if Council decided to wait until the end of the contract to ensure a better contract.

**RESOLVED** to allow the existing contract to finish in July 2017.

**15. TO APPROVE THE COST OF INSTALLATION OF BOLLARDS AT £1,200**

The increase in the cost is due to the removal of existing posts and the required depth of the new bollards

**RESOLVED** to approve the cost

**16. TO CONSIDER REPORT UPDATING COUNCIL ON POSSIBLE DEVOLVED SERVICES FOLLOWING THE WCC MEETING AT DUNCHURCH LAST SUMMER (circulated)**

**RESOLVED** Council to note the report that had been circulated

**17. TO CONSIDER REQUEST OF HIGH STREET RESIDENT TO INSTALL A NEW STREETLIGHT BY WATERS EDGE (OLD FRASER HOUSE) FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY REASONS. COST ca. £1,600**

In view of the comments raised during the Public Forum, it was proposed that a site visit at the end of the meeting would be appropriate

**RESOLVED** to carry out a site visit at the end of the meeting and make the final decision at the meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015

**18. TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO HMRC BY QUARTERLY STANDING ORDER**

**RESOLVED** to approve payment by SO

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

- **15/00719/FUL Mr and Mrs Scott Jelfs 25 Crompton Avenue, B50 4DG**

Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension

*Amendment has been received in respect of a revision to the side and part of the rear elevation to be rendered instead of brick*

Council is advised that this is for information only

**RESOLVED** to note

- **15/00686/FUL Mr Paul Hopcraft, 1 Marleigh Road, B50 4DF**

Two storey rear and first floor side extension

**RESOLVED** no representation

- **15/00908/FUL Rona Fitzpatrick, Stone House, 18 Welford Road, Barton**

Provision of 1 no. dwelling together with restoration of historic orchard grounds and associated landscaping

Cllrs Mrs Keeley and Knight, who had declared an interest, retired and did not participate in the discussions or decision

Due to the setting of this application, Councillors gave it its careful consideration.

A number found that great care had been taken by applicants to come with a proposal that was innovative yet sympathetic to its environment, and great care had been taken to minimise its impact and to screen it by extensive planting of semi and fully matured trees.

It was proposed the Council should support this application for the following reasons

- Applicants have made efforts to ensure it is of good architectural design which fits in well with the surrounding environment
- Well landscaped
- Efforts have been made to make sure this is an ecological and environmentally friendly dwelling

**RESOLVED** by 5 votes in favour and 1 abstention to support this application on the grounds set out above

- **15/01139/TEL28 – Mast 7B Waterloo Industrial Estate, Waterloo Road**  
Notification of the Installation of a 0.3m microwave dish link on the existing structure  
Council is advised that this is for information only  
**RESOLVED** to note

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

Full details had been circulated and the Clerk reminded Council that, following the RFO's retirement, DCK Beavers were now the new accountants and Council would notice a change of presentation.

It was noted that cheque No. 6241 payable to S. Barrier for an amount of £7,562.00 for the completion of the work to Grange Road Cemetery Wall had been issued on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015

### **Expenditure**

Wages	£2,306.81
As per cheque list	7,326.68
DDM	<u>2,406.02</u>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>£12,039.51</b>

### **Income**

Cemetery fees	600.00
Ice cream rights	600.00
Allotment rent	1,530.80
Sports Association	1,276.00
Big Meadow car park	2,555.00
HID Account	<u>100,350.96</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£106,912.76</b>

### **RESOLVED**

- To approve the accounts.
- That Cllrs Hiscocks and Mrs Keeley sign the cheques
- That £150,000 be transferred from the current to the deposit account

The meeting closed at approx. 8.35 pm.

