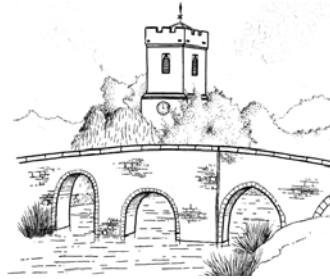


# **BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **In the County of Warwickshire**



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2015 @ 7.30 pm at the Crawford Memorial Hall Meeting Room, Salford Road B50 4EZ

### **PRESENT**

Chairman                      Cllr. Fleming - Chairman of the Council

Cllrs.                             Atkins, Ms Deacon, Hiscocks, Mrs Keeley, Knight, Pound and Mrs Taylor

Also present:                 County Cllr. Brain  
District Cllrs. Cargill and Pemberton  
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 Harvey and Mrs Randell*

### **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 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015

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

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes be accepted as an accurate account, and signed by the Chairman.

### 4. YOUTH FORUM

None present.

### 5. PUBLIC FORUM

- Resident advised that the scaffolding on the bridge was due to come down on Monday (26<sup>th</sup> Oct,) morning but that work had not started. In the event the scaffolding was still on the bridge on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November, there would be no bonfire.  
The Clerk advised she would look into it to ensure the bridge was clear for the Bonfire event
- Resident sought clarification regarding the proposed sand and gravel extraction site known as Broom Court Farm, as there ere notices posted along Victoria Road.  
The Clerk clarified that the proposed site was the same one that had been the subject of a planning application in 2005: south of Salford Road
- Resident raised the issue of the Strategic Site allocated in the NDP in view of the decision by the Planning Inspectorate to grant permission for 40 dwellings to be developed on land south of Jacksons Meadow. In the opinion of the resident, it should be deleted but it was accepted that this was a decision for the NDP Steering Group

### 6. COUNCILLOR FORUM

- a Councillor raised the issue of public open spaces and play equipment. Bidford on Avon residents pay, via the local tax, for equipment installed by SDC in Stratford upon Avon and other settlements: however, there is no similar contribution from SDC to Bidford on Avon. Could Cllr,. Brain, as Portfolio holder look into this and see what contributions could be made to Bidford on Avon

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

- **Bidford Bridge** – update was given though Cllr Brain recognised it was all already available on the Parish Council’s website
- **Honeybourne Road** ditches had been cleared

### 8. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- **West Midlands Combined Authority** – District Council decided at its meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> October not to join the combined authority at this time, though it was accepted this could change in the future
- **Core Strategy** – Council approved the modification at its meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> October and it had now been submitted.  
It is hoped the plan can be signed of in Spring 2016

The biggest problem facing the district until then is the 5 year land supply, and an update on this is expected to be published by mid/end November

- **CIL** - this goes alongside the Core Strategy and is a mechanism to ensure more funds are made available at the Local Planning Authority level for infrastructure etc.
- **Land South of Jacksons Meadow** – it was a disappointment to the Ward Members that permission was granted. Although SDC did not defend this appeal (on the advice of the QC) it will vigorously defend the appeals for Marriage Hill (75 dwellings) and Land West of Waterloo Road (200 dwellings)

There was a long discussion when members of the Parish Council stated that we the district would not be in this situation if SDC had an approved Core Strategy. For too long they had been unwilling to raise the number of dwellings required, despite this being made clear by the Planning Inspector at the Shottery Appeal, and the lack of land supply for housing is being given time and time again by Planning Inspectors granting permission on appeal. It is essential the Core Strategy is approved as, until then, the district is vulnerable to overdevelopment.

## 9. CLERK'S REPORT

The Report was read out and **NOTED**. It forms an integral part of these Minutes. Regarding the Bonfire Event on the Big meadow, the Clerk was able to assure Council that all measures were been taken by the organisers and the completed Risk Assessment, as provided by insurers, had been sent to, and approved by, insurers.

## 10. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE PARISH COUCNIL'S WORKING GROUPS (if relevant)

- **Amenities Working Group Report and recommendations**

This had ben circulated to all members.

- **Grant Applications**

- **The Methodist Church**

The building is used both for Christian worship and church activities as well as providing hire facilities for local organisations

Grant is requested to purchase and fit 2 x signs to help identify the church building. The existing sign was vandalised some 18 months ago and users of the building are having difficulties locating it

**Cost: £522.11**

**Grant: £400**

The Methodist Church ensures its premises are available to many local groups and, on this bases, the **recommendation** is that **£400** be awarded

**RESOLVED** to award a grant for £400

○ **Outdoor Gym**

the recommendation was to invite the 4 companies to make a presentation to Council on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November starting at 7.00 pm. Each company would be give approx.. 20 minutes. Final decision to be made by Council at its meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> Nov,

**RESOLVED** to approve the recommendation. The Clerk was able to confirm that all 4 companies had accepted the invitation.

○ **Quotes for Wetpour underlay**

The weekly inspection of the play areas has brought to the attention of Council that the underlay under the swings at both Marleigh Park and the Big Meadow are unsafe and require replacement.

This was also brought up by the annual inspection and Wetpour was recommended and this has been confirmed by the various play equipment companies, especially for the Big Meadow which is on a flood plain.

Quotation had been obtained from a recommended company:

➤ **Marleigh Park £2,251** (also includes under spinner where one tile is missing)

➤ **Big Meadow £2,195**

As this is a health and safety issue and has been raised by the annual inspection and the weekly inspection, it is **recommended** it be approved. Failure to do so will have insurance repercussions.

**RESOLVED** to accept the recommendation and approve the expenditure

○ **Ivy Removal**

After discussing the issue with the Amenities WG, the Clerk had authorised the expenditure of £1,000 for the removal of ivy, suckers and other debris from trees alongside the B439 and the roundabout

**RESOLVED** to note

○ **Bonfire Event**

Insurers have extended the Parish Council's Public Liability to cover this event at no extra cost.

**RESOLVED** to note

**11. TO CONSIDER WCC'S WARWICKSHIRE MINERALS PLAN (2017-2032)**

Council should consider whether it wishes to comment on the document – deadline is 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2015

- concern of high levels of pollution into the village, due to the prevailing winds, was raised, due to the air particulates that are a consequence of the extraction of sand and gravel.
- Another concern was traffic

It was proposed the Clerk prepare a reply objecting to the inclusion of this site to be considered by Council at its planning meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> November

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would object to the inclusion of this site and the Clerk to prepare the reply for Council's consideration at the November planning meeting

**12. TO CONSIDER THE STRATFORD-ON-AVON COMMUNITY STRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) CONSULTATION WHICH ENDS ON FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2015**

This had been circulated. Council noted that it had supported this at previous consultations and it was proposed it write to SDC supporting the document.

**RESOLVED** to send a reply supporting the document

**13. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATION**

- **14/03579/OUT CALA Management Ltd., Long Marston Airfield, Campden Road, Lower Quinton**

Outline application (with all matters reserved (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) for future determination) for the erection of up to 400 dwellings (Class C2/C3) up to 4,000 m2 employment hub (Class B1(a)-(c) and a community hub (Class A1-A5/B1(a)/C3/D1/D2). Provision of new open space including parks and amenity space. Upgrading access off Campden Road and associated infrastructure, engineering and landscaping works including a new pedestrian/cycle link from Campden Road to the Stratford Greenway, sustainable urban drainage systems and all ancillary enabling works including demolition of existing buildings and structures. Various amendments have been received (available at <https://apps.stratford.gov.uk/eplanning/AppDetail.aspx?appkey=NGZGBXP M0B400>)

Council should note that it is being notified as an adjoining Parish Council and its comments will not trigger this application being determined at a Planning Committee. On the other hand, Council may wish to raise the issue of the vulnerability of Bidford Bridge, as this application will increase the usage of said bridge.

**RESOLVED** to reply raising the concern Council has of the potential increase in the traffic using the Welford Road through Barton (a minor road) and Bidford Bridge, and that S106 and CIL funds should be made available to relieve this, including the possible construction of a new, traffic, bridge over the River Avon

**14. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE**

- **Samaritans** invitation to attend its Annual Meeting and 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations on Thurs. 10<sup>th</sup> December @ 7.30 pm
- **Warwickshire Rural Housing Ass.** Annual Report 2014/15

**RESOLVED** to note

**15. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THIS MONTH'S ACCOUNTS**

Full details had been circulated

**RESOLVED** to approve the Accounts for the month of September 2015 as presented

To consider the October payments

**Expenditure**

Wages	£2,447.68
As per cheque list	11,448.43
DDM	<u>623.07</u>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>14.519,18</b>

**Income**

Burials	330.00
Photocopy	1.00
Car parking	220.00
Allotments	<u>667.93</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,218,93</b>

**RESOLVED**

- To approve the accounts payable
- That Cllrs Ms Deacon and Mrs Taylor sign the cheques

The meeting closed at approx. 8.25 pm.

