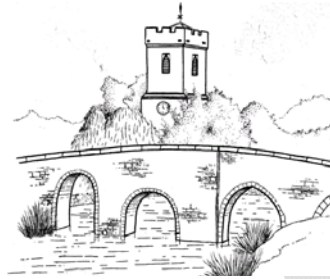


# **BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **In the County of Warwickshire**



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018 @ 7.30 pm  
at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Bramley Way.

### **PRESENT**

Chairman                      Cllr. Knight Chairman of the Council

Cllrs.                            Atkins, Ms Deacon, Fleming, Harvey, Hiscocks, Mrs Keeley,  
Ms Randell and Mrs Taylor

Also present:                County Cllr Brain  
District Cllr. Cargill  
3 members of the public

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

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

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Pound

### **2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

- i.** All members of the Council are respectfully reminded that in order to comply with the Code of Conduct adopted by the Parish Council on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017, if any matter arises during the meeting in which they have declared an Interest, which could be personal or prejudicial, they should declare so and leave the room.  
*None declared*
- ii.** 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 MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018

Cllr Ms Deacon proposed the Minutes 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

- i. Applicant for planning application 18/03459/FUL explained the background to the application to convert the bakery, to the rear of the property, into a 2 bedroom flat
  - It will not be detrimental to the business side of the High Street as the intention was for the front of the premises to be converted into a café/bistro and potential occupiers had already been identified.
  - The proposed dwelling is in the bakery part of the premises which would require an investment of over £80k which, in the current financial climate was not viable as other businesses in the area are offering a very good bakery service
  - He understood there was an issue with the parking but explained he was offering 2 spaces within the ownership of the land and there was plenty of space in the common ownership land for vehicles to manoeuvre as vehicles are not permitted to park there.
- ii. Resident of Waterloo Road raised his concern that the proposed location of the detached under planning application 18/03067/FUL would have a detrimental impact on the solar panels on the roof of his garage/workshop, as it would prevent sunlight.

### 6. COUNCILLOR FORUM

No issues raised

### 7. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- i. **CCTV** – request has been made to use the camera to identify vehicles that jump the red lights
- ii. **Police Precept** – options of increasing the precept by £12/£18 and £24 are being considered, especially after West Mercia advised they were terminating the agreement with Warwickshire Police in August 2019.  
*Council agreed an increase should be supported subject to an improved police presence. It would appear that the £24 increase would result in 200 new officers, which would be welcome.*
- iii. **Health and Wellness** – there is a grant available from £100 to £5,000 for projects that support health and wellness

- iv. **Youth Justice Service** – had received a very good report on the way they are carrying out their services  
**RESOLVED** to note

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

- i. **The Croft** – the Inspector’s decision was being quashed so the applicant may decide to make a fresh application in due course.
- ii. **Slim your bin** – this is a competition to help you waste less and recycle more and can earn you a prize of £650. Full details of the scheme and how to join available online at <https://warwickshire.slim-your-bin.com/>
- iii. **Potholes** £5.7 million have been made available by government to help with potholes repairs
- iv. **Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)** Report has been finalised and it is expected to have a launch in January 2019, possibly at Alcester.  
*Council asked if the issue of Healthy Food to combat obesity had been included. Cllr Cargill was unable to confirm this.*
- v. **CCTV** – expenditure to improve and upgrade the system had been approved.  
**RESOLVED** to note

Cllrs Brain and Cargill left and Council thanked them for their assistance during the year and wished them a Happy Christmas and New year.

#### **9. RECEIVE CLERK’S REPORT**

Short verbal report updating on the situation on Salford Road  
**RESOLVED** to note

#### **10. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL’S WORKING GROUP**

- i. **Amenities WG** – Report with Resolutions attached to these Minutes of which it forms an integral part.
- ii. **Business Development Strategic WG** – Verbal report
- **CIC** – will be meeting in January. Prospective directors, of which Cllr Fleming was one, were very enthusiastic
  - **Working Group** was meeting in January
  - **Business Forum** – new online initiative which now has 252 members. Good for networking and business development.  
**RESOLVED** to note
- iii. **Communication & Marketing WG** – Verbal report by the Chairman
- Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2019
  - Working on press release in connection with the precept  
**RESOLVED** to note

**11. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WHICH MET ON THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2019 FOR THE PRECEPT 2019/20**

The Chairman of the Finance Committee proposed that the recommendation made at the Finance Committee Meeting to approve a Precept of £272,165.00 **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to set a Precept of £272,165.00 for the year 2019/20

**12. TO APPROVE DATE FOR THE NEXT STRATEGY MEETING – MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**

**RESOLVED** to approve the date

**13. TO CONSIDER LETTER FROM THE LEADER OF SDC REGARDING PROVISION OF IMPROVED FAST BROADBANK CONNECTIVITY**

Council to consider if there are any pockets within the parish that require improvement.

The Clerk advised that this had been posted on Facebook and, from the replies received, it would appear that there were some issues with the west of the village around Old School Mead.

**RESOLVED** to advise SDC of the potential issues in the west of the village

**14. TO NOTE THE PRESS RELEASE FROM THE PCC REGARDING REASSURANCE GIVEN THAT LOCAL POLICING WILL BE UNAFFECTED BY THE ALLIANCE CHANGES**

This has been circulated

**RESOLVED** to note

**15. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

**i. 18/03067/FUL – Mrs Clare Thornton, Land at Waterloo Road**

Proposed residential development of 4 dwellings

Council considered the concerns raised by the neighbour to this proposed development and **RESOLVED** to object on the ground that the location of one of the dwellings would have a detrimental impact on the solar panels of the garage/workshop of the neighbouring property. The objection would be waived if the dwelling was re located in such a way as to allow the solar panels to function. **Policy ENV1 – supports Renewable and Low Carbon Energy**

**ii. 18/03078/FUL – Mr P Scully, Avon farm, Welford Road, Barton B50 4NP**

Proposed garage and change of use of land to domestic curtilage

Council carefully considered this application and **RESOLVED** to object on the grounds that it is contrary to

- **Policy H5 – Use of Garden Land** – the proposed garage, which is partly located in the garden, is imposing in size and there would appear to be no justification for its erection
- **Policy ENV6 – Protection of the Best and most Versatile Agricultural Land** - the proposed application would change the use of land from agricultural to domestic curtilage as it is edxtending into agriculturalland.

- iii. **18/03459/FUL - Mr B Steele, 70 High Street, B50 4AB**  
Change of use of rear of single storey building from commercial bakery (Class 2) to single two bedroom accommodation (Class C3) and minor external alternations  
After careful consideration it was **RESOLVED** by 8 votes in favour and 1 against, to make a No Representation reply

**16. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE**

- i. **Completed accounts for the month of November 2018**  
These had been circulated  
**RESOLVED** they should be accepted and approved
- ii. **To approve payments to be made in December 2018**  
List of cheques to be raised and signed had been circulated. List of payable invoices £32,936.42  
**RESOLVED** to approve payments and Cllrs Ms Deacon and Mrs Taylor to sign the cheques

The meeting closed at approx. 8.40pm

