

BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

In the County of Warwickshire



Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 21st May 2007 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Meeting Room, Bramley Way, Bidford-on-Avon

PRESENT

Chairman	Cllr. Mrs. Keeley
Cllrs.	Ms. Deacon, Gerrard, Hendey, Hiscocks, Langston, Smith, Spiers and Ms. Varga

Also present:

County Councillor Barnes, District Cllrs. James, Pemberton and Slaughter, 10 members of the public and a member of the press.

The Chairman welcomed all and advised that the proceedings would start with the Annual Parish Council Meeting. The Public Forum would take place at the start of the Parish Council Meeting that would follow.

1. ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

Cllr. Langston proposed that, as all councillors are up for election in 2008, the Chairman, Mrs. Keeley should be re-elected. This was unanimously supported and Chairman Mrs. Keeley was duly re-elected

2. NEW CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr. Mrs. Keeley duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Sandle sent his apologies but is not feeling well. This was accepted. The Chairman took this opportunity to welcome back Cllr. Spiers who had been unwell for some time and in hospital. She added that he had been determined to come to tonight's meetings.

4. ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL VICE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman proposed Cllr. Hiscocks continue as Vice Chairman. This was unanimously supported and Cllr Hiscocks was duly reelected as Vice Chairman.

5. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Chairman proposed Cllr. Hiscocks and as this was unanimously supported, Cllr. Hiscocks was duly declared Chairman of the Planning Committee. The Chairman proposed Cllr. Gerrard remain as Vice Chairman of the Committee and Cllr. Gerrard was duly appointed.

6. CONFIRMATION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Members of the Parish Council were unanimous in their support of the current Chairman of the Finance Committee, Cllr. Gerrard whose office was confirmed.

7. ELECTION OF COUNCIL'S STAFFING COMMITTEE (3 MEMBERS)

The Chairman proposed Cllrs. Ms. Deacon, Gerrard and Sandle, who were duly re-appointed

8. CONFIRMATION OF DELEGATED POWERS FOR THE PLANNING AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

Members of the Council unanimously confirmed the existing delegated powers for the Planning and Finance Committees.

9. ELECTION OF MEMBERS FOR THE AMENITIES WORKING GROUP AND ELECTION OF ITS CHAIRMAN

Cllrs. Gerrard, Hendey, Hiscocks, Mrs. Keeley, Sandle and Smith were confirmed to the Working Group. Cllr. Sandle was confirmed as Chairman of the Amenities Working Group.

10. CONFIRMATION OF MEMBERS OF THE BURIAL AND ALLOTMENTS WORKING GROUP AND OF THE EMERGENCY WORKING GROUPS

Current members were confirmed.

11. CONFIRMATION THAT THE PARISH OFFICE (CLERK) IS TO DEAL WITH ALL PRESS MATTERS

Unanimously resolved

12. ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS TO OUTSIDE COMMITTEES

- Crawford Memorial Hall – Parish Council Chairman and Cllr. Gerrard were re-elected
- Broom Village Hall Committee – Cllr. Hendey was re-elected
- Marsh Farm Liaison Committee – Parish Council Chairman, Cllr. Hendey (Councillor for Broom) and Cllr Smith were duly re-elected

- Parochial Church Charities – Cllr. Spiers was duly re-elected

13. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND ATTENDANCE SHEET

This was read out by the Chairman and a copy is attached to these Minutes.

**14. ADOPTION OF STRATFORD-ON-AVON'S DISTRICT COUNCIL'S
EQUALITY POLICY**

A copy of this had been circulated and, having ascertained that members had read it, the Chairman proposed its adoption which was unanimously agreed.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting closed at 7.50 pm