

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 24th November 2003 at 7.30p.m.
in Broom Village Hall, High Street, Broom.**

PRESENT

Chairman: Councillor Hiscocks

Councillors: Mrs. Getgood, Mrs. Hodgetts, Mrs. Keeley
Mrs. Owen, Smith, Moore, Langston
and Spiers.

District Councillors: James, Pemberton and Slaughter

County Councillor: Barnes

The Chairman opened the Meeting by welcoming everyone to Broom Village Hall. There were approximately 50 members of the public present.

1 APOLOGIES Councillor Mrs. Irving

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Every Councillor present declared an interest in the Adopted District Local Plan and the First Deposit Draft (January 2002) and the Revised Deposit draft (January 2003) of the Stratford-on-Avon Local Plan Review 1996-2011.

Councillor Mrs. Getgood:

Jolly Teapot

Councillor Hiscocks:

Crawford Memorial Hall Management Committee

Councillor Mrs. Hodgetts:

School Governor Bidford-on-Avon School and Alcester High School

Broom Village Hall

Councillor Mrs. Irving:

Bidford Community Group

Councillor Mrs. Keeley:

Bidford Christmas Lights and Bidford Luncheon Club

Councillor Langston:

Crawford Memorial Hall Management Committee & Bidford Christmas Lights

Councillor Moore:

Bidford Christmas Lights, Crawford Memorial Hall Management Committee, Broom Village Hall and Friday Furlong.

Councillor Mrs. Owen

Crawford Memorial Hall Management Committee.

Councillor Smith:

Big Meadow, M.G.S. Garden Services and Bidford Car Boot Sale

Councillor Spiers:

Bidford Christmas Lights

3 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mrs Hargreave raised the question of the Dog Bin by the swings which had been burnt out two years ago. Cllr. Langston confirmed that it would be replaced. **JMW/HSL**

Mr. Slaughter mentioned the speeding problems along the road to Bidford. P.C.Gateley took due notice and C.Cllr. Barnes said he would see what he could do to monitor speed. **FPB**

Discussion took place regarding the CCTV camera installation along Bidford High Street. Three cameras had originally been requested but only 2 were to be installed at the present time with the hope that possibly a third or a mock camera could be considered at a future date. Unfortunately Chris Woods was off work due to illness, he had been working on the costings.

There were reports of continuing youth nuisance along Bidford High Street including damage to cars, broken window panes, eggs being thrown and theft of plants.

Mr. Gibbins commented that people jumped the red lights at the crossing also vehicles failed to slow down at the crossing. The proposed CCTV camera positions would not cover this location. D.C.Pemberton suggested that once the CCTV cameras were linked to the Control Room Councillors would be invited to view the coverage. D.C.Slaughter commented that the cameras were being installed by experts and the time to review the effect would be when fully commissioned.

Mr. Gibbins referred to the Youth Shelters commenting that people appeared not to want them but suggested that one could be put on the car park by the Fire Station. Cllr.Hiscocks stated that this was not considered a suitable location as it was designated for overflow/school parking.

He also pointed out that on previous experience of a similar shelter at Salford Priors benefits had been demonstrated therefore all should seriously consider the advantage to the Parish youth.

The District Councillors suggested inviting the youth of Broom to meet in a "chat zone" one evening to discuss their wishes and as before in Bidford sausage and chips would be provided.

Mr. J. Morris said that a letter had been written from the Brazilian Soccer School regarding the use of the sports field at the end of Dugdale Avenue to play some friendly matches and hold some training sessions. The sports field in question still belongs to W.C.C. awaiting transfer to the Parish Council. Once this has happened there would be no problem. In the short term Mr. Morris was asked to contact Elena Togood.

A Broom resident complained about the rubbish on the playing fields where they back on to her garden the rubbish has built up over a number of years also a neighbour keeps a large number of rabbits both in a large shed and in hutches within the garden. These matters were causing a great deal of nuisance and distress to her. Cllr.Moore stated that he would look into the matter. **WEM**

Karen Herbert enquired about the Old Railway Station which is up for sale and asked why the residents had not been consulted. Cllr. Hiscocks stated that the sale was a private issue and not a Parish Council matter, further discussion revealed that the location of the property was in fact within the boundary of Salford Priors Parish Council boundary. **JMW**

D Cllr James confirmed that the District Councillors were holding an open surgery in Broom Village Hall on 6th December 2003 starting at 10.00 am all are welcome.

4 ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED UNDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS

JMW	Postal address Notice Boards Potholes – Public section of Westholme Road
Cllr.Mrs.Keeley	Street light by the Dilshad Saxon fields Car Park
Cllr.Spiers	Moles in the Churchyard
Cllr. Hiscocks	Bench in Glebe Close
Cllr. Smith	Yew Tree
Cllr. Moore	Kings Lane, Broom, Street Lighting
Cllr. Mrs Getgood	Illegal parking outside One Stop & Indian restaurant

5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27th October 2003 were approved and signed by the Chairman as being a true record. (Cllr.Mrs.Owen did remark that she had questioned the Canada Geese being harmful to the grass not the swans)

(Prop. Cllr. Mrs.Keeley .Sec. Cllr.Mrs.Hodgetts)

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd November 2003 were approved and signed by the Chairman as being a true record.

(Prop. Cllr. Mrs.Keeley. Sec. Cllr.Mrs.Hodgetts)

6 POLICE MATTERS

P.C.P.Gateley reported that there had been 2 House burglaries in the month (1 garage tools taken, 1 distraction where nothing had been stolen), 1 burglary from a shop in the High Street, 1 boat on the riverside had been damaged, 1 vehicle on the Industrial Estate. There had been 4 thefts from vehicles, which was a continuing trend. There had been ten cases of criminal damage which included 5 cars on High Street – enquiries are ongoing. One cracked pane of glass, 1 violent crime (2 arrests made). Nuisance youths had been reported twice knocking door to door in The Leys. PC.Gateley stressed that all matters should be reported to the police and an incident number obtained. The new Police Office in the Library complex is due to be officially opened on Friday 5th December at 10.30. Anyone can ring up and make an appointment to come and see him.

Two Community Support Officers had patrolled the village on Friday 31st October.

The problem of cars parking by the take-away outlets was raised by Cllr.Mrs. Owen and it was agreed that ticketing would be the best solution. A Traffic Warden may have some effect.

Mrs. Herbert queried if the railings could be extended beyond One Stop, D.Cllr. Pemberton said that unfortunately the pavement at that point was not wide enough.

7 PLANNING

APPEAL DECISION

03/00291/FUL

Dr.Richard Lambert

7 Dugdale Avenue, Bidford-on-Avon.

Proposed erection of two-storey pitched roof side extension.

APPEAL DISMISSED

APPLICATION

03/03382/FUL

Mr & Mrs Hodson

2 Honeybourne Road, Bidford-on-Avon.

Alterations and extension (amendment to previously approved planning permission

01/03519/FUL)

SUPPORT

03/03409/LBC

Mr & Mrs B Iskander

The Malt House, 25 Welford Road, Barton, Bidford-on-Avon

Proposed bedroom extension.

Advised 17/11/03 by SDC application has been withdrawn

03/03494/FUL

Unknown

4 Marleigh Road, Bidford-on-Avon

Erection of single storey pitched roof side and front extension and conservatory to rear.

(Previous application for 2 storey extension 03/02196/FUL refused – S.Summers)

SUPPORT

03/03664/FUL

Mr & Mrs Urquhard

66 Victoria Road

Bidford-on-Avon

Erection of single storey pitched roof rear extension and erection of new chimney stacks

SUPPORT

03/03192/FUL

Amanda Lewis

14 Scott Close

Bidford-on-Avon

Conservatory to rear

SUPPORT

8 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

03/ 269 ROAD SAFETY

Cllr.Hodgetts reported that the children in Bidford School have had some Road Safety training.

03/270 RABBIT NUISANCE

Cllr. Smith confirmed that chicken wire had been put up in an effort to deter the rabbits from the allotments, Cemetery and river bank. Installation of any more by the Cemetery would restrict access for funerals. Cllr.Smith said it had been an exceptional year for rabbits due to the weather.

03/271 PUDDLES – HIGH STREET

JMW has written to Mr. Hancox at County Highways regarding the problem and is awaiting a reply.

03/ 272 CANADA GEESE

JMW has tried to contact Mr.Cyril Bennis and has left a message on his answer phone. Awaiting a return call but will try ringing again.

03/ 273 MOBILITY SCOOTER ACCESS

JMW has spoken to Ann Catchpole who recommended that Mr.Hancox County Highways be advised. Letter sent requesting a survey of the drop down kerbs in the Parish. No reply to date.

03/274 OLD SCHOOL HOUSE

Letter sent to Mr. D. Nash Director of Environmental Services expressing the concerns raised by Mr.Rawlings regarding The Old School House and the German Oak tree. Awaiting reply.

03/ 275 DOG BINS/LITTER BINS

Cllr.Langston, EAK and JMW have toured the relevant parts of the Parish to discuss installation of new or replacement bins where appropriate with Mr.C.Sumner and Mr.R.Green from SDC. Matters in hand. It had also been requested that the signs be pointed in the right directions. The sign in Saxon Field car park regarding green waste collection was also pointed out.

03/276 REFUSE – HIGH STREET

D.C.James has raised the matter with the Quality Officer at SDC.

03/277 PAVEMENTS

D.C.James has reported the concerns to the SDC

03/ 278 BIDFORD BRIDGE

Still awaiting a report from Mr. Ian George English Heritage.

03/ 279 TRIAL LIGHTING OF BIDFORD BRIDGE

Awaiting report from Andrew Savage.

03/280 SCHOOL BUS STOP, WATERLOO ROAD, BIDFORD-ON-AVON

JMW enquired if the Council thought any more letters of support regarding a pull in for school buses in addition to those received from 4 Schools in Alcester should be considered.

County Councillor Barnes offered to meet Cllr.Mrs.Keeley to assess the situation.

JK/FPB

9 CORRESPONDENCE

03/281 WARWICKSHIRE AND WEST MIDLANDS ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

A circular from WALC was distributed to all Councillors.

03/282 GRANT APPLICATIONS

Letters applying for grants have been received from:

- Broom Village Hall
- Bidford Gardening Society
- Bidford Sports Association
- Bidford Tennis Club
- B50 Appraisal Group

It was agreed that these be discussed at the next Finance Meeting with applications previously received.

03/ 283 ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL – LIAISON GROUP

A letter had been received (copied to all Councillors), which had also been sent to Parish Councils with common boundaries to Alcester, enquiring if it was felt it was time to resurrect liaison meetings with a view to enable joint action on matters of common interest. Alcester Town Council would host the meetings and arrange venue etc. It was agreed that this would be beneficial.

JMW

03/284 BIDFORD SPORTS ASSOCIATION

A letter re vandalism on the cricket pitch and around the pavilion had been received and circulated to all Councillors. JMW has spoken and written to Mrs.Cooper advising that all acts of vandalism should be reported to the Police and an incident number obtained.

03/285 STRATFORD-ON-AVON DISTRICT COUNCIL AVON AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE

- Bidford Grange Golf Club (03/03203/FUL)
Letter received advising that at a meeting to be held on Thursday, 27th November it would be recommended that the application be refused. Cllr.Spiers felt that it was a shame as a swimming pool in the close vicinity to the village would be advantageous and that the building would not be seen from the road.
- Friday Furlong (03/02634/OUT)
At the same meeting as above this application was also to be recommended for refusal. It was generally considered that reasons for this recommendation included the facts that it was outside the built up boundary/change new local plan/120 houses and not 90 as originally intended.

03/286 PERRY HATWELL'S FAIRGROUND AMUSEMENTS

A letter requesting permission to site the fair on the Big Meadow over the Bank Holiday had been received. Details as follows:

- Arrive Monday 24th May
- Open Thursday 27th May
- Close Tuesday 1st June
- Leave Wednesday 2nd June

Agreed that permission be granted.

JMW

10 03/287 ACCOUNTS

The following receipts were noted:

Memorials of Distinction	55.00
Mark Smith	24.68

The following accounts were approved for payment:

RESOLVED that Cllr.Mrs.Keeley and Cllr.Langston sign the cheques.
(Prop. Cllr.Mrs.Hodgetts Sec.Cllr.Hiscocks)

Please see the last page of these minutes for details of the accounts paid.

11 03/288 PROPOSED YOUTH MEETING POINTS

(Min.03/267 refers)

Cllr. Mrs. Irving had received a report from P.C.Tony Lambert, Community Safety Officer following a visit he made to Bidford on Monday 10th November. (Copies of the report had been circulated to all Councillors) P.C.Lambert observed that the Big Meadow was not an appropriate site for the shelter but a far more satisfactory location would be the top end of the Saxon Field car park and would be willing to meet again to discuss further. It was suggested that it might be an idea to invite P.C.Lambert to a Parish Council meeting. (Apologies had been received from Cllr.Mrs.Irving)

12 03/289 BIG MEADOW

(Min. 03/268 refers)

JMW reported a phone call received from Tony Dunsby AGD Playground Contractors there was some confusion as to whether or not they were to install the Combi unit previously sited at Marleigh Road.

Estimated costs:	
Below ground fixings	175.00
Welding new extensions	100.00
Installation	<u>300.00</u>
	<u>£575.00</u>

Cllr Smith to contact Mr.Dunsby to clarify the situation.

MGS

It was also agreed that the Working Group meet to discuss other issues e.g. re-siting of the kick board.

13 PARISH PLAN

Mr. M.Gerrard is looking for financial support from the Parish Council to provide every house and business in the Parish with a copy of the Plan. Stratford District Council Printing Department have agreed to assist in the project although no final price has been agreed. Cllr. Mrs.Keeley and Cllr Langston have seen a copy of the Plan and have no objection. Cllr. Mrs.Keeley commented that she thought a very good job had been done.

14 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

D.C.Pemberton reported the following:

- Crawford Hall budget of £250,000 was being processed. Cllr. Hiscocks stated that not all the money was for the Crawford Hall, part was for the Bowls Club. D.C. James said the money was allocated over 2 financial years 2004 to 2006.
- The Broom Hall committee may find a meeting with the Officer for Grants beneficial.
- A notice board in the Saxon Fields car park was to be taken over for use by both the District and Parish Councils to publicise such things as forthcoming meeting e.g the joint surgery on 6th December 2003. A key is to be obtained.

KAJ

- A meeting had taken place in the Memorial Hall Salford Priors on 20th November at which the Managing Director Mr Kenton Bradbury of Aquila presented what the Company considered their improved levels of performance following the many interruptions in electricity supplies. The general response to Mr Bradbury by those who attended was that the situation had not greatly improved. Mr Bradbury said that he would return in 6 months to review the situation and in the meantime asked for incidents of interruptions in supplies to be reported also that monitoring equipment could be obtained.

D. Cllr. Slaughter stated:

- Green Flag awards were available and would encourage Bidford to work towards applying for one.
- He was pleased that Broom Village Hall had been awarded a £1,000 grant towards the renovation plans bearing in mind that the Hall should always remain as a memorial to Mrs Faire.

15 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

C. Cllr. P Barnes reported:

- The appeal by MRW for the recycling plant on the Industrial Estate was to be refused due to safety reason, additional heavy lorry traffic in the area, noise, dust and fumes.
- A grant of £3,200 had been awarded for the Youth shelter project.
- The gardens at the School were looking a lot better it was thought that a large number of the plants had died due to the long spell of dry weather but fortunately the recent wet spell had revived a number of them.
- Highways would not decrease the width of the road in order to provide increased footpath width on Grafton Lane due to the amount of agricultural traffic. The recommendation was that the only solution would be to reduce the frontages of seven houses by 15 – 16 inches. A full report was to be available in the week. A letter would be forwarded with the details he did say that he did not disagree with concerns expressed.
- As a point of interest various statistics on the County Councils responsibilities and spending were relayed to the meeting. The County Council would like to have a 4% increase in budget.

Questions from the public were invited

- Cllr. Mrs Hodgetts stated that the footpath at Broom Turn was very overgrown and dangerous.
- Cllr. Hiscocks said that the road by Budgens was once again in a poor condition. C.C.Barnes stated that this was due to the weather conditions.
- Margo Harvey asked why the District Council map excluded Broom D. Cllr. James said he would investigate the error.

FPB

FPB

KAJ

16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

JMW reported that the Postmaster in Bidford was not happy with people hand delivering letters for the Parish, which is quite understandable. One person had also tried to pay allotment rent over the counter. The Postal address may have to be reconsidered.

Notice Boards: JMW requested that consideration be given to renewing the Parish Notice Boards in Broom, Barton and Marlcliffe. Brochures are to be obtained **JMW**

Potholes in public section of Westholme Road: Mr. Porter had rung the office to report that although the potholes outside the house called Woodley Corner have had yellow markings around them for months nothing has ever been done about them and they are just getting deeper. County Council Highways to be advised. **FPB**

Cllr. Mrs.Keeley reported that the street light by the Dilshad Indian Restaurant had been out of order for some time and was concerned on behalf of the Christmas Lights Committee that the light attached would not work when the lights were switched on. Cllr. Moore said that a street light in Kings Lane, Broom had also not been functioning correctly for some time and he did not think that the Parish Council were receiving value for money. In view of the above two complaints it was agreed that Mr. Mike Cunningham from WCC be contacted to arrange a meeting to discuss lighting issues. **JMW.**

Cllr. Mrs.Keeley commented that the fly tipping of rubbish in Saxon Field car park is an ongoing problem. D.C.James confirmed that a more appropriate Notice Board would be installed and that green waste collection would be kept on for as long as possible. **KAJ**

Cllr.Spiers expressed his concerns regarding the Moles in the Old Churchyard, as it would be particularly upsetting if they disturbed the Garden of Remembrance. Although the Parish have not yet taken over responsibility from the District Council it was agreed that the Moleman be contacted and the Parish Council would pay the bill. **FS**

Cllr. Hiscocks raised the matter of the bench in Glebe Close which is an ongoing problem caused by a minority of youths at night. Any problems should be reported to the Police and an incident number obtained. It would be a shame to take it away. Cllr. Spiers remarked that it had been put there for the elderly.

Cllr.Smith had reported to the Parish Office that workman had been trimming the Yew Tree by the Saddlery. JMW had rung the District Council but had been fortunate enough to contact D.C.Pemberton as well who stopped the work in progress. D.C.Pemberton confirmed that the owner had not applied for permission from SDC. The Enforcement Officer was now involved but it was not known if any further action would be taken at the present time. Ruth Rose from SDC has been to inspect the tree and recommends that it would do more harm than good to try and tidy the tree up and it should be left as it is for the moment. JMW had thanked D.C.Pemberton at the time for his swift action.

RESOLVED, that the Council go into Committee, to discuss confidential matters.

(Prop. Cllr.Hiscocks , Sec. Cllr. Mrs.Hodgetts)

Following discussion of the matters recorded in the confidential minutes, the meeting closed at approximately 10 p.m.