

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 23rd February 2003, 7.30p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room, Bramley Way, Bidford-on-Avon.

PRESENT

Chairman: Councillor F.J.Hiscocks
Councillors: Mrs.Getgood, Mrs.Hodgetts, Mrs.Irving,
Mrs. Keeley, Mrs. Owen, Langston, Smith
and Spiers

District Councillors: James and Pemberton
Cllr. Slaughter arrived late

County Councillor: Barnes attended for part of the meeting.

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone present.

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. Moore

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

The question of the trench across Bramley Way was raised. Lights are due to be repaired on the 24th February and resurfacing completed on 25th February. Situation to be monitored.

Mr. B. Tafft asked what action was going to be taken by the Parish Council regarding the appeal by MRW Ltd. Following discussion and as the Parish Council is still totally opposed to the proposed Planning Application it was agreed to arrange another Public Meeting.

4 ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED UNDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- CCTV
- Fence adjacent to School footpath
- Frog & Bulrush parking
- Broom Play area
- Replacing trees in The Leys
- Beech Maze Monie Meadow
- Flower trough Grafton Lane
- Jubilee Close signage
- Potholes

5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26th January 2004 were approved and signed by the Chairman as being a true record.
(Prop. Cllr. Mrs. Keeley. Sec. Cllr. Langston)

6 POLICE MATTERS

P.C. Gateley reported that there had been no burglaries to houses, 3 to other buildings which included the Old School that had been broken into. He was pleased to see that fencing had been erected around the Old School site which would hopefully be a deterrent. No vehicle theft, 8 cases of criminal damage, 1 violent domestic assault and five nuisance reports. Enquiries are ongoing regarding hedge fires in Westholme Road. P.C. Gateley urged the public to be vigilant and report suspicious behaviour.

Additional patrols had been undertaken by Community Support Officer Paul Gunnell from Alcester, Special Constables and Area Patrol. As requested by the Parish Council the patrols had included St. Lawrence Churchyard but they had found no problems. The Police car parked in Saxon Fields car park was providing a visible presence. Cllr. Langston suggested that maybe it could be moved around the village e.g. to Crawford Hall.

Cllr. Hiscocks expressed the concerns of Broom residents regarding speeding and safety to children. P.C. Gateley to contact Mr. Hargreave regarding traffic calming measures. **PCG**

7 PLANNING

04/00244/FUL

Miss R. Fitzpatrick

18 Welford Road

Barton

Bidford-on-Avon

Replace timber garage with brick built garage

SUPPORT

04/00469/LBC

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18 Welford Road

Barton

Bidford-on-Avon

South Gable of 2 storey extension to be of stone instead of brick.

Replace concrete tiles on lean-to (eastern elevation) with clay.

Outbuildings to be roofed with clay tiles instead of slate and a fourth

rooflight to be added

SUPPORT

For information:

03/04029/FUL

Land adjacent 41 The Meadows

Application refused by SDC

8 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

04/037 TOWER HILL PAVEMENT

Severn Trent have surveyed the lying water problem with their sound equipment and it is not their responsibility. WCC to be contacted.

JMW

04/038 PUDDLES – HIGH STREET

(Min 04/002 refers)

Cllr. Mrs. Getgood has met Mr. R. Elbourne from WCC in Bidford to inspect the problems.

Fortunately it had been raining and they were evident. Mr. Elbourne has taken photographs.

04/039 MOBILITY ACCESS

(Min. 04/003 refers)

Mr. Elbourne had met Mr. MacDonald with Cllr. Mrs. Getgood to discuss the problems he experiences. Photographs taken.

04/040 OLD SCHOOL HOUSE

(Min.04/004 refers)

No Planning Application received to date.

04/041 BIDFORD BRIDGE

(Min. 04/005 refers)

Nothing to report

04/042 TRIAL LIGHTING
(Min.04/005 refers)

04/043 NOTICE BOARDS
(Min.04/006 refers)

Mr. & Mrs. Dyde have been contacted to enquire if they are agreeable to have a new notice board placed on their new wall. Awaiting reply. Broom and Barton notice boards have been measured.

04/044 GRIT BIN
(Min.04/009 refers)

Mr. Elbourne has confirmed that WCC will accept delivery of the bin from Glasdons and install in St.Lawrence Way/Ebsdorf Close.

04/045 ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL – LIAISON GROUP

Cllr. Mrs. Keeley, Cllr. Spiers and the clerk attended the initial meeting on the 16th February. Representatives also present from Sambourne and Arrow, Studley, Wixford, Coughton, Kinwarton and Alcester.

- It had been agreed that quarterly meetings in Globe House, Alcester would be beneficial to all.
- Chairman to be the Mayor of Alcester Town Council until further notice.
- Salford Priors and Temple Grafton Parish Councils should be invited.
- Next Meeting Wednesday, 19th May 2004 at 7.30.

04/046 RABBIT NUISANCE, SALFORD ROAD CEMETERY
(Min.04/028 refers)

Avon Pest Control had been contacted regarding the rabbits and moles. They do not deal with these problems. It was suggested that further netting be installed in the Cemetery but Cllr.Langston stated that this would prohibit access for funerals.

04/047 BIDFORD YOUTH CLUB
(Min.04/032 refers)

Meeting arranged for Monday 1st March 2004 at 7.30p.m. in the Youth Club.

04/048 FOOTPATH, BROOM

WCC to be contacted to ascertain if they will clear the footpath as it is their responsibility or will they pay the bill if it is cleared by the Parish Council. **JMW**

9 CORRESPONDENCE

04/049 PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED MEMBERS

Countryside Voice from CPRE
Acorns Childrens Hospice Trust Three Counties News
WALC Newsletter

04/050 BROOM – SPEEDING

Letter received from Mr.A. Hargreave, Broom Village Hall. P.C.Gateley to contact (see Police Matters). Parish Council to contact WCC **JMW**

04/051 WEST MIDLANDS TRAIL RIDERS FELLOWSHIP

Correspondence received from Mr. R. Lillington to stage an event on Big Meadow.

04/052 COMMUNITY PLAN FOR STRATFORD DISTRICT

Letter received regarding developing a new Community Plan for the District had been circulated to all Councillors.

04/053 SCHOOL USE OF PARISH HALL

Letter from Mrs. Honeybunn requesting the use of the Parish Hall by the School on certain dates in February and March. Agreed.

04/054 THE DEPOT

Membership renewal reminder. Agreed.

04/055 COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES COMMISSION

(Min. 04/027 refers)

Letter of thanks.

04/056 BIG MEADOW ICE CREAM SELLING RIGHTS

(Min.03/FM206 refers)

Letter received from Mr. G. Ford. Agreed the tender of £1.650 (£1,404 plus VAT) be accepted.

Prop: Cllr.Smith. Sec: Cllr.Langston.

04/057 ROYAL GARDEN PARTY 6TH JULY 2004

Nominations have been requested by WALC. In order to beat the deadline in good time the Clerk had contacted the Chairman and Vice Chairman who agreed that as Cllr.Langston had previously been unsuccessfully nominated his name should be put forward again. This is agreeable to Cllr. & Mrs. Langston.

04/058 FIRST RESPONDER SCHEME

Communication received from Mr. J. Wiles who is intending to form a scheme and is requesting support from the Parish Council. Members of the Council agreed that this should be encouraged and suggested he should liaise with the Fire Station and contact Mrs.L.

Workman, SDC re grants. Mr. Wiles to be contacted regarding the costs involved. **JMW**

04/059 WEST MIDLANDS MARKET TOWNS TASK GROUP

Invitation to the Annual Conference on 9th March had been circulated to all Members of the Council.

04/060 HOME COMPOSTING INITIATIVE

Letter received from Jack Lindsey Waste Minimisation Office regarding "Composting Roadshows". It was agreed that this would be a good idea. Cllr. Hiscocks suggested a Friday evening might be a good night as the Library was also open. **JMW**

04/061 ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH HALL

Cllr. Moore had forwarded a letter from Rev. D. Hall who has applied to Mrs. Workman SDC regarding a grant to assist with the renovation work. SDC require to know if the Parish Council are aware of the project and support it. Agreed unanimously that the Parish Council should support the project. Rev. Hall to be advised. **JMW**

04/062 PLANNING APPLICATION 03/04075 MILL LANE, BROOM

Notification received that SDC would recommend refusal at the Avon Area Planning Committee to be held on 26th February 2004. Cllr. Mrs. Keeley enquired that when the Parish Council had agreed to support the Application why they were not advised of the reasons that SDC disagreed. Cllr. James informed the meeting that SDC were under no obligation to do so and that not all District Councils gave Parish and Town Councils any opportunity to comment on Planning Applications at all. If the Parish Council wished to exercise any right to speak they should attend the Planning Committee Meeting.

10 ACCOUNTS

The following receipts were noted:

David Baker	£65.00
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Mr. T.S.Price	£135.00
Geo. Clifford & Sons	£80.00
Memorials of Distinction	£55.00

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

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

11 PROPOSED YOUTH MEETING POINTS

It is anticipated that a meeting will be arranged for early April with all concerned parties to discuss the siting of the Youth Shelter.

12 BIG MEADOW

Cllr. Smith suggested an addition to the proposed sign "Free admission to Pass Holders only". and has also requested two No Entry and two Exit Only signs. Provisional quotation received for the additional four signs at £19.00 each. Agreed the clerk should proceed.

Prop: Cllr. Hiscocks. Sec: Cllr.Langston.

Cllr. Smith reported that the bonfire debris had not been cleared despite earlier assurances that it would be dealt with. Appropriate person to be contacted. **JMW**

Mr. R. Lillington (See correspondence) attended the meeting and he assured the Parish Council that the proposed Treasure Hunt event would have no adverse effect on other users of Big Meadow and it would be properly organised. It was suggested that Monie Meadow be made available to the Trail Riders Fellowship as it had a separate access gate. Proposed date is 25th April. Mr. Lillington was informed that no barbeque would be allowed and he should liaise with Cllr. Smith.

13 PARISH PLAN

Mr. B. Tafft informed the meeting that he had received the Foreword from The Chairman. The last photograph had been taken and the Plan was ready to go to the printers. It is estimated that production will take about four weeks. The question of distribution was raised and it was suggested that this should be deferred until the return of Mr. M. Gerrard.

14 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

D.C. James reported as follows:

- SDC executive have agreed a 3.4% increase in Council Tax which is one of the lowest increased nationally. WCC increase is 6.7%
- Internal cuts will be made from e.g. Tourist/Arts Budgets
- Councillor's allowances are to be frozen.
- Your Review DC 1/4ly Report proof contains a picture of a vandalised building which is to be retained but any mention of Bidford-on-Avon to be deleted.
- Both Bidford-on-Avon Youth Club and Stop! Listen...Play have been awarded Grants of £5,000 by SDC.

D.C.Slaughter commented that the rumoured 8% increase in Council Tax had come from an outside body.

Cllr. Smith raised the question of the CCTV. Cllr.Pemberton reported that Mr. C. Woods was still off work and that the BT line had not been installed but he would report back **DP**

Broom Play Area is generally being looked at following reports of a burning 3pce suite and vehicles parking and churning up the field.

15 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Barnes reported as follows:

- Another count of vehicles is to be undertaken for the type using the road and the speed which had been affected by parked car slowing down traffic.
- The drains and kerbs by the traffic calming measure in Waterloo Road have been cleaned and should not be a problem if kept clean.
- Written with Police support requesting a sign warning drivers regarding the speed bump in Bramley Way. White paint is not allowed on brick calming measures.
- The Fire Brigade to have a new responsibility of collecting abandoned cars within 48 hours.

Cllr. Mrs. Keeley reported the holes in the roads by Budgens and in Crompton Avenue, also the pavement opposite the Chip Shop. Cllr.Barnes will refer these to Richard Elbourne.

16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. CCTV. Refer to District Councillors Report
2. Fence adjacent to School footpath. It had been reported that children sometimes kick the fence. This is not the responsibility of the Parish Council.

3. Frog & Bulrush parking. WCC to be contacted re. possible double yellow lines the length of the Pub to aid access for delivery vehicles.
4. Broom Play area. Refer to District Councillors Report
5. Replacing the trees in the Leys. Not the responsibility of the Parish Council – SWHA to be contacted.
6. Beech maze Monie Meadow. Not considered to be a feasible proposition at the time as it could be a target for arson.
7. Flower trough Grafton Lane. Agreed.
8. Jubilee Close signage. Due to confusion regarding house number locations for emergency service vehicles SWHA to be contacted re possible directional signs.
9. Potholes. All potholes to be reported to WCC.

RESOLVED, that the Council go into Committee, to discuss confidential matters.
(Prop.Cllr. Hiscocks. Sec. Cllr. Mrs.Keeley)

Following discussion of the matters recorded in the confidential minutes, the meeting closed at approximately 10.40 p.m.