

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2004, at 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,  
Spiers and Moore

District Councillors: Slaughter, James and Pemberton

The Chairman opened the Meeting by welcoming everyone present and in particular W.C.Councillor Mrs. Jill Dill-Russell from the Police Authority. There were approximately 35 members of the public in attendance.

**1 APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from County Cllr. Barnes and P.C.P. Gateley.

**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. J. Houghton requested that Wessons Road green be mowed. Noted.

Mr. D. Walker asked if there was any news regarding the MRW Appeal and was informed that the site visit had not taken place yet.

The matter of the dog bin by the School was raised as it has not been moved. The school to be contacted to ascertain their opinion on re-locating it nearer the entrance gate.

Policing matters were brought to the attention of W.C.Cllr. Mrs. Dill-Russell.

- The majority of the members of the public present expressed their concern about the continuing vandalism and nuisance being experienced in the village, the lack of Police presence and response to incidents. It was felt that there was less Police cover than ever even though the Village had grown considerably and should be on a per capita basis.
- Mr. M.Gerrard raised the matter of Persistent Anti-social Behaviour Orders. Cllr. Mrs. Dill-Russell agreed that this should be a high priority if the culprits were caught.
- Cllr. Mrs. Keeley advised that there had been no feedback from Inspector Bailey following the Annual Parish Meeting that he had attended.
- Cllr.Hiscocks asked if Police Liaison Officers visited the Schools. Cllr. Mrs. Dill-Russell confirmed that they do, mostly in Alcester.
- Cllr. Mrs. Keeley reported that the abandoned car in Icknield Street had still not been moved despite several requests being made.
- The question of how intrusive the CCTV cameras would be to residents and could residents visit the control unit to see how they would be affected. D.C.James commented that the location was secret but assured those concerned that the cameras blanked out when passing over windows. An edited video could be made available for public viewing to be arranged when the cameras are operative.
- Parish Councillors will be invited to visit the control centre.
- The local Publicans have agreed to have a Pub Watch between them to reduce under age drinking although it is thought that the problem is shop based.
- Speeding throughout the Village was raised as a serious issue along with the failure of some drivers to adhere to the one-way system in Icknield Street. More Police enforcement is deemed necessary. D.C.James reported that the B439 was being assessed and speed limits throughout the County in general.

- The possible island at the bottom of Waterloo Road was mentioned. Mr. M. Gerrard commented that WCC had not been impressed by the idea. There would be public consultation on the matter but there were no firm proposals or plans at the moment.
- Enforcement of illegal parking. Following decriminalisation there will be Traffic Wardens in the village.

Cllr. Mrs. Dill-Russell agreed to report back at a future meeting regarding all the matters raised. Cllr. Hiscocks thanked her for attending the meeting at such short notice.

#### **4 ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED UNDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Grit Bin Westholme Road.
2. Broom Village Hall
3. CCTV
4. The Pleck
5. Overgrown trees/verges.
6. Severn Trent
7. Churchyard

#### **5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2004 and 26<sup>th</sup> April 2004 were approved and signed by the Chairman as being a true record.  
(Prop. Cllr.Langston. Sec. Cllr.Spiers)

#### **6 POLICE MATTERS**

Apologies had been received from P.C. P. Gateley

#### **7 PLANNING**

04/01227/FUL

Mrs Ana Palenciano

53 High Street

Bidford-on-Avon

Change of use from A1 to D1 to accommodate a Children's Day Nursery

*Not the right site for a Nursery. Too near the river. Inadequate parking and the road not suitable for children/babies to be dropped off and picked up.*

04/01303/FUL

Mrs. C. Young

38/40 High Street

Bidford-on-Avon

Change of use from shop (A1) to dwelling (C3)

*Support*

04/01306/LBC

Mrs. C. Young  
38/40 High Street  
Bidford-on-Avon

Change of use from shop (A1) to dwelling (C3).

*Support*

04/01106/FUL

George Wimpey West Midlands  
Land at Friday Furlong  
Friday Furlong  
Bidford-on-Avon

Residential development of 188 dwellings, an elderly persons nursing home, associated road works and public open space.

- *188 dwellings considerably more than anticipated.*
- *Potential of 300+ extra cars on Waterloo Road.*
- *Reservations regarding the existing drainage/flooding problems*
- *Insufficient car parking spaces to accommodate staff and visitors for the Nursing Home.*
- *No facilities whatsoever for children/teenagers e.g. play equipment, football pitch, skateboard park, youth shelter, youth centre/nursery.*
- *Bus stop too far away from entrance to estate.*
- *No lay by for the Bus stop.*
- *Concern regarding 3 storey buildings overlooking bungalows.*
- *Inappropriate ingress and egress off Waterloo Road.*
- *No consideration given to the thoughts of the Parish Council.*

04/01314/VARY

Mr. P. Scully  
Land off Welford Road  
Barton,  
Bidford-on-Avon

Removal of Condition 2 of Appeal Decision

T/APP/J3720/A/123150/P5 dated 25<sup>th</sup> September 1989.

(Agricultural occupancy condition)

*We can see no justification for the Condition to be removed and the site is on the flood plain.*

S04CM024

Severn Trent Water Ltd.

Cleeve Road SPS

Cleeve Road

Marlcliff

Bidford-on-Avon

Widening of existing access.

*Support*

04/00989/FUL

Westbury Homes Ltd.  
The Old School House  
Victoria Road  
Bidford-on-Avon

Conversion of former school house to residential accommodation of 5no. units including removal of a group TPO.

*We support the conversion of the Old School House but have reservations regarding the removal of the trees.*

04/01391/TPO

South Warwickshire Housing Association  
3 Steppes Piece  
Bidford-on-Avon  
T1 red oak: fell  
*Support*

04/01501/FUL

Mr. & Mrs. Sumner  
Flat 8 Spiers Court  
St.Lawrence Way  
Bidford-on-Avon  
Erection of conservatory to rear  
*Support*

#### NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING APPEAL BY WRITTEN REPRESENTATION.

03/03672/FUL

Mr. A. Yates  
19 Icknield Street  
Bidford-on-Avon  
Erection of first floor rear extension with balcony and external staircase.  
Refused by SDC 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2004

#### AMENDMENTS

03/02903/FUL

Mr. & Mrs. D. Saville  
Avonside  
Grange Road  
Bidford-on-Avon  
Alteration of position of tennis court.

04/00579/REM

Westbury Homes Ltd.  
Former Bidford on Avon Primary School  
Victoria Road  
Bidford-on-Avon

1. Site & tree survey
2. Landscape maintenance report
3. Revised layout to retain TPO (T1) Horse Chestnut tree and trees by The Meadows
4. Streetscene drawing plots 34-41.

## **8 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

### **04/088 WEED AND SILT IN THE RIVER**

(Min.04/063 refers)

The Environment Agency has advised the Parish Council that they cannot consider silt and weed removal in the vicinity of the bridge at the present moment. The clerk to contact UANT to report the debris by the bridge deposited after the heavy rainfall.

### **04/089 CLEAN WATER COVER HIGH ST/CHURCH STREET**

(Min.04/065 refers)

Ongoing

### **04/090 BROOM FOOTWAY**

(Min.04/068 refers)

Mr. Elbourne has inspected the footway and instructed the new contractors to undertake the work.

### **04/091 BROOM SPEEDING**

(Min.04/050 refers)

Cllr. Barnes and Mr. J. Birkbeck met some Broom residents and Cllr. Moore on 29<sup>th</sup> April to discuss the problem. The clerk to contact Mr. Birkbeck officially to request calming measures in Broom be considered for the next financial year.

### **04/092 FIRST RESPONDER SCHEME**

(Min.04/071 refers)

Mr. Wiles has contacted Salford Priors Parish Council who agree it is a worthwhile scheme and should be encouraged. So far Mr. Wiles has been called out to Salford Priors, Bidford, Broom, Abbots Salford, Marlcliff and Wixford. He is hoping to arrange a meeting in the Fire Station for anyone interested in helping him and is having a stand at their Open Day. This should be treated as a joint venture with Bidford & Salford Priors.

### **04/093 HOME COMPOSTING INITIATIVE**

(Min.04/072 refers)

Arranged for 18<sup>th</sup> June in the school hall. Mr. Lindsey will send advertising leaflets nearer the date.

### **04/094 FROG & BULRUSH DOUBLE YELLOW LINES**

(Min.04/073 refers)

Mr. A. R. Evans from the Traffic Group will not consider placing double yellow lines outside the Pub although they may consider extending them at the crossroads subject to consultation with various parties including the Parish Council and owners/occupiers of premises fronting that part of High Street towards the end of 2004.

### **04/095 TREES & SIGNAGE THE LEYS**

(Min.04/074 refers)

Confirmation received from Mr. T. Coles, SWHA that the tree issue in The Leys has been handed over to Ray Lawrence, Area Maintenance Officer. Signposting in Jubilee Close should be picked up by Stratford District Council, WCC have no objections. The clerk had also mentioned to SWHA the debris behind Falcon Crescent, Mr. Coles advised that he had raised an order with the contractors to remove the rubbish and it should have been removed some time ago.

#### 04/096 PARISH CLERKS LIAISON MEETING

(Min.04/076 refers)

The Chairman had attended the first re-instated meeting and reported that the main topic of discussion was the proposed new Planning Application process.

### **9 CORRESPONDENCE**

#### 04/097 BIDFORD SPORTS ASSOCIATION

Letter received raising the matter of the vandalism being experienced by the Association. The Police are aware of the situation. To prevent any more damage to the roller and mowers the Sports Association requested permission to place another lockup unit by the pavilion for storage. This was agreed by the Parish Council and permission was also given to mend the fences.

#### 04/098 WARWICKSHIRE RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Mr. C. Barlow, Rural Housing Enabler, written with regard to the Bidford B50 appraisal and an approach to one of the housing associations by a Broom Landowner for a possible small affordable housing scheme for local residents. The Parish Council were advised to invite Mr. Barlow and Ms. R. Dutton, Development Officer Warwickshire Rural Housing Association, to a special meeting to discuss the matter and report to the District Councillors.

#### 04/099 BIDFORD TWINNING ASSOCIATION

04/087

Letter of thanks received for the £200 donated to defray the cost of entertaining the party from Ebsdorfergrund.

#### 04/100 BROOM VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall committee had written requesting financial assistance with the renovation of the Hall. Cllr.Mrs.Hodgetts stated that the Hall was extremely well used and the Committee were very hard working. D.Cllr.Slaughter suggested that the Parish Council should consider a donation but that it should be discussed in Committee.

#### 04/101 PERKINS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Notice for Awards of the Perkins Educational Foundation for the academic year 2004/05 received which have been put on display.

#### 04/102 THE BULLS HEAD, BIDFORD-ON-AVON

Notification of Application for Transfer of Licence received from Geoffrey Parker Bourne, Solicitors.

#### 04/103 BIDFORD-ON-AVON STAR (TEXACO)

Notification of Application for Transfer of Licence received from Winckworth Sherwood, Solicitors.

#### 04/104 BIDFORD CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMMITTEE

Letter of thanks received for taking over responsibility of the street light by the Dilshad.

#### 04/105 SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS

Regional One Day Conference – 11<sup>th</sup> June 2004.  
Neither the Clerk nor any of the Councillors can attend.

#### 04/106 CAMPDEN DAY

Invitation for a representative to attend the Open Day on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2004. Invitation declined.

#### 04/107 COMMEMORATIVE TREE

Mrs. S.Ford had contacted the Parish Office enquiring if it would be possible to plant a tree on Big Meadow in memory of her late Mother. The clerk to contact Mrs. Ford to give permission. It was suggested that a reasonably established tree possibly Mountain Ash would be appropriate to be planted by the Play area.

#### 04/107 CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE DESIGN AWARD 2004

Nominations invited for well designed new buildings, conversion and extension schemes deserving recognition. The extension at 60 Tower Hill was suggested. Cllrs. to look at the property and decide whether or not it should be nominated.

#### 04/108 WARWICKSHIRE AND NORTHAMPTON AIR AMBULANCE

Mr.M.Potter, WCC Emergency Planning Unit, has been asked to identify potential helicopter landing sites. Suggested sites are: Bidford: Big Meadow and Dugdale Avenue. Broom: Kings Lane play area.

#### 04/109 RIVER ARROW NAVIGATION ENTERPRISE

Details of the proposed work to open up the River Arrow between Alcester and Salford Priors received. Meeting to be arranged as serious consideration has to be given to the Broom flooding situation.

#### 04/110 BT PAYPHONES

Consultation papers received regarding 7 street payphones in Bidford one of which in Sixteen Acres Lane, Bickmarsh is proposed for removal. No objections made.

#### 04/111 MARLEIGH ROAD PLAY AREA

A letter had been received from Mr. Sumner regarding remedial work he considers necessary to improve the area. Cllr. Mrs. Irving has had a meeting with Mr. Sumner to assess the situation and it was agreed that a Working Group be formed with Parish Council members and residents. Prop. Cllr Moore. Sec. Cllr. Mrs. Owen.

## 10 ACCOUNTS

The following receipts were noted:

Allotment rents	£940.90
Browns Memorials	£ 55.00
David Baker	£150.00
L.F.Dodwell	£235.00
Geo.Clifford	£ 65.00

The April cheques were signed at a Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> April after the Annual Parish Meeting.



## **11 PROPOSED YOUTH MEETING POINTS**

The Chairman said there was nothing to report.

## **12 BIG MEADOW**

Cllr. Smith reported on the vandalism that had occurred in the Toilet block and requested that a Radar lock should be fitted to the Disabled Toilet and measures taken to enable easier access for wheelchairs. The clerk reported that the cost would be £97.50 for the lock and 1 key. Additional keys £2.50. Carriage £15.00. Resolved that a lock should be purchased. (Prop. Cllr.Langston. Sec. Cllr.Moore.)

Cllr. Smith requested that advertisements be placed in the local press regarding the Vintage Weekend on Big Meadow on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> June 2004.

## **13 PARISH PLAN**

Nothing to report.

## **14 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

D.Cllr.Slaughter thanked everyone who had attended the Civic Service in St.Lawrence Church on 16<sup>th</sup> May. £500 had been collected for the Church Hall.

D.Cllr. James reported as follows:

- St. Lawrence Church has been granted £15,000 towards the new roof.
- The Planning Application in Albion Terrace, Broom, which the Parish Council had supported, had been refused by SDC on the grounds that it was considered to be a new property within 1 metre of the neighbouring property.
- The full Council are to consider the restructuring of the Planning Process. The rights of the Parish Council to speak will be retained as follows:

Objectors	3 Min.
Parish Council	3 Min.
Applicant	6 Min.
Ward Member	5 Min. but not allowed to vote.
- Trevor Askew had noticed on his visit to Bidford that the sign for Crawford Close needed to be renewed. Cllr. Mrs. Keeley commented that the sign for Icknield Street also needed replacing.
- Stop! Listen...Play are holding a Dunkirk to D.Day Concert in St.Lawrence Church on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> June.
- On behalf of C.Cllr. Barnes D.Cllr James reported that 153 letters of objection had been received re: MRW Ltd.
- The speeds up Grafton Lane are within the limit although there is some concern re heavy vehicles some of which are being directed incorrectly by satellite navigation.

## 15 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

W.C.Cllr Barnes had sent his apologies.

## 16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. The Grit bin in Westholme Road had been vandalised. Mr. R.Elbourne of WCC has been contacted to arrange removal. Agreed a replacement bin is to be ordered. (Prop. Cllr Langston. Sec.Cllr. Irving.)

2. Broom Village Hall Committee request that the Parish Council apply for Planning Permission on their behalf. This is acceptable to the Members.

3. CCTV. Following the discussion earlier in the Meeting by members of the public Cllr. Smith proposed and Cllr.Mrs. Getgood seconded that a third camera be installed in High Street. The Councillors were advised that this might be construed as having prejudicial interest as they both lived in High Street. There followed further discussion regarding the matter, point raised as follows:

- The Police would support a third camera the best position considered to be the bottom of Westholme Road.
- Time should be given to see if when they are working the two cameras make any difference to the problem.
- Budgens and Texaco should be contacted to ascertain whether or not they would be prepared to help fund the camera. This had been unsuccessful in the past.
- Better lighting would be advantageous.
- Consideration could be given to sponsoring a Community Beat Officer who would be answerable to the Parish Council and could also be made available to neighbouring Parishes.
- A fully costed proposal for a further camera to be obtained.

4. Cllr. Mrs. Getgood had reported the poor state of the passageway to the Pleck where there considerable amount of glass and rubbish.

5. Overgrown trees and verges. D.Cllr. James reported that mowing and maintenance work did not take place during the nesting season out of consideration to the birds and other wildlife but work should commence towards the end of May.

6. Severn Trent to be contacted again regarding the clean water cover High Street/Church Street.

7. Cllr. Spiers commented on the poor state of the grass in the Churchyard.

The Chairman, Cllr. Hiscocks declared the Meeting closed at 11.05p.m.