

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 24th May 2004, 7.30p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room, Bramley Way, Bidford-on-Avon.

PRESENT

Chairman: Councillor F.J.Hiscocks
Councillors: Mrs.Getgood, Mrs. Keeley, Langston & Spiers

Cllr. Mrs. Hodgetts arrived late.

District Councillors: Slaughter, James and Pemberton

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone present. There were approximately 15 members of the public in attendance

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs. Owen, Cllr. Mrs. Irving, Cllr. Smith, Cllr. Moore, C.Cllr. Barnes, P.C. P.Gateley and Mr. M.Gerrard.

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

Mr. J.Wilkes raised the matter of the Dog Bin in the passageway by the School. The School had been contacted regarding re-siting the Bin nearer the gate (see page 2 of Minutes of previous Meeting) and it was considered that this would not be a good position. After discussion it was agreed that the Bin should be moved further down the passageway and slightly round the bend. SDC to be contacted.

D.Cllr. Pemberton stated that following the last Meeting he had received seven phone calls regarding installing a further CCTV camera at Budgens end of High Street.

As in previous meetings there was a great deal of heated discussion regarding the CCTV camera situation and requests received from the public for a third and fourth camera to be installed.

Points raised as follows:

- Full costings should be obtained at present only estimated costs available at the moment.
- Budgens and Texaco to be contacted requesting financial assistance.
- The District Councillors stated that they had visited the CCTV control centre that day and as they had signed a confidentially statement on entrance and exit they were unable to be specific regarding range of vision etc. but reported that they were not unhappy about what they had seen and had been quite impressed by the speed. D. Cllr. James confirmed that the equipment was the latest technology and that the District Council had had to purchase new computer equipment.
- Cllr. Hiscocks asked if improved lighting would be beneficial. D.Cllr. James confirmed that it would be advantageous.
- Cllr Hiscocks also enquired of signs would be erected stating it to be a CCTV area. D.Cllr. James said that they would be because of the Data Protection Act.
- D.Cllr. Slaughter commented that the Council and public should give the cameras a chance to work for a while and assess the situation. He confirmed that C.Cllr. Mrs. Dill Russell will attend the Meeting in July and that the Police cannot disclose any measures they are taking regarding the vandalism and unruly behaviour problems.

A member of the public requested that the Councillors made a site visit to The Leys to assess the problems relating to a rigid horse box which causes inconvenience to neighbours when moved. The Parish and District Councillors agreed to do so.

Cllr. Spiers commented on the abandoned vehicle in Icknield Street which had been there for some time and was causing a great deal of inconvenience to residents. D.Cllr. Slaughter agreed to pursue the matter.

Mr. Rawlings requested if measures could be taken to remove the football boots hanging from the telephone wires in Victoria Road.

Mrs. Houghton advised the Meeting that the pipe on the bridge was getting more exposed. It is understood that this contains the wiring for the traffic lights. WCC to be informed.

4 ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED UNDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Community Group
2. Surgery
3. Youth Club
4. Parking – The Meadows
5. Clean Water Cover High Street/Church Street
6. Hedgerows

5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th May, 2004 were approved and signed by the Chairman as being a true record.
(Prop. Cllr.Langston. Sec. Cllr. Mrs. Hodgetts)

6 POLICE MATTERS

Apologies had been received from P.C.Gateley. Inspector Bailey had been invited but unfortunately he was not available but he agreed to attend the Meeting on 28th June, 2004.

7 PLANNING

04/01472/COUNTY
Severn Trent Water Ltd.
Sewage Pumping Station
Cleeve Road
Marlcliff
Widening of existing access.
Support

8 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The clerk remarked that as it was only a week since the last Meeting there had not been a lot of time for Matters to Arise.

04/112 MARLEIGH ROAD PLAY AREA

(Min.04/111 refers)

Cllr. Mrs. Irving had sent her apologies but had requested the clerk to inform the Meeting that she would telephone Members regarding arranging a suitable time and date for the Working Group.

04/113 COMMEMORATIVE TREE

(Min.04/107 refers)

Mrs. Ford had been advised to liaise with Cllr. Langston.

04/114 THE PLECK

Cllr. Mrs. Getgood mentioned the question of the youths drinking and the rubbish left lying around. The Pleck is part of the King Charles Highway and is private property. D.Cllr James mentioned P3 Funding which may pay for a Handyman to clear and maintain. The youth problem to be reported to the Police.

9 CORRESPONDENCE

Available to interested Members:

West Midlands Regional Assembly Speaking out
Samaritans – Time for Tea
Home Office changes to law on illegal working
Acorns Trust Three Counties News
CPRE Rural Matters
CPRE Planning Update
CCFRA Annual Review
CPRE Outlook Warwickshire News
Country Matters
Shakespeare Hospice Newsletter
Trading Standards News
Age Concern Minutes & Agenda

04/115 STREET NAMES OLD SCHOOL SITE DEVELOPMENT

Letter received from Mr. Rawlings asking the Parish Council to bear in mind that any more “Victoria” addresses would add more confusion with regard to Postal deliveries, BT etc. D.Cllr. Pemberton commented that maybe it should be called “Albert Square”. The Parish Council noted Mr. Rawlings concerns.

04/116 WINGED FELLOWSHIP TRUST

The Trust sent a letter giving a brief update of their activities and thanks for the continued support of the Parish Council.

04/117 BIDFORD COMMUNITY GROUP

Letter received from Mrs. Sussons, Chairperson, requesting financial assistance for the twice yearly publication of ‘Bidford News’ which costs £800 p.a. Agreed that this should be put in the Grants Application File to be considered with other requests.

04/118 COUNCIL AGENDAS 2004/5

Letter received from SDC with an Order Form for a yearly subscription for Agenda papers. Declined.

10 ACCOUNTS

The following receipts were noted:

L. Lanaghan	£550.00
D. Baker	£290.00
Bidford Appraisal Group	£402.29
L. Lanaghan	£550.00

The following accounts were approved for payment:

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

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

11 PROPOSED YOUTH MEETING POINTS

Cllr Hiscocks remarked that there had still been no decision made regarding the Youth Shelter as each suggested site had been met with opposition from members of the public. A further meeting should be arranged.

12 BIG MEADOW

Cllr. Hiscocks to continue to arrange a meeting regarding the basketball court.

13 PARISH PLAN

Cllr. Langston reported that the Crawford Hall and Bowling Club projects were under way.

14 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

D.Cllr. James reported that the District Councillors had spent most of the day in Meetings. The first was regarding the CCTV cameras as stated earlier and the second had been a full Stratford District Council Meeting regarding proposed changes to Planning Procedures. After three and a half hours of debate no firm decisions had been made and the meeting was deferred for two weeks.

15 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Apologies had been received from C.Cllr. Barnes.

16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Bidford Community Group – Please see correspondence.
2. Surgery. An enquiry had been made to Cllr. Mrs. Getgood regarding the relocation of the surgery. Nothing has been received in the Parish Office regarding this.
3. Youth Club. Cllr. Mrs. Getgood commented that the Youth Club is in need of financial support. The Parish Council to consider how they can help.
4. Parking – The Meadows. The vast amount of cars parked in The Meadows is causing concern. Obstruction is a Police matter.
5. Clean water cover High Street/Church Street. This has been an ongoing problem since February. The clerk has rung numerous times and has several job numbers but will pursue the matter again in the morning.
6. Hedgerows. The state of the hedgerows and verges is cause for concern. The meeting was assured that when the nesting season was over the work would commence. Mr. J. Wilkes commented that there is a £2,000 fine for anyone disturbing a nest.

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 10.00 p.m.