

BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

In the County of Warwickshire



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20th December 2004 at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room, Bramley Way, Bidford-on-Avon

PRESENT

Chairman Cllr. F.J. Hiscocks
Councillors: Ms. Deacon, Mrs. Getgood, Mrs. Keeley, Gerrard,
Langston, Moore Sandle and Spiers

Also present were:

District Councillor James and Slaughter
P.C. Peter Gately and P.C. Martin Sanford, members of the public and the press

County Cllr. Barnes sent his apologies

The Chairman welcomed all to the Parish Council Meeting, and asked if there were any questions from the public.

- Mr. John Wilkes asked if it was correct that the Health Centre was relocating to Alcester. The Chairman advised that the Council had met with the doctors, as had individual councillors, and they were not aware of any change in the intention of the Health Centre relocating within Bidford once an appropriate site had been approved. One of the councillors mentioned that the confusion could have arisen from the news that two of Alcester's surgeries are planning to merge once the new Hospital is opened, and he confirmed the Chairman's statement. It was agreed that the Council should arrange a meeting with the practice to discuss the issue.

REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- The District Council is currently discussing the budget and projects for 2005/06
- Following a meeting with the doctors to discuss a possible site within the village, which the councillors support, the District Councillors met with the principal Planning Officer to further the matter
- Following the cancellation of the West Area Planning Committee meeting on 16th December, where Friday Furlong was on the Agenda, this has been rescheduled to Jan. 27th and the District Councillors have requested the meeting take place in Bidford-on-Avon.

REPORT FROM THE POLICE

P.C. Peter Gateley introduced P.C. Martin Sanford who has been assisting with the beat. He reported that there were no major incidents and that inroads had been made into youth incidents. He explained that 12 youths had been included in the Nuisance Youth Register, with 6 more on the list to be included. He further explained the system being implemented: a letter is sent to the parents concerned; who will also receive a visit from P.C. Gateley who will discuss the situation with them. A second reported incident will mean the involvement of the Sergeant and a third will require a visit to the Police Station to meet the Inspector. The Police is also keen to implement a voluntary anti social behaviour contract.

The Chairman then opened the Parish Council Meeting

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON ITEMS OF THE AGENDA

All members of the Council are respectfully reminded that in order to comply with the Code of Conduct adopted by the Parish Council on 29th April 2002 if any matter arises during the meeting in which they have Declared an Interest which could be prejudicial they should declare so and leave the room.

None declared

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29TH NOVEMBER 2004

Proposed by Cllr. Gerrard

4. REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

a) The Clerk has written to the South Warwickshire Primary Care Trust expressing the Council's concern about the relocation of the Warfarin Clinic from Bidford to Stratford.

A reply from SWPCT was received and read out by the Chairman to the effect that they are in the process of collating the responses from the various practices which they will then assess. The Clerk was requested to ensure the Council was kept duly informed

b) The Clerk has again written to WCC regarding Grafton Lane

c) WRCC Consulting and Involving Young People in Parishes questionnaire completed and returned with a request that the Council is advised of the details of the data collated.

- d) The Clerk has responded to Rev. David Hall clarifying the responsibilities of Parish and District Councils in respect of St. Laurence Churchyard
- e) Mr. R. Warden and Miss Grant – following their request for the use of the Big Meadow for their Wedding Reception in Sept. 2005, the Clerk has written to Roger Stone, Trustee of the Estate Charity of Alice Duchess Dudley for his approval.
Mr. Roger Stone has received the letter and will be replying.
- f) Signed contract re Public Open Space Marleigh Road sent to solicitors
- g) Big Meadow – the Clerk has requested a bin to be installed between the youth shelter and the basket ball court – cost £200.
- h) Invoice for the Sports Association has been raised and sent
Payment has been received.
- i) The Clerk has written to G.S. John Builders requesting they make good the damage caused to the tarmac of the road leading to the cemetery
- j) Risk assessment sheet of the current playground equipment sent to the party responsible for the weekly inspection.
Implementation will start on 1st January 2005
- k) The Clerk has posted an advertisement for the Parish Councillor vacancy for the Bidford on Avon Ward
Replies to be received by 15th January 2005 to enable to the item to be discussed at the next PC Meeting in January 2005.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) SDC – Consultation by WCC re proposed passenger terminal, parking etc. at Coventry Airport
The Clerk was instructed to respond that the Council would like the facilities at the airport to be brought up to international standards and to take into account facilities for the disabled.
- b) Mr. & Mrs. Watts, Marlcliff re possibility of installing street lighting within the village
The Clerk was requested to write to the residents of Marlcliff in the New Year and ask for their opinion.
- c) Save our Countryside – Introduction of “Quiet Lane” Scheme in Warwickshire
- d) WCC – Information regarding Service 29 between Stratford and Evesham starting 13th December – no change in timetable but First Midland Red will be using Country Link vehicles. New timetable leaflets will be available from the usual distribution outlets shortly.
- e) Lesley Morton – request of the use of the Parish Meeting Room for yoga on Sat. 5th Feb. 2005 from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.
The Clerk to write that this was acceptable to the Council, subject to the standard charges
- f) David Brook of Grange Rd. re the excessive number of power cuts being experienced
The problems with the number of electricity cuts was discussed. He Chairman advised that the Council had met with Aquila (no Central Networks) a year ago to discuss the problem, especially of the transient power cuts. SD Cllr. James added that he had done likewise. It appears that the repair to the main problem, caused by

overhanging branches and broken insulators, is now 95% completed. The recent three power cuts were due to workmen – two at the Old School site and the third by an agricultural vehicle.

The Clerk was instructed to reply to Mr. Brook accordingly

- g) Standard Board for England – Local investigations : guidance for monitoring officers and standards committees
- h) Mercia Canoe Club – thanking the Council for the use of the car park on 7th Nov.
- i) Thomas Fox Landscape and Gardening – offering Parish Council Grounds Maintenance

It was agreed that this should be filed for future reference

- j) WALC – Gypsy and Traveller Scrutiny Project – circulated
 - WALC – DfT Consultation – circulated
 - WALC – Freedom of Information Act – circulated
 - WALC – New Local Council Charter – circulated
 - WALC – Model Disciplinary and Model Grievance Procedure
 - WALC – Newsletter - circulated
- k) SDC – Invitation for the Chairman to the Chairman’s Civic and Charity 1940’s Evening on Sunday 13th February
 - Invitation for the Chairman to attend a Civic Service at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday 27th February at 3.00 p.m.
- l) Village Venture Competition 2004/05 organised by The Warwickshire Rural Community Council – Invitation to enter competition. Closing date 1st April 2005 – leaflets available
 - To be discussed at the Amenities and Play Areas meeting on 6th January.
- m) Campaign to protect rural England – Membership renewal due end Jan. 2005
 - It was agreed to renew this membership.

6. **AVAILABLE FOR INTERESTED MEMBERS**

- a) South Warwickshire Together Partnership – Mid-term Evaluation Sept. 2004
- b) PIE Reports – Quarter 2 July/Sept. 2004/05
- c) Wicksteed Leisure – Safety grass
- d) Campaign to Protects Rural England - Fieldwork – December 2004
- e) WCC – Parish Paths Partnership – the Parish Council recently took part in this consultation. Document explaining a little of the scheme now available

7. **ST. LAURENCE CHURCH CLOCK**

Following a request by Rev. David Hall, the Council agreed to assist with the purchase of an automatic winding system by contributing 50% of the cost, which is estimated at £3,810.00.

The Clerk was instructed to advise Rev. Hall accordingly

8. **PROPOSED METING DATES FOR 2005**

These had been circulated to the councillors and were unanimously agreed. Details to be posted.

9. **TREE WARDEN SCHEME**

Following a successful first meeting at Elizabeth House on 2nd December, it is proposed that a workshop take place on Saturday 29th January (date and times to be confirmed) where more details and training will be given. This is open to interested

people and it was agreed that the Clerk should post the information of the Parish Office notice board.

10. TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS

- a) Clerks Away Day at Marston Hill Village Hall– Sat. 22nd Jan. 10.00 – 3.00 p.m. - £25 – it was agreed that the Clerk should choose a day and attend
- b) Midlands Regional Conference at Wroxhall Abbey Est. Tues. 25th Jan, 10.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. £33 – Cllr. Deacon and the Clerk to attend
- c) The Quality Parish and Town Council Scheme, Stratford - Thurs. 7th Feb. 7.30 p.m. Free of Charge – Cllrs. wishing to attend to inform the Clerk accordingly.

11. DOG FOULING NOTICES

Dog Fouling Notices – following various complaints about dog fouling **not** being picked up and disposed of by the owners, Notices have been put up on the notice boards reminding owners of their responsibilities. Dog Fouling Notices, as issued by SDC, are available – please contact the Clerk

12. DUGDALE AVENUE

Latest correspondence was circulated and it was agreed that SD Cllr. Slaughter arrange a meeting with Mr. Peter Ridley to clarify and finalise the situation.

13. MOWER

As instructed, the Clerk had contacted potential buyers of the mower inviting them to make an offer. The Council accepted the offer made by Mr. Mark Smith of MGS Services.

14. PLANNING APPLICATION

04/03783/FUL

Stratford Tile Warehouse, Land off Welford Road, Barton

Change of use of existing warehouse to Class B1, B2 and B8 uses

the proposed development would be prejudicial to road safety by reason of

1. The intensification of use to this site by Heavy Goods Vehicles

2. Routing to the site is made difficult because of the weight limit on bridges at Bidford-on-Avon and Welford-on-Avon

3. Additional traffic on the road network

The site lies within the flood plains of the river Avon. Any open area storage would aggravate flooding in this area

Increase use of the site would have a detrimental effect of the rural appearance/ character of the area

04/03787/FUL

Mrs. H. Butler, 35 The Meadows, B50 4AP

First floor pitched roof side extension

No representation

04/03836/FUL

Mr. and Mrs. Wigget, 8 Holder Close, B50 4EG

Erection of two storey and first floor pitched roof on side extension

No representation

15. WCC LIGHTING

Inspection report received

16. LANDFILL TAX CREDIT SCHEME

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Louise Boffey for information regarding

the completion of the form before going ahead with this with the assistance of a member of the Council.

17. NOTICE BOARD FOR BRAMLEY WAY

It was agreed that it would be a good idea to install a notice board on Bramley Way, near the school. The Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

18. BASKETBALL COURT

The Clerk was instructed to write to SMP pointing out the various items that require completion, including the painting of the lines, repair the post, etc.

19. ACCOUNTS

The Chairman read out the list of cheque payments:

Purchases	£16,957.89
Wages	£ 2,707.92
Donations	£ 155.43
Inland Rev.	£ 1,257.19

A cheque made payable to NPower was withdrawn and the Clerk was instructed to contact them to advise that this meter had been inoperative from two years.

Payments received:

Cemetery sales	£ 210.00
SDC Grant (Crawford Hall)	£17,162.00
Allotments rents	£ 167.60

Resolved Cllrs. Ms Deacon and Mrs. Keeley to sign

The meeting closed at approx. 8.50 p.m.