

BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

In the County of Warwickshire



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 21st March 2005 at 7.30 pm
in the Primary School, Bramley Way, Bidford-on-Avon**

PRESENT

Chairman	Cllr. Hiscocks
Councillors	Ms. Deacon, Mrs. Keeley, Gerrard, Langston, Sandle Smith and Spiers

Also present were:

County Councillor	Barnes
District Councillor	Slaughter
P.C. Peter Gateley	
1 member of the press	

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- Bollards by the car park were being repaired and should be finished by Thursday
- No more news had been received regarding the Speed and Safety Review
- Westbury's were installing a storm drain by Budgens
- Road 439 from Grafton Lane to Salford Priors would be surface dressed 1st/2nd week in May
- The public had been allowed to speak at a County Planning Committee meeting for the first time and a Code of Conduct allowing this had been signed
- Cllr. Barnes confirmed he would be putting his name for nomination for the forthcoming county Council elections.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- Apologies received from Cllrs. James and Pemberton
- Apologies for another confusion in the rubbish collection over the Easter period

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- A liaison officer from SDC had been appointed for the Parish Councils of Bidford-on-Avon, Salford Priors and Wixford and a first meeting had taken place. Cllr. Slaughter noted this item was on the Agenda.

REPORT FROM THE POLICE

- Newsletters which the police are sending by e-mail have proved successful.
- Car thefts and thefts from cars on the increase although it has been noted that they are not local. Once again the Police are urging people **NOT** to leave valuables such as laptops and other electronic equipment in the car – not even the boot – as thieves are able to detect them.

The Chairman then opened the Parish council Meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr. Mrs. Getgood

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Declaration of Interest on Items on the Agenda

All members of the Council are 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 withdraw from the room and not seek to improperly influence a decision about that matter

The clerk passed the Members Book round. Personal interest declared by Cllrs. Mrs. Keeley, Langston and Spiers in items 4d)

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28TH FEBRUARY 2005

Proposed by Cllr. Sandle as being accurate

4. REPORT ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- a) The clerk has arranged a meeting between members of the Parish Council, representatives of residents from Dugdale Ave., Drayton Close and Elliot Close and the football teams

The Chairman gave a report of the meeting that was held on March 16th attended by himself, Cllrs. Kelley, Langston and Smith; 2 residents from Dugdale Ave. and representatives from the football teams using the playing fields. It was established that the main problem was due to excessive parking and the Council agreed to get quotes for putting some concrete block on the field to allow parking although the council made it clear that no funds had been put aside for this in this year's precept. In the meantime, the football teams would do everything possible to ensure parking on the field. It was also resolved to try and move the U12 and U13 football teams which are 11 a side to the Big Meadow leaving the juniors, which play 7 a side on the playing fields. The clerk was also instructed to write to County Council to enquire as to the possibility of some traffic calming measures in the area. It was agreed that a further meeting take place at the end of the football season which is mid May.

- b) Vintage Event advertisement posted on the website www.bidfordonavon-pc.gov.uk
 c) Clerk has sent the Council's nomination for attendance to the Royal Garden Party

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- d) The Clerk has written to:
 - 1st Bearly and Snitterfield Scout Group inviting them to participate in the August Bank Holiday Event
 - Stop Listen Play advising them of the grant being given to them by the Council
 - Bidford Christmas Lights 2000 giving them permission to hold the annual Duck Race on 10th July
- e) The Clerk has downloaded information on byelaws after contacting WALC for advice
- f) The Clerk has spoken to the Sports Association and a meeting is being arranged to discuss the various issues
The Chairman to pursue this.
- g) The Clerk has written to Trevor Askew at SDC. The letter has been received and has been passed on to the relevant department. The Clerks is waiting to hear from them.
The clerk advised that the letter had been passed on to a variety of parties within SDC but that, as instructed by the Council, she was persevering and trying to arrange a meeting on site.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) SDC – Ann Catchpole has sent details of the Bidford Visual Audit – circulated
Parish Liaison Officer - An Officer from SDC has been appointed and has had an initial meeting with the clerks from Bidford, Salford and Wixford
- b) WCC – Advice regarding Festive Decorations on the Highway (to be passed on if relevant)
 - Property Services Dept. Clarification of items as discussed at meeting between County Council, School, Library and Parish Council.
 - Questionnaire from Minerals and Waste Planning
 - Cleaning charges for 2005/06
- c) Central Networks – Electricity Supplies to Bidford on Avon
- d) Lucy Mellor – permission for use of Big Meadow
The Chairman read out her request. Its her birthday in July and she wanted permission to invite her friends for a BBQ and picnic – no caterers, no bar food and drink they will bring all food and drink. The Council agreed that she could hire Monie Meadow for a cost of £40. The clerk to advise accordingly.
- e) CPRE – Membership questionnaire
- f) HDRA – Advertising Welly Week – Posters have been displayed
- g) Stop Listen Play – thank you for advice of grant
- h) Rev. D. Hall re St. Laurence Churchyard – Clerk has already advised SDC that the wall requires inspection and has been informed that this will take place.
The clerk was instructed to contact SDC regarding what progress had been made.
- i) Letter from Ins. Tim Bailey
He is leaving on 24th March and is being replaced by Insp. Nav Malik joining from Leamington Spa. The lcerk was instructed to write to Insp. Nav Malik inviting him to attend the next Parish Council Meeting.
- j) Trafalgar Weekend – information pack and invitation to participate in the bicentenary celebrations on 21-23rd October.

It was agreed that this should be passed on to the Amenities Working Group as the Council believes something could be done to celebrate.

6. **AVAILABLE FOR INTERESTED MEMBERS**

a) CPRE – Countryside Voice plus leaflets

Fieldwork magazine

b) Pie Reports Oct-Dec. 2004

c) Charity Fair – 12th March to 14th April 2005

d) South Warwickshire Carers' Support Service

e) the Arden Newsletter Spring 2005

f) WRCC – Country Matters

7. **PLAYING FIELDS TO THE REAR OF DUGDALE AVENUE**

Geoff Taylor of WCC has confirmed that all the houses with gates on to the field have now signed that this does **not give them a right of way**. One of the residents had advised the clerk that it was essential to have a gate as dogs got into the garden and this was the only way to get them out.

The clerk was instructed to contact WCC to obtain an update on the progress of the legal documents transferring ownership to the Parish Council.

8. **YOUTH**

The Chairman advised that the clerk had spoken to him following a recent workshop she had attended, regarding including a 15min. Youth Forum at the start of the Parish Council meetings, inviting the youth to participate in the community. The Chairman proposed this be carried out and the Council unanimously agreed.

Bidford Youth Club had written to advise date for their AGM, Monday 23rd May, which was acceptable to members of the council. The clerk was instructed to invite the District Councillors to attend.

9. **BINS FOR THE BIG MEADOW**

The clerk had obtained quotations for 10 bins - £1,167.00 delivered. The Council approved this expenditure.

10. **WRCC – BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2005**

The Council decided that before it could envisage entering this competition, something would have to be done to improve the village. The site of the old United Carriers was derelict and an eyesore and the clerk was instructed to look into ways to resolve this matter. Apart from its condition it is also dangerous and the Parish Council can do nothing as it would be considered trespassing. Another problematic site mentioned was Friday Furlong, but as this has a current planning application in process it was agreed that this could be solved that way.

Other things that could be done to improve the look of the village would be to tidy up Monie Meadow by clearing the fencing and planting hedges and ornamental trees.

It was agreed that if the general debris was cleared and some improvements made to the public areas, this would encourage local residents to take care of the village, put up baskets etc.

11. **BROOM**

The Chairman gave a report of the meeting held at the Broom Village Hall at the invitation of the Broom Village Hall Committee, regarding traffic calming measures and the youth shelter. Tony Lambert was also invited to attend by the Council due to his working with youth shelters.

The various points made by the residents regarding traffic calming measures had been noted and the clerk had written to County Council, detailing these and asking them for their reply and comments. A copy of this letter was also sent to County Cllr. Barnes.

Regarding the Youth Shelter, at the request of the Council and Tony Lambert, the residents of Broom had agreed to consult with the youngster as to if and where they wanted the youth shelter erected, and what other facilities could they wish the Council to consider installing on the Kings Lane Playing Field, once the lease issue had been solved.

The Chairman had also advised the residents that the play area from Millers Bank would be relocated to Kings Lane.

(this item was brought forward as the first item in the meeting as County Cllr. Barnes was leaving early to attend a farewell at Long Marston)

12. **BROOM VACANCY**

No letters requesting an election had been received by SDC. The clerk was instructed to advertise the vacancy on the Broom Notice Board.

13. **NOTICE BOARDS**

Quotation for a larger board for Marcliff was received at £120. The old notice board to be erected at the Playing Fields to the rear of Dugdale Avenue

A new notice board to be erected by the school would cost £285.

Both quotations were accepted and the clerk instructed to confirm the order.

14. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

a) 05/00572/FUL

Mr. M.J. Homer, 47 High Street B50 4BQ
Erection of first floor pitched roof rear extension

b) 05/00591/FUL

Mr. and Mrs. Higginson, 5 Mason Close, B50 4DQ
Proposed 2 storey pitched roof side extension incorporating a porch to front.

15. **DATE FOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Resolved this should take place on Tuesday 3rd May at 7.30 at the Parish Meeting Room

16. **ACCOUNTS**

The Chairman read the list of cheque payments:

Purchases :	£10,230.00
Inland Revenue	£ 1,534.46
Wages	£ 2,010.04
Payments received	
Crawford Hall/Bowling Club grant	£14,630.00
Youth shelter grant (SDC)	1,293.00
Section 136	6,416.51
Interest on deposit account	278.99

Resolved Cllrs. Sandle and Spiers to sign cheques

Due to the sensitive nature of the next item, the members of the public were asked to leave the room.

17. **TENDERS**

Following discussions, minuted in the February Confidential Minutes, it was resolved to accept the offer of A.S. Wilkes in respect of the Maintenance Contract for the Grange Road Cemetery at £1,755.00 p.a. for a period of 3 years. The clerk to draw up the contract.

Following discussion which are minuted in the Confidential Minutes, it was resolved to give the contract to Limebridge Rural Services Ltd, at £3,100.00 as being the quotation offering best value. The clerk was instructed to draw the contract accordingly.

The meeting closed at 9.30