



expressed regarding the proposed situation for the Health Centre at the Friday Furlong site as this was far from the village centre and the hope was expressed that some sort of transport would be arranged to take the elderly to the Health Centre if required.

- Representatives from Broom Village Hall, who had written a letter to the Parish Council, advised that they had received funds from a variety of parties including: The Big Lottery Fund (£100k); District Council (£15k); Village Hall Fundraising (£10k); RMC (£15k) and the local Baptist Church (£5K). In total they have managed to raise, through great effort and persistence the large sum of £145k . However this still leaves them with a balance of £84,375 to raise within the next 6 months – otherwise they will lose the £100k Big Lottery fund. In view of this, and as Broom has not received any funds in at least 20 years, they Broom Village Hall asked the Parish Council to be as generous as it could. The Chairman congratulated the Broom Village Hall for their efforts and success in raising such a large sum and explained that, regrettably, the Council would not be able to grant them such a large sum of money. £5k had been put aside for this year and Members would discuss further contributions for next year at their next Finance Meeting.
- Complaints were made by residents of the High Street concerning youngster activities in the area, specially outside One Stop where they congregate in numbers. Incidents of egg throwing were reported, as well as of alcohol selling on Sunday outside the permitted hours. The Clerk was instructed to write and bring the matter to the attention of both the Police and Budgens, where the eggs are sold.
- Residents of The Leys expressed concern at the speed of traffic coming from Grafton Lane and asked if anything could be done to slow them down as it is dangerous due to the number of children playing in the area. The matter was referred to County Cllr. Barnes who would look into the matter. In the meantime, parked cars are the best solution.
- A representative of BARG thanked the Parish Council for its support of Bidfest which has been postponed until next year. The letter of objection, with the signed petition, will be forwarded to the County Council's Planning Dept. once the date for the meeting has been set. Concern was also expressed regarding the proposed Friday Furlong Development.

#### **REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

- Free electric blanket checks taking place at Stratford Fire Station on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October.
- There is also a free service for smoke alarms which is highly recommended in view of the long life of the current smoke alarms Contact Terry on 293271
- Welford Rd., Barton is currently being resurfaced
- Sand and Gravel Update – Environment Dept. report finally received. It states that it does not have sufficient information which it is requesting. No date for the site visit nor the Committee Meeting has been confirmed.

- Victoria Rd. contractors will be visiting the site. It is proposed that a new resurfacing machine, which has proved to be highly effective in Nottingham, be used.
- Police Force – proposals for its reorganization. The Parish Council will be consulted.
- At the mast County Meeting a Motion was passed regarding the recent incident with a lorry driver from a EU country stating that letters should be written to various parties, including the MP, MEP, Department of Transport, Rt. Hon. Jack Straw and Rt. Hon. Charles Clarke
- Following the complaints from residents of The Leys, he would look into the matter.

### **REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

- The proposed withdrawal of Section 136 is being referred to the Executive of the District Council, and will be discussed at its next meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> October. If not successful, the increase in the council tax for a Band D house would be of £4.95 per annum. A letter from the Parish Council to the District Cllrs. requesting the proposal be reconsidered in view of the financial implications to the Parish, was delivered.
- District Cllrs. will be having a meeting regarding the CCTV system. In the meantime, the Councillors have insisted that until such time as the problems with the system in Bidford-on-Avon have been resolved, no further CCTV cameras be installed within the District. To the request that some Members of the Parish Council be allowed to attend the meeting, the District Cllrs. advised that this would be difficult due to the nature of the meeting.
- The review of the Local Plan continues
- The recycling bins on the Saxonfield carpark the District Cllrs. will be meeting with the Head of the Service to discuss how they can be made more user friendly and ensure the site is kept clean and tidy
- Councillors are looking into housing lists and how to ensure that local people are assured a right to a local dwelling place.

The Chairman thanked all Councillors and opened the Meeting

#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received and accepted for Cllrs. Gerrard and Ms. Varga

#### **2. 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

None declared

#### **3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST 2005**

Proposed by Cllr. Sandle as being accurate and signed by the Chairman.

#### **4. REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

- a) Overweight HGVs on Bridge – reply received from VOSA & WCC  
*It has been referred to the Police who advise they do not have sufficient resources. If details of any infringement, preferably accompanied by photographs, will be pursued.*
- b) BT – Broom Payphone awaiting outcome of OFCOM review due in November

#### **5. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Broom Village Hall – request for financial support for the Village Hall Project  
- circulated  
*It was resolved that the £5,000 grant be given and further funds be discussed at the next Financial Meeting to form part of next year's Budget. The Clerk to write to both County and District Council requesting assistance drawing attention to the time limit set by the Big Lottery Fund and the successful efforts that have been made by the Broom Village Hall Committee.*
- b) SDC – Communications Strategy Consultation 2005 Survey Parish Council  
(circulated)  
Housing Renewal Team - Discretionary and Disabled Facilities Grants  
*The Chairman expressed interest in this.*
- c) WALC – Sept. Newsletter - circulated  
Briefing Note – To Ensure the usefulness of a Parish Plan – circulated  
Invitation to Free Seminar “The Quality Parish & town Council Status Scheme 16<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2005 Dunchurch  
Seminar on Procedural Matter, Preparation and Handling of Tenders & Contracts & VAT awareness  
9<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2005 – 10.00am – 3.00 pm Rugby  
Invitation to enter Village Ventures competition – *to be posted on the Notice Board by the Parish Office*
- d) Worcs. County Council – invitation to attend Waste Core Strategy for Worcs. Issues & Options consultation – *document given to Cllr. Smith who expressed interest.*
- e) Warks. County Playing Fields Ass. Newsletter July 2005 – *document given to Cllr Sandle, Chairman of the Amenities Sub Committee*
- f) Breakthrough Cancer Campaign – Cover Britain in Crocuses @ £37.50 per 1000 bulbs + £5.88 p & p – *it was resolved to purchase the bulbs and that they should be planted in Broom*
- g) Mercia Canoe Club – Permission to finish the annual canoe race “Avon Descent” at the Big Meadow on Nov. 6 – *permission to be given*
- h) Local Works – Invitation to attend a public meeting re The Sustainable Communities Bill at Yardley on 29<sup>th</sup> Sept. 7.30 – 9.30 pm.

#### **6. AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED PARTIES**

- a) Acorns – Autumn Edition of SMALLTALK  
b) Age Concern – County Newsletter Spring 2005  
c) Breakthrough Breast Cancer – New PURPLE magazine  
d) West Midlands Rural Community  
e) Country Matters – Issue 35 Summertime 2005  
f) Learning Consortium – Recognition Plus package

g) Pi Reports Issue 6 July 2005

h) CPRE Fieldwork Sept. Issue – *The Chairman mentioned their help in opposing the development on the Fraser House site.*

i) West Midland Regional Assembly – Speaking Out Issue 9 Summer 2005

A Guide to the Region's Spatial Strategy -

*The Clerk was instructed to request 10 copies of this document for each Parish Councillor as it is an important development in the planning of the district.*

j) Council for Voluntary Service & Volunteer Bureaux – Annual Report 2004/05

## **7. BROOM – DOG BINS**

*The Clerk advised that 2 bins had been ordered as there were none in Broom following the fire of the one on Kings Lane. Cost is £172 each. At the moment, dog owners are using the Broom Stores bin which is private property.*

## **8. BROOM – BUS SHELTER**

*It was resolved that as the bus shelter is unsafe, quotes should be obtained for its removal as well as quotes for a replacement. It was suggested the type be the same as that in Bidford opposite Budgens. The Clerk should also look into the possibility of obtaining an assistance grant from District as there appear to be funds available for rural transport.*

## **9. TRAFALGAR DAY**

*Quotations received from WCC for £250 + VAT for the purchase of a tree (various types suggested), its planting and care as well as replanting of an oak, offered by a resident of Trafalgar Court, in a suitable site of the village. It was resolved that a Rowan tree would be suitable and, as the resident of Trafalgar Court had also offered assistance, the Clerk was instructed to visit him and discuss the matter before accepting the quotation from WCC.*

## **10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

### **• 05/02354/FUL – Croft Barn Developments Ltd.**

Land rear of 25A Grange Rd. – Erection of six detached dwellings

*Object due to:*

*- Amount of traffic taking into consideration the proximity of the sheltered accommodation at Icknield Court, regularly visited by ambulances, carers, etc.*

*- Second entrance is too close to the entrance to Icknield Court which is sheltered accommodation*

### **• 05/02516/FUL – Graham Martyn Builders Ltd**

5 Crompton Ave – Removal of asbestos roofed precast concrete garage; demolition of flat roofed outbuildings and erection of two flats (copy letter received from residents of Crompton Ave. against this development)

*Letter from resident of Crompton Ave. and from the developers read out. It was resolved that a site visit take place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept, at 6.00 pm*

### **• 05/02574/FUL – Westbury Homes**

Victoria Rd. – Retrospective substitution of Turnbury House Type on Plots 11,13 and 42

*Object due to:*

*Whereas the Parish Council appreciates the difficulty of the situation, it nonetheless resolved to oppose this retrospective planning application as it feels the extra 1M height will make it even more overbearing and intrusive on the*

*bungalows of Crawford Close. Furthermore they were built in breach of the planning permission granted.*

- **05/01961/FUL – 20 Waterloo Rd.**

*Letter received from Steven Taylor regarding the above requesting the Council to review its decision to oppose it. The letter was read out and the Council resolved that it should maintain its objection.*

**11. TREE FELLING QUOTATION**

*Only one quotation received for the felling and removal of two dead trees on the Big Meadow, for £400 in total, which was accepted.*

**12. DUGDALE AVE – LETTER FROM SOLICITORS – CIRCULATED**

*It was resolved to take the advice of solicitors regarding the following points:*

*- Any alterations, such as pavilions, parking areas etc. that are directly connected with the use of the field as a recreational area should be excluded from the planning permission claw back clause*

*- The Contract should make it clear that it is only planning permission obtained for or on behalf of the Parish Council that should trigger the planning permission claw back clause.*

*It was resolved that the Terms and Conditions be accepted and Solicitors given the go ahead to proceed.*

**13. ACCOUNTS**

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| Purchases:  | £15,048.96 |
| Wages       | £ 1,692.72 |
| In. Revenue | £ 1,757.25 |

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| Payments received |           |
| Cemetery receipts | £ 505.00  |
| Car Park receipts | 1,200.00  |
| Allotment rent    | 8.55      |
| Precept           | 40,500.00 |

*It was resolved Cllrs. Ms. Deacon and Sandle to sign.*

The Meeting closed at 9.45 pm