

- WCC would not be supporting cricket being played at Stratford upon Avon by Warwickshire County Cricket as it had not been economical last year, which had been experimental
- New Bus Passes – these will be universal, supported by the Government, from 2008. Until then current bus passes will allow use of buses within the county and to neighbouring counties for all buses after 9.00 am
- There is great concern at WCC at the Post Office losing the franchise for the TV license as this will result in a further reduction of business. It is also concern at the proposal by Government not to use Royal Mail for their own business after 2008. WCC will fight against both these issues which will have big repercussions in the rural community.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

All three District Councillors had sent their apologies.

The Chairman thanked the County Councillor and opened the Parish Council Meeting

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr. Ms. Deacon

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 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.

None

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27th MARCH 2006

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

4. PLANNING APPLICATION

06/00429/FUL – T.M. Ladbroke Jig & Tool, The Bank – redevelopment of redundant workshops to provide 4 houses

As the applicant was attending the meeting, it was proposed that this item, which was No.,12 on the Agenda, be put forward. This proposal was unopposed and the discussion took place.

There had been one letter of objection, which was read out. The Council noted the objections, but felt the proposed development was keeping with the rest of the developments along The Bank and supported it. It also recommended developers look at Salliforth which it felt had been finished with particular care and attention.

5. REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- a) Appraisal guidance and form obtained from WALC – *noted*
- b) WCC Keeper of Archeology has advised that they aim for the panels to be ready

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- end of April and will advise when they are ready for collection
c) Application for CiLCA – *this was being sent, with payment, at the end of the month*

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) WCC – Checkmate leaflets received from Travelline – available in Parish Office – *various members requested copied*
- Advisory Lorry Route Map -
- SpeedAware - - Free assistance to help communities tackle speeding traffic
This a new, temporary, service being offered by WWC. It should be stressed that it is temporary. It was suggested that the clerk can keep a record of resident's calls regarding speeding and use this to monitor the situation and see if there is any use for it
- b) SDC – West Midlands Lottery have awarded Stratford £200k for projects with innovative ways of capturing the playful imagination of children and young people – ideas? – *Note. Suggestions to be discussed at the Amenities Meeting*
- c) CPRE – Newsletter - circulated
- d) DEFRA – Clean Neighbourhood & Environmental Act 2005 – a Parish Council guide to environmental enforcement- *It was resolved that the Parish Council should try and get the necessary powers to be able to carry out on the spot fines*
- e) Letters complaining about the rubbish dumped along the Big Meadow hedge and requesting more bins. *It was resolved that the clerk should contact the National Probation Service to see if they would be able to help with a clean up operation.*
- f) Thank you letter from Bob Wright
- g) Letter regarding unsightly white vans parked on Tower Hill at the entrance to Bidford – *This was noted and it was agreed that there was not much the Parish Council can do as the verge is not its responsibility. WCC have been duly advised*
- h) Cotswold Line Promotion Group requesting funds for bench
Cannot be done as it is out of the Parish and the residents will not benefit from it
- i) Red Cross Week – fund raising request – *A contribution to be agreed at a later stage with other similar requests*
- j) Blythe Valley – Company introduction Arboricultural & Landscape Contractors
- k) MD Leisure – Traditional Family Fun Fair – *It was agreed that this could be an idea and it was resolved that the clerk should contact them and set up a meeting to discuss possibilities*
- l) Letter from resident complaining about anti social behaviour
Already reported to the Police.
- m) Coventry Airport – Letter from Jones Day (solicitors) Proposal for the revision of noise preferential routes/standard departure routes - *Noted*
- n) NHS - Commissioning a Patient Led NHS Submission document- *Noted*

7. AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED PARTIES

- a) CPRE – Outlook magazine
b) Environment Agency 0 Focus magazine

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- c) Breakthrough Breast Cancer Magazine
- d) WCC – Viewpoint Magazine
- e) Local Works – Campaign for the Sustainable Communities

8. RENEWALS

Data Protection – Cost of £35 approved
Membership of WALC - £657 – this was approved as the Council believe it is an excellent source of advice and assistance. Members agreed that they had benefited a lot from WALC in the last couple of years.

9. AMMENITIES WORKING GROUP MEETING

It was resolved members of this Working Group should meet on 3rd May to discuss a number of items, including

- Dugdale Avenue
- Results of the Youth Forum raised at the Annual Parish Meeting
- Big Meadow
- Broom Tip/Millers Bank

10. BIDFORD-ON-AVON BRIDGE UPDATE

Bridge maintenance has carried out a traffic count on 14th March between 7.00 am and 7.00 pm Of the vehicles photographed 7 were clearly over 10T and a further 11 were “possibles”. They have written to the freight companies regarding this advising they are breaking the law. They will also be informing the police of the results of their survey but have asked for the help of local residents. The Council has also received confirmation from Traffic Management Technician WCC that the weight restriction is MGW ie the plated weight of the vehicle. Therefore ALL lorries capable of carrying more than 10T are not allowed to cross the bridge.

11. MILLERS BANK – UPDATE

The Council has appointed Paul Hardy of Robert Lunn to act on the PC's behalf and now all dealings with Persimmons to go through them. Estimated charge is £600, which the Council agreed to.

Solicitors have heard from Persimmon after the Easter break and should be able to report back.

Regarding Broom Tip, the clerk has reminded SDC that the hedge/fence between the playing area and the tip itself has to be delivered in a good state: this is essential as it separates the playing area from the tip

12. REPORT FROM MEMBERS VISIT TO POLICE HQ

3 Members of the council and the Clerk had visited Police HQ at Leek Wootten..

They were very well received and shown round the control room and were able to see how things function, the problems they have etc.

Members noted the excellent clarity of the CCTV pictures coming from Leamington Spa/Warwick, which were quite superb specially compared to those of Stratford-upon-Avon which, although good, suffered in comparison. Police were unable to bring up pictures of Bidford-on-Avon : despite various efforts the picture shown was

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of the Banbury Road in Stratford. Other members were encouraged to make the visit which those who had attended had found very useful and interesting.

13. ACCOUNTS

Payments:

Purchases :	£6,178.72
Wages	£1,845.68
Donations	£ 50.00

Payments Received

Cemetery sales	£ 80.00
Allotment rents	£ 45.40
Precept	£67,000.00

The meeting closed at approx. 9.30 pm