



### **3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2008**

Cllr. Langston proposed the Minutes be accepted as being accurate and they were signed by the Chairman.

### **4. YOUTH FORUM**

There were no youngster present

### **5. PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no members of the public present

### **6. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

- As agreed, Cllr. Barnes had gone round Broom with the Broom Ward representative and a traffic project officer. Two main issues:
  - White van parked too close to the entrance to the village hall, blocking the view
  - Cars parking on the pavement
- There had been a meeting regarding Bidford Bridge, which had been quite positive, although costly; it will involve pads being placed on the bridge with the electrical equipment along Honeybourne Road – the main cost will be the electricity as there is none in the area at present. A further meeting will take place in Sept./October when details of progress made will be discussed. Some companies have requested an increase of the weight limit to 18T
- Fire and Rescue Services – the authorities had visited Somerset Fire and Rescue Services to look at their systems as it appears they have more stations in the county but with one pump as opposed to two pumps.
- Eco-Town – Cllr. Barnes had met the Minister Caroline Flint who answered many questions raised at the meeting. During the meeting she stated that
  - There was a lot of asbestos on the site
  - In its current state it was a “blot on the landscape”

The Councillor for Broom asked when the covers to the gullies on the road from Broom to Dunnington, which had gone missing some two months ago, be replaced. Copes had been placed over them, but they blow away in the wind and, he added he felt 2 months was too long for so many “open holes” on the highway which is regularly used as they are potentially dangerous.

### **7. REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

- The SDC magazine The Review, had now been posted to all residents in the District enclosing important information regarding the new refuse and recycling. Of special importance was the calendar which advised when and what refuse/recycling is being collected, especially as many areas were having a change of day. Kick off is the week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> August  
All the plastic recycling banks would be removed within the next couple of months (this is not applicable to Bidford which were removed some time ago!)

- Cllr. Barnes left the meeting
- Post Offices – SDC had sent its official response
- Details of updated figures relating to Local Futures – Bidford area. These were made available to the Clerk for photocopying and are available in the Parish Council Office.
- Telephone Boxes – none are to be lost locally. SDC has sent its official response to proposed closures
- New Grant Policy agreement adopted by WCC and SDC. Ward Members will be allowed to speak but not vote – same system as with planning. It will be reviewed after 12 months to see if it is working effectively.
- Work to be carried out to the footpath from Crompton Avenue to Home Trust Farm and the roundabout by the entrance to the Industrial Estate.

## 8. CLERK'S REPORT

This was read out and a copy, showing proposals and decisions made, where appropriate, is attached to these Minutes of which it forms part.

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE

- **WCC** –
  - Re Waymarking public rights of way in the Warwickshire countryside – *Noted P3 to be advised*
  - Speed Limit Review – Formal Consultation (Stratford)  
*The Parish Council supports the reduction to 50 mph as this was one of the issues raised in the Parish Appraisal Plan*
- **SDC** –
  - Re proposed training session for the new Code of Conduct and the work of the Standards and Ethics Committee (circulated)  
*It was proposed and agreed that the new councillors should attend the Code of Conduct briefings and to invite Liam Nevin to give a brief explanation of the work of the new Standard and Ethics Committee*
  - Parking enforcement figures April-June 2008 – *Noted.*
- **WALC**
  - Legal Briefing from NALC re The Power of the Promotion of Economic, Social or Environmental Well Being (circulated) – *Noted and await further developments*
  - Policy & Parliamentary Briefing from NALC re Empowerment White Paper (circulated) *Noted and await further developments*
- Update of Post Office Closure – West Midlands Regional Assembly Meeting (circulated) *Noted. The Chairman advised that it is worth noting that overall 2500 post offices must close. This means if one is reprieved another will close in its stead.*
- **WRCC** – A Step by Step Guide to Delivering new homes for local people in Stratford on Avon District – *Noted and brochures to be displayed*
- Request from resident to hold a talent show on the Big Meadow next summer – *The Parish Council will support this event, especially if it is linked to the*

*BIG (Bidford Intergeneration Group) Community Event planned for 2009. Regarding insurance and licensing – the Clerk had advised whom to approach*

- Request from resident that, following the recent refurbishments at Jubilee Close and Broom playing areas, a request has been received for the play equipment in Marleigh Road and the Big Meadow to be updated  
*The Parish Council will consider this request at the next Finance Committee Meeting. However, it was noted that last time the Marleigh Road play area had been extended, there had been complaints by neighbours. It was, therefore, proposed and agreed they should be advised and invited to vote on any future equipment to be installed*

#### **10. REPORT RE THE FUTURE OF ALCESTER HOSPITAL**

Cllr., Gerrard had attended representing the Parish Council and spoke on its behalf. The meeting was well attended and addressed by a number of local people. The main point made was that it was a stepping stone to Redditch and Warwick Hospitals offering intermediate care beds for periods of between 6 and 10 weeks, which enabled many local residents to remain in the community. The removal of inpatient bed would, therefore, be a great loss to the local residents. The issue that there were no similar facilities in the north of the county was raised by the PCT who confirmed it was most unlikely that Alcester Hospital would continue to offer inpatient beds – care home with doctors practice would be a more likely scenario.

#### **11. BIG MEADOW**

The Trust has written to the Parish Council advising them of the proposed rent increase: from £9,390 to £10,000 per annum.

The Chairman proposed this be discussed at the next Finance Committee Meeting. This was unanimously carried

#### **12. TO CONSIDER THIS YEAR'S CHARITY DONATIONS (details circulated)**

The amounts sent every year to the Council's chosen charities have remained unchanged for some years. It was therefore proposed, and carried that these be considered at the next Finance Committee Meeting

#### **13. CALENDAR ACTION**

The required action for July is a review of the Standing Orders. The Chairman proposed that, as these had only recently been reviewed and adopted in October and December 2007, following the new Code of Conduct, they remain unchanged. This was carried.

#### **14. BROOM TRAFFIC CALMING UPDATE**

The Chairman advised as follows:

- £3,000 have been secured for a feasibility study
- Once a design has been agreed and costed, it will be presented, together with some other 7 proposals, to the West Area Joint Committee, who will apportion funds and decide which proposals should go ahead.

In view of the above, it was agreed that Members should meet with the Traffic Project Officer, Mr. Graham Stanly, and Cllr. Barnes to look at what could be done – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August @ 4.30 pm was agreed. Once designs were prepared, these will be presented at a meeting to the residents of Broom for their comments – as had been done in May 2005.

#### **15. BUSINESS SURVEY – UPDATE**

The replies had been collated and formatted by Henrik Uggerløse, who had attended the second meeting at Alcester between Alcester, Henley-in-Arden, Studley and Bidford-on-Avon. The survey was separated into 2 areas: High Street and Industrial Estate and a summary had been made available to the Chairman and Cllr. Gerrard who had attended the first meeting. – this was due to the size of the file, which was made available to any interested party.

It was proposed and agreed that the next step should be to offer to arrange a meeting with the business community to discuss ways forward and how and if the Parish Council can assist. The Economic Development Officer from SDC could be invited. The Clerk had also contacted Christine Evans, who had managed the recent and successful Buried under Bidford project, to look at the possibility of a museum in Bidford, to be housed in the High Street, with a view to increase tourism in the village and assist the High Street shops. It was noted that the Parish Council has no power to manage a museum; however it would approach the Bidford and District History Society to progress this proposal.

The Clerk added that SDC had been very helpful in supplying information and contact details.

#### **16. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Clerk advised that the first 2 applications had only been received on 14<sup>th</sup> July with replies required by 17<sup>th</sup> July. Too late for both Planning Committee and the Parish Council Meetings. Ward Members requested they be advised when this happened so they could take it up with the relevant officers.

- **08/01487/FUL – Mr. and Mrs. Wasley 2 Wessons Road B50 4DR**  
Conservatory to the rear elevation  
*No representation*
- **08/01513/FUL Mr. and Mrs. S. Slaughter, 16 Salford Road B50 4EN**  
Two storey extension replacing double garage  
*No representation*
- **08/01645/AGNOT – Mr. F. Dennis, Crooked Barn Cottage, Dorsington**  
Agricultural Barn  
*Notice had been received from SDC that this required a planning application*
- **08/01675/FUL & 08/01676/LBC – Mr. S. Day The Brew House, Mill Lane, Broom**  
Revision to approved planning permission 05/02039/FUL and 02040/LBC to change glass roof to slate roof with roof lights over conservatory  
*No representation*

The Ward Members left the meeting

#### **17. CONTRACT (CATERING AND MOWING)**

There was no need to request members of the public to leave.

- Catering Contract – it was agreed to arrange a meeting between the Licensing Dept. and the Parish Council to be attended by the Ward Members.
- Mowing Contract - it was resolved to give an ex gratia contribution of £50 towards the repair of a damaged tyre caused whilst mowing the land to the rear of the fire station.

#### **18. ACCOUNTS**

- The Clerk advised that the payments for EDF and NPower (both electricity) are now being paid by DDM (Ref. PC Mins April 2008/12) and do not, therefore, appear on the cheque list but under Bank Movements
- The Clerk also advised that she was retaining the cheque for Records RSS for the play equipment in Kings Lane, Broom until she was fully satisfied with the installation (there have been some problems due to instability of the ground). It had, therefore, been agreed between the RFO and the Clerk that an amount of £28,500 should be transferred from the current account to the Investment Account until payment was authorized.

Members duly noted the above

Purchases :	9,254.06
DDM	824.61
Wages:	2,048.01

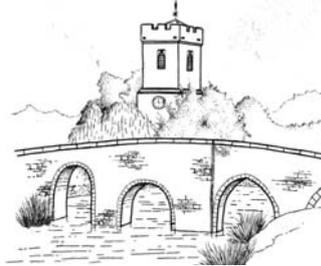
Payments Received	
Meadow Hire Charges	300.00
Meadow Parking	282.10
Burial fees	680.00

It was resolved Cllrs. Mrs. Keeley and Langston sign the cheques

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

# **BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **In the County of Warwickshire**



### **CLERKS REPORT JULY 2008**

- **MATTERS ARISING**

- Instructions have been given for the replacement of 5 street light column, using the new electronic type, as per the Parish Council Programme
- Grant for 6 benches for open space areas has been sent – this is for 50% of the value with the Parish Council funding the other 50%. It is hoped SDC will advise me by mid August.
- The two Ollerton benches have been delivered. I have requested residents from Grafton Lane to indicate preference as to where it should be placed to assist shoppers returning from Budgens. Perhaps the question can also be put to those attending The Jolly Teapot.
- Flood Grant request has been sent in following consultation with Kate Royston (Marlcliffe) for Damfast gates, vent covers and Aqua sacs (based on 75 houses)
- Annual Accounts have been sent to external auditors

- **MILLERS BANK, BROOM** – Residents have requested the trees at the rear, be inspected as they believe they may need pollarding. I have instructed an inspection and a quotation for any work that may be required.

- **PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER** – As one of the projects to be run under BIG (Bidford Intergeneration Group) a Newsletter will be issued quarterly and posted to all houses within Bidford Parish Council. Apart from news from the Parish Council, events etc. the newsletter is also an opportunity for ALL residents, of whatever age, to send in their thoughts, stories, etc. The intention is that this newsletter will be a means of

communication/dialogue between all local residents – so email your contributions to [bidford.paper@yahoo.com](mailto:bidford.paper@yahoo.com)

The newsletter will be printed by local printers Bloomfields, who have quoted £365 for a run of 2,500 in colour, and I have asked the Young Firefighters whether they would be prepared to make the delivery for which the Parish Council is prepared to pay, and they have agreed although requested some more information. I would suggest £65 for 2,500 which would be £260 p.a. – this would mean a trustworthy delivery method and a way of helping to fund the Young Firefighters.

*This scheme was supported by Members and the motion carried.*

- **BIG MEADOW** – It has come to my notice that some groups are organizing events on the Big Meadow , attended by people from outside the Bidford area, without advising the Parish Council and expecting to be able to park without the £2 payment. Two instances occurred the week end of 19/20<sup>th</sup> July:
  - A canoe group from Stratford using the Big Meadow as a stop over for breakfast etc. – bringing their own NOT going to one of Bidford's eating places
  - Bidford Angling Group

I feel some rules should be put in place to deal with these instances.

*It was confirmed that any visitor to the Big Meadow who is not a resident of the parish must pay the £2.00 entrance fee and the Clerk was instructed to advise the Angling Club accordingly*