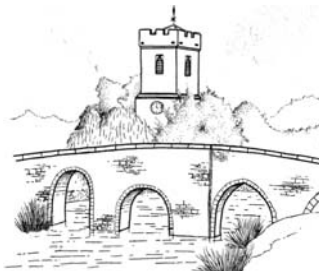


BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

In the County of Warwickshire



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18th August 2008 at 7.30 pm at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Bramley Way

PRESENT

Chairman Cllr. Mrs. Keeley
Cllrs. Ms. Deacon, Gerrard, Hendey, Hill, Hiscocks, Langston, Sandle, Spiers and Williams

Also present. District Cllr. Slaughter and 2 members of the public
County Cllr. Barnes and District Cll. James had sent their apologies

1. APOLOGIES

There were none

2. DECLARATION TO INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

All members of the Council are respectfully reminded that in order to comply with the Code of conducted adopted by the Parish Council on 20th August 2007 if any matter arises during the meeting in which they have Declared an Interest which could be personal or prejudicial they should declare so and leave the room.

None declared

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28TH JULY 2008

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

4. YOUTH FORUM

There were no youngsters present

5. PUBLIC FORUM

- A resident, who is on the Allotment list, wished to know what priority the Council was giving to those residents wishing to have an allotment as it was his understanding the list was quite long and he was interested in knowing whether alternative sites were being looked at to ensure the waiting was not too long.

The Chairman of the Allotment Working Group advised that the Council was being much stricter with tenants who did not keep their allotments in good cultivation order and that this should allow for some allotments to become available in September. Some 5 allotments had already changed hands since April. He added that the allotment site in Broom had been returned to County Council some years ago as there were no interested residents at the time. However, in view of this renewed interest, the Clerk was instructed to contact County Council to see if there was any land in Bidford available for allotments and report back.

The residents thanked the council and left

6. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr. Barnes had sent in his apologies. However he arrived later in the meeting, and made the following report:

- He was pleased with the traffic calming meeting held at Broom and about the speed check to be carried out in Broom High Street and Mill Lane and on Victoria Road.
He had received a request from residents of Grafton Lane for something similar. Cllr. Williams, who lives in Grafton Lane, advised that there had been a speed check on the junction of Grafton Lane and Tower Hill recently.
- Bidford Fire Station – the report from the Joint Committee review was expected on 22nd September when it would be discussed at Cabinet Committee
- Bull Dog Bash – police presence had been excessive, some were even carrying machine guns. Concerns were being made of the high cost of this, money that would then not be available for other policing matters.

7. REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- The new refuse and recycling was proceeding with not too many hitches. Councillors expressed concern that there would be no green recycling collection from November to April, despite the fact that leaves fall in the autumn months! The Clerk was instructed to contact Robert Weeks regarding

this issue.

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**
 - Official response to Post Office Closures (circulated) - *Noted*
 - Advice of changes to Bus Service 212 effective from 2nd Sept. 2008 - *Noted*
 - Biodiversity Action Plan (PARISH BAP) – *it was proposed that the P3 be advised of this as it could be of interest to one or all their members. This was carried*
- **SDC**
 - Independent Inspection of Play Areas – *Clerk instructed to accept this offer and advise SDC of the play area*
 - Invitation to attend the Rural Housing Enabling Event @ Ettington Village Community Centre on 8th Oct. 2008 @ 4.00 pm
It was agreed Cllr. Hiscocks and Mrs. Keeley attend
 - Local Development Framework – Meeting Housing Needs Supplementary Planning Document – *Noted*
- WALC – Invitation to Low Carbon Conference on 4th Oct. 2008 in Wales – *not feasible for any councillors to attend*
- CPRE – August newsletter (circulated)
- Invitation to attend meeting in Marlcliff for an update on the Flood Defence Scheme (EA and SDC will be attending) – *Cllrs. Hendey and Langston to attend on 28th August @ 6.00 pm*
- Eco Town – Copy of the LGA press release dated 23rd July 2008 and legal opinion on Eco Town are available for interested parties. – *to be sent to all councillors on email*
- Resident with queries regarding Allotments – *this was answered during the public forum*
- Independent Memorial Inspection offering its services – *noted. Councillors satisfied with the current inspection carried out by its contractors.*

County Cllr. Barnes arrived at this time – his report can be found under Item 6. He left once he gave his report.

10. FINANCE AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE MEETING -

The RFO had replied to the request for clarification regarding the Debtors figure and how the headings “Period” and “Year to Date” related to each other. This had been circulated to members who were satisfied with the reply.

The Chairman of the Finance & Strategy Committee advised that an appraisal of the RFO was now due and the Clerk was instructed to arrange for a suitable date for this

to be carried out.

11. UPDATE ON ALLOTMENTS

This issue was discussed during the Public Forum. The Clerk was instructed to contact WCC to enquire as to the availability of any land suitable for allotments within the village.

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- **08/02013/FUL Mr. T. C. Lockyer, 63 Marleigh Road B50 4EE –**
Conservatory to the rear
No representation
- **08/02080/LBC Mrs. Amada Randle, Wisson Farm, 16 Welford Road, Barton**
Alter front face of house by exposing timber frame stone and brick and not re-rendering with appropriate modification to windows
No representation

13. ACCOUNTS

The Clerk advised the Ex Carnival account had now been closed. The balance on the account was £52.45 and it was proposed this amount be donated to the Bidford Youth Action. This was carried.

Purchases :	4,213.28
DDM	1,552.01
Wages:	2,047.61
Donations	935.00

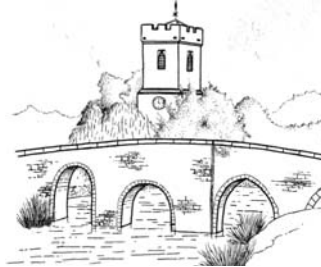
Payments Received	
Meadow Hire Charges	300.00
Meadow Parking	282.10
Burial fees	680.00

It was resolved Cllrs. Gerrard and Spiers sign the cheques

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

In the County of Warwickshire



CLERKS REPORT AUGUST 2008

- **MATTERS ARISING**

- Community Forums – as instructed at the May Parish Council Meeting, I wrote to WALC advising that Bidford Parish Council felt very strongly that *Parish and Town Councils should have an active representation in these Forums.....and that at least Alcester and Bidford should be represented as the premier councils in its area and perhaps one or two of the smaller ones to make it truly representative.*

I can now advise that it has been agreed that Bidford be represented by a Councillor and, as the first meeting is on Tuesday 2nd September I would ask the Council to elect its representative and a deputy. There will be a Alcester/Bidford Liaison meeting on Thursday 28th August where all the parishes within the Forum Locality will be invited to attend to discuss what matters should be raised at the Community Forum Meeting.

- Broom Traffic Calming – Members of the Parish Council met with Cllr, Barnes and Traffic Project Manager Graham Stanley to discuss proposals to be put forward at the next West Area Joint Committee Meeting.

It was agreed that before designs could be made, it was important to establish the current speed of vehicles travelling through the High Street and Mill Lane. Once this has been established, proposed designs will be made available to the Parish Council for consultation with Broom residents.

- An invitation to attend a meeting has been issued to the companies based on the Industrial Estate to give them a forum to discuss their common problems and propose solutions. It will also be attended by the Parish Council and the Police.

With regards to the High Street, I have a meeting with the Chief Executive of Shakespeare County to see what can be done to raise the tourist profile of Bidford – and what financial and other assistance they can give – in order to revitalize the High Street.

The Parish Council will also visit the High Street shops to see if there is anything else that can be done – apart from signage and parking, which were the two salient points of the survey results with regards to the High Street.

- Grant requests:
 - Flood – the decision for this has been delayed until September
 - Benches – this has been delayed due to changes in how grants are allocated following the Joint Committee system where both WCC and SDC work together.
 - Grant request for the newsletter has been sent
 - Broom – an inspection has been carried out of the trees on Millers Bank and a number of options put to the Parish Council. However, as this is a Conservation Area, I have asked SDC to meet me on site to discuss which option
 - The bench requested to assist residents on their way back from Budgens has found a home – on the corner of ~Waterloo Road and the B439 (by Falcons Crescent) – consultation with Highways showed this as the best option.
- **Rural Cinema** I should like to remind all that the Rural Cinema is restarting in September with films being screened on :
 - Friday 12th and 26th Sept. @ 7.00 pmAny suggestions are always welcome – but may I say that yes Mama Mia has already been requested and will be screened as soon as it is available!
 - **Clerk Development** - I am pleased to advise that my application to join the Local Policy Distance Learning Course has been accepted, and I shall start the two year course in October, I wish to thank the Parish Council for its support in this endeavour.
 - **Recycling** – Hope everyone is coping with the new system. Any problems, please do not hesitate to contact me and I shall try and help. As you are no doubt aware, some items cannot be recycled, and some can be reused, so I shall be placing two boxes outside the office in the lobby:
 - One for batteries and light bulbs to be taken to the tip by a resident who has kindly volunteered, when the box is full
 - One for cartridges that can be sent for refilling

- **Parish BAP** – this refers to an item of Correspondence from WCC and is subtitled “ **A Biodiversity Action Plan for Local Communities - What you can do for your wildlife and wild spaces**”. A booklet is available and there is also a site on WCC’s website. Any resident/residents interested in nature and wild life may be interested in looking at this and identify any site within the Parish that could benefit from such a plan.