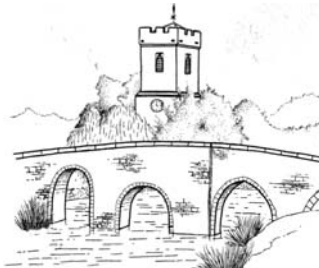


# **BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **In the County of Warwickshire**



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at 7.30 pm at Broom Village Hall, High Street, Broom**

### **PRESENT**

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

Also present. District Cllr. James and Pemberton and 4 members of the public  
District Cllr. Slaughter had sent his apologies and  
County Cllr. Barnes is currently house bound

### **1. APOLOGIES**

Cllr. Gerrard had sent in his apologies which were accepted by the Council

### **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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

*Cllrs. Ms. Deacon and Hiscocks declared a personal interest in Item 17 Planning Application No. 08/02893/FUL for 59 Westholme Road*

### **3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2008**

Cllr. Ms. Deacon 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 thanked the Parish Council for the play area equipment installed on the Kings Lane play area
- A resident had thanked the Parish Council by email for providing the extra green waste recycling
- Cllr. Hiscocks, representing himself and Nos. 34 and 36 Victoria Road, objected to the development of 59 Westholme Road on the basis of :
  - height which resulted in it not being in keeping with the street scene.
  - Dormer windows overlooked the gardens of 34, 36 and 38 Victoria Road as well as of neighbours on Westholme Road
  - Garage – situation to the back of the house and sizeHe added that, should permission be given, then building regulations, especially days and times when work should take place, should be strictly enforced.
- The owner of 59 Westholme Road explained her reasons for the development:
  - Due to illness she needs to live in a bungalow and would very much like to remain in Bidford – this would be her only opportunity to do so.
  - Her daughter does not like sleeping on the ground floor – hence the dormer facility
  - Height has been much reduced so that it is in keeping with the rest of the street

The Chairman thanked the residents.

#### 6. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr. Pemberton advised he was representing Cllr. Barnes. The main issue was the Broom Traffic Survey but, he noted this was on the Agenda and would no doubt be discussed at that time.

He also noted that the Parish Council Surgery had taken place on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>, whereas Cllr. Barnes was under the impression it was taking place on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>. The Chairman explained the surgery had taken place **prior** the Parish Council meeting to give residents the opportunity to discuss the results and the proposals before any decision was made by the Parish Council.

Cllr. Pemberton asked if there were any other issues for County Council – the Chairman advised that the only other issue was WCCs contribution to the Environment Agency's proposal for a flood defence at Millers Bank, Broom which apparently was uncertain. This had been raised by a resident of Millers

Bank at the surgery and the Clerk had contacted Cllr. Doody and was meeting him on Thursday morning.

## 7. REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- Core Strategy – it was important the Parish Council reply to this and make its comments known.
- Alcester and Bidford Local Community Forum. Which took place on 18<sup>th</sup> November, had been excellent with a number of youngsters attending. There had also been a positive response to the format changes made, making the forum more informal and more accessible to residents

The Chairman advised that she, and other councilors, had been approached by residents thanking the council for the extra green waste recycling collections organized by the Parish Council, but asking why SDC had stopped the collections before the end of November, when all the leaves fall. District Councilors agreed with this comment and suggested the Parish Council write to Cllr. Jackson regarding this issue.

## 8. CLERK'S REPORT

This was read out for information purposes. Copy, which form part of the minutes, is attached hereto.

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE

- SDC – Decorum Standards and Ethics Newsletter – Presentation of Code of Conduct available on:  
13 Jan. 2009 @ Elizabeth House – 6.00 – 8.00 pm  
20 Jan. 2009 @ Clark House, Shipston on Stour 6.00 -8.00 pm  
*Noted – copies of the newsletter given to the councilors who have not attended a presentation*
- WALC
  - Oct. newsletter (circulated) – *noted*
  - Legal Briefing Update on Sustainable Communities Act 2007 (circulated). *Noted*
  - Letter from Hazel Blears on Sustainable Communities Act 2007 (circulated) *Noted*
- Wychavon DC - Notification Draft Supplementary Planning Document  
*Noted*
- Stop! Listen...Play with English Serenata – letter requesting grant of £300  
*It was noted they did a lot of good work in the village and it was proposed that £300 be donated in the year 2009/10. This was unanimously carried*
- Still Remembered Grave Tending Services – Coventry based company offering their services *.It was proposed, and carried, m that this be posted on the website for the information of any resident who may wish to use this service.*

**10. BROOM TRAFFIC SURVEY** To consider proposals following the recent traffic count survey (circulated)

Before reading out the Feasibility Report sent by County Councils Traffic Projects, and the proposals recommended, the Chairman informed the Council that currently, the only money available was for a feasibility study. Money to implement any proposal would have to be approved by County Council at a meeting, date of which had to be confirmed.

The survey and the proposal had been circulated to members and it was proposed the Parish Council accept the recommendation and this was unanimously carried.

The Clerk was requested to post the information on the Parish Council's website so that it is accessible to all residents.

**11. REPORT FROM PARISH COUNCIL SURGERY**

This had taken place on Saturday at Broom Village Hall. Two residents had attended.

- Resident from Millers Bank drew attention to an article from The Herald regarding the proposed flood defence at Millers Bank. The Clerk had followed this up and was meeting the resident together with Cllr. Doody (WCC) on Thursday 27th Nov.
- Resident from Marlcliff raised the issue of noise from Riverside Shooting Ground. He was advised that they function under the 28 day. The Clerk would obtain a schedule of which days they shoot and the resident would keep a diary of when he heard shooting take place. Then, if necessary, the issue would be raised with the appropriate authority namely SDC

**12. STRATFORD -ON-AVON DC LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK - DRAFT CORE STRATEGY – To consider the Parish Council's response to the consultation which ends 9<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2009.**

It was proposed that a sub-committee of two councillors and the Clerk would meet to complete this on behalf of the Parish Council. This was carried and Cllrs Ms. Deacon and Hiscocks were nominated.

**13. MEETINGS FOR 2009** - to consider proposed dates for Planning Committee and Parish Council Meetings for 2009, as well as Parish Council Surgeries

These had been circulated and were agreed.

However, it was proposed that from next year, the Calendar should be the Parish Council one (1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March) instead of the Calendar Year – this was carried to be effective from April 2010.

**14. CALENDAR ACTION – to agree date for staff appraisal**

Date was proposed and agreed – 12<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2009

**15. QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL PROJECTS FUNDS** - to consider applying for funding within the agreed criteria

It was proposed and agreed to apply for the “Improving Community Engagement” to support the BIG Newsletter, which is issued quarterly and delivered to all households by the Young Firefighters.

**16. DUGDALE - to consider annual charge to be made to football teams**

It was proposed and agreed that the annual fee be increased to £125. This would not include any additional grass cutting that may be required

**17. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Cllrs. Ms. Deacon and Hiscock, who had declared a personal interest, left the room at this point

- **08/02893/FUL – Mr. Peter Fitchett, 59 Westholme Road, B50 4AL**

Proposed dormer bungalow and garage to replace existing bungalow

The Council made the following comments:

*The plans had been shown to the Council prior to the application being made and, as the height had been reduced to fall in line with the rest of the street scene, the Parish Council had no objections, subject to:*

- *The dormer windows will overlook back gardens of Nos. 34/36 and 38 Victoria Road as well as the neighbours on Westholme Road - obscure/opaque glass should be used*
- *it is essential building regulations be strictly enforced especially in respect of work days and hours. No work should take place on Sundays or Bank Holidays or before or after the prescribed hours.*

- **08/02857/FUL – Mr. P. Collins, 1 Manor Cottage, Hillsborough Lane**

Proposed two storey extension to rear elevation and new replacement porch to front elevation

*This property does not fall within the Bidford Parish Council area*

- **08/02859/LDE Mr. and Mrs. R. Wright, 34 Waterloo Road, B50 4JH**

Use of land as residential cartilage

*No representation*

- **08/02900/FUL Mr. and Mrs. J. Harvey, 18th High Street, Broom**

Erection of 2 storey extension and porch to front

*No representation*

**18. ACCOUNTS**

The Clerk brought to the attention of the Councillors the list of DDM paid and these were noted and initialed noted

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| Purchases : | 5,170.11 |
| DDM         | 896.02   |
| Wages:      | 2,397.05 |

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| Payments Received        |          |
| Reimbursement Total Care | 4.99     |
| Allotments               | 65.00    |
| VAT refund               | 1,251.63 |
| Flood Relief Grant       | 3,200.00 |
| Newsletter grant         | 500.00   |

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

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

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### CLERKS REPORT - NOVEMBER 2008

- **MATTERS ARISING (for information only)**
  - As agreed, I contacted WCC regarding the new culverts on Bidford Bridge and inspected the area with County Council Officers. Following this, it was agreed that Bridge Maintenance would carry out the following work:
    - Clear out the culverts
    - Remove vegetation and silt immediately upstream and downstream
    - Reinststate the ditch on the west/downstream side of the highwayHowever, it became obvious that there is an extensive problem with highways drainage in the area and this has been brought to the attention of the appropriate department for their consideration.
  - The following were ordered:
    - Picnic benches (6) were ordered. Regrettably there has been a slight hitch and the order was not passed on to the workshop. So there will be a slight delay in the delivery.!
    - Play equipment for Marleigh Park
    - Bench to be installed on The Leys
    - 6 bins
- **PHILLIS** – Regrettably, the BASIC FIRST AID session, which was taking place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November, had to be cancelled. However, it has been rescheduled, and will now take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December at the Parish Council Meeting Room between 10.00 am – 12.00 noon.
- **COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDER** – this is a voluntary scheme which West Midlands Ambulance Service would like to establish in the Bidford area as the number of emergencies are increasing and they need to improve on the 8 minute respond time. Any resident, aged between 18 – 80 who would like to volunteer to help save lives, please contact Ian Inglesant on 07795 027 284 or email

[ian.inglesant@wmas.nhs.uk](mailto:ian.inglesant@wmas.nhs.uk)

- **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK – 2011-2026** – Consultation is currently taking place to prepare the Core Strategy of the above and Bidford-on-Avon is one of the areas proposed for development. The consultation ends on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2009 and the Parish Council would urge residents to ensure they take this opportunity to make their views known to District Council. Information and forms are available in the Parish Council Office lobby and in Broom Village Hall. I also hope to make them available via the Parish Council’s website [www.bidfordonavon-pc.gov.uk](http://www.bidfordonavon-pc.gov.uk). If you would like a form and are unable to access one, please contact me on 778653/07718628925.
- **HOME CHOICE PLUS** – Stratford District Council’s Housing Waiting List is changing as from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2008, as was reported at the last Parish Council Meeting. Information is available in the Parish Council Office and on the Parish Council’s website: [www.bidfordonavon-pc.gov.uk](http://www.bidfordonavon-pc.gov.uk)
- **WINTER MAINTENANCE IN WARWICKSHIRE 2008/09** – County Council’s County Highways have prepared a leaflet showing the gritting routes for the winter season 2008/09. This information is available in the Parish Council Office lobby as well as on WCC’s website: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk) click on “W” and scroll down to **winter road maintenance** for full details.
- **WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – PRIME TIME** – copies of this newsletter are available in the Parish Council Office lobby, together with some PHILLIS leaflets
- **SOUTH WARWICKSHIRE CARERS SUPPORT SERVICE** – latest newsletter available in the Parish Council Office lobby
- The second issue of the **Bidford Inter Generation** newsletter will shortly be published. The Parish Council hopes you will enjoy the contents and invites all residents to contribute. The newsletter is published quarterly and distributed to all householders by the Bidford Young Firefighters. To send your contribution, please email: [bidford.paper@yahoo.com](mailto:bidford.paper@yahoo.com)
- **MEETINGS ;**
  - Planning Committee Meeting is on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December @ 7.30 pm
  - Parish Council Meeting is on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December @ 7.30 pmBoth meetings are held at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Bramley Way