

5. PUBLIC FORUM

- Residents from Barton advised the Council of the continuous use of Welford Road by HGVs – they are too wide and large for this road, and so heavy they make the houses shake.
- Resident requested a bench be installed for walkers at the top of Tower Hill, by the old observation point. The Clerk was instructed to find out who owns the land, although it is probable it is WCC.
- Residents from Millers Bank raised the issue of the planned sand and gravel extraction sites near Broom. Council advised it was writing objecting to these and was encouraging other residents to do likewise.

6. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- Cllr. Barnes advised that at a recent Cabinet meeting it had been resolved that the home care, currently run internally by WCC should be transformed into a rablement service – this could result in a number of redundancies which included Bidford residents.
The proposal is being further considered at a meeting of the Adult and Community Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee (date to be confirmed)
- WCC is trying to liaise with Worcestershire CC to improve the signs on Honeybourne Road in an effort to reduce the number of HGVs illegally crossing Bidford Bridge.

Cllr. Barnes left the meeting

7. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- The new waste collections came into effect on 6th April. Thankfully, it would appear there were not many problems in this area that had quickly got used to the new rotas.
Since the new recycling system started in April 2008, recycling had gone up by 64% which was excellent news.
It should be noted that additional green and grey bins ARE available should anyone want a second bin.
- Blenheim Nursery Planning Application – this was going before the Planning and Regulation Committee on 19th May @ 2.00 pm –
- Environment Health Dept. had sent a strongly worded objection to the Minerals Core Strategy consultation, insisting on the requirement of buffer zones on the grounds of the dust generated by the extraction which was detrimental to health
- From 26th May there would only be one Planning Committee – details still be worked out.
- The revised Core Strategy and Sustainability had been adopted
- Decision on Eco Town was being deferred until after West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy update expected soon. However, it should be noted that the current SDC Local Plan includes 500 houses on part of the proposed site.

8. TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

This had been circulated to councilors for their information and is attached to these Minutes

9. TO RECEIVE/CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- WCC – Bus Service Improvements – Consultation 2009 – require feedback on the suitability of the bus services operating through the parish.
RESOLVED to advise of the success of the new 30minute service for Bus. No. 28/28a
- SDC Parking Enforcement Figures 2008/09
RESOLVED to note them (they are available)
- CPRE – Newsletter (circulated) and Invitation to attend a meeting A Future for the Warwickshire Countryside at Leek Wootton Village Hall on 25th June
RESOLVED Cllr. Hiscocks to attend, work permitting, and the Clerk.
- Local Works – Request support for Early Day Motion (EDM) Nos. 1064 -Local Spending Reports under the Sustainable Communities Act and EDM 1010 in support of the Green Energy Bill (circulated)
RESOLVED the Clerk to write to John Maples MP requesting he support these EDMs
- Letter from resident wishing to hold a charity raft race on August Bank Holiday
RESOLVED to allow the race subject to a satisfactorily Risk Assessment being carried out, sent and approved by the Council.

10. TO CONSIDER RENEWAL OF WALC MEMBERSHIP

The annual cost is £732.00

RESOLVED to approve renewal

11. TO CONSIDER THE ONLINE OPTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING PARISH PLAN REVIEW

A presentation had been made by David Morgan at the Annual Parish Meeting and the cost should be approx. £500 and no more than £1,000.

It was proposed that, as this would be a more efficient and cheaper way of carrying out the survey, it should be accepted.

RESOLVED to accept the online option

12. TO CONSIDER AUTHORISING THE PCSOs TO ENFORCE THE NEWLY ADOPTED CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOODS AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 2005; THE DOG CONTROL ORDER (PRESCRIBED OFFENCES AND PENALTIES, ETC.) REGULATIONS 2006 (SI1006/1059) THE FOULING OF LAND BY DOGS (DISTRICT OF STRATFORD-ON-AVON) ORDER 2009 ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Clerk confirmed PCSOs can be authorized subject to approval by the Police. She had met Sgt. Wilde who had no objection.

RESOLVED to authorize the PCSOs to act on the Council's behalf

13. TO CONSIDER INSTALLING 6 PICNIC BENCHES ON THE BIG MEADOW

The Clerk advised the total cost would be £900.

RESOLVED to authorize the purchase

14. TO CONSIDER PURCHASING 2 X OLLERTON BENCHES FOR THE VILLAGE

The Chairman reminded members that it had already authorized the installation of 1 by the bus stop at Tower Hill and that a resident had requested a further one at the start of this meeting.

It was also proposed that a third one be purchased for the Big Meadow.

It was proposed that 3 Ollerton benches be purchased at a cost of £1,818

RESOLVED to authorize the purchase

15. TO CONSIDER THE CLEARING OF THE POND AT MILLERS BANK

A site visit had taken place with a senior community project of British Conservation Trust Volunteers (BCTV) and a report sent to Councillors.

The recommendation was to wait until the Environment Agency builds the flood defence wall.

RESOLVED to accept the recommendation.

16. TO REVIEW THE REGISTER OF INTERESTS

Councillors advised no change.

RESOLVED Councillors to advise of any change when and if it became pertinent

17. TO REVIEW INSURANCE COVER

The Chairman of the Finance and Strategy Committee stated that an extensive review had taken place last year and that no adverse effects had been noted.

The Clerk advised a quotation had been received from another insurance company – via a broker – but that it was approx. £1300 more expensive.

The Chairman of the Finance and Strategy Committee, taking the above into account, proposed the Council continue with its current cover and insurers.

RESOLVED to renew insurance policy with current insurance company.

18. TO CONSIDER SUGGESTION FROM WALC TO START EARMARKING SOME FUNDS TO CELEBRATE HM THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE IN 2012

Proposed this suggestion be noted

RESOLVED to note the suggestion and see if funds would be available later in the year.

19. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATION

- **09/00543/FUL – Mr. D. Khara 25 Steppes Piece, B50 4AT**

Two storey side extension and single storey rear conservatory extension

The council made the following comments:

- *No objection to the extension*
- *VERY concerned about the proposed access which they consider to be in a dangerous position with poor visibility on quite a busy residential road*
- *Concern was also expressed as to whether the "bridge" for this access will narrow the brook, exacerbating the possibility of flooding*

20. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MONTHSD PAYMENT AND ACCOUNTS

Purchases :	£2,617.86
DDM	1,506.90
Wages:	2,242.01
Donations/Grants	9,226.01

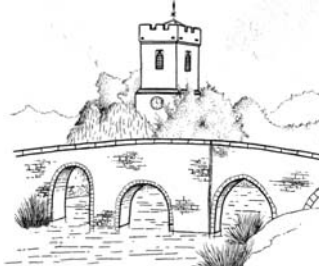
Purchase figure includes a cheque for £42.50 (No. 4865) payable to SDC for discharge of conditions fees for Planning Application 08/01079/FUL

Payments Received	
Allotments	£1,040.78
Cemetery:	600.00
Big Meadow fees	1,070.00
Precept	77,200.00
Grant (Youth shelter)	2,586.00

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the accounts and the Cllrs. Hendey and Mrs. Keeley sign the cheques.

The meeting closed at approx. 8.45 pm

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CLERKS REPORT – APRIL 2009

- **MATTERS ARISING (for information only)**
 - E-mail has been sent in support of of the request for a safe pedestrian crossing south of Bidford Bridge
 - The Clerk contacted Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust and has been sent some forms “Join us to make a difference” which will be made available to any resident who wishes to do so.
 - Warwickshire’s Best Village Competition 2009 have sent forms for completion for :
 - Community Project (Bidford Rural cinema)
 - Communication (Parish Council)
 - History and Heritage (Bidford & District History Society)Closing date for all is 31st May 2009
 - Details of the Parish Biodiversity Action Network have been posted on the website
 - Jubilee Close swing – The Clerk requested 2 more quotations. Only one of them sent in a quotation which exceeds the amount earmarked for this. The order will, therefore, be given to Record RSS
 - Vintage Gathering – in view of the numbers expected, the Clerk contacted the Charity Trust for approval, which was heartily given

- **SITE TO REAR OF THE FIRE STATION 08/01079/FUL**

Following conversations with the planning department, details of the proposed landscaping is being sent together with cheque for £42.50. This will discharge the third and final condition.

- **BIG MEADOW WINTER PARKING**

It appears a number of HGVs are using this to turn on arriving at Bidford Bridge and realizing they can't driver over it.

This is a particular problem in the summer months when the winter car park is closed and cones are erected, as it means the gate keeper has to remove and replace them at regular intervals. PCSO Martin Sanford also mentioned he had to do it regularly last year.

It is also damaging the tarmac, and knocked down the fence – the maintenance and repairs of which are the responsibility of the Parish Council.

The Clerk has written to WCC requesting signs be erected stating there are no turning facilities ahead – alternatively, it can contribute funds to the Parish Council to be earmarked for the maintenance of the winter car park as it is being used as part of the Highway!

- **MEETINGS**

- **Planning Committee Meeting** is on Monday 11th May 2009 @ 7.30pm
- **Annual Parish Council Meeting** is on Monday 18th May 2009 @ 7.30 pm followed by
- **Parish Council Meeting**

All the above held at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Bramley Way