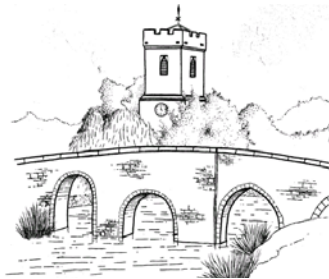


**BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**In the County of Warwickshire**



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Bramley Way. The Meeting started at approx. 7.45 pm after the Annual Parish Council Meeting**

**PRESENT**

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

Also present.                                11 members of the public and 1 member of the press

In attendance:                                Mrs. E. Uggerløse, Clerk to the Parish Council

**1. TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES**

*There were none*

**2. TO RECEIVE ANY 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.

*None declared*

**3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2TH APRIL 2009**

Cllr. Ms. Deacon proposed the Minutes be accepted as being accurate.

**RESOLVED** that Minutes should be accepted and signed by the Chairman

**4. YOUTH FORUM**

There were no youngsters present

## 5. PUBLIC FORUM

- Residents from Barton advised the Council of the continuous use of Welford Road by HGVs and that they would like the Parish Council to support their request to have a weight limit imposed on Welford Road and its advice on how to proceed.  
WCC has carried out a number of surveys, but none have addressed the issue, namely it is not so much the number of vehicles as the weight.
- A resident from Millers Bank asked if the Parish Council if it knew when the letters that had been written to WCC regarding the Mineral Core Strategy: Revised Spatial Option would be posted on WCC's website. The Clerk advised that, as far as she was aware, it would be done as soon as possible, but that he had to take into account the large number of letters that would have been sent from across the county.
- Resident campaigning for a safe crossing to the Big Meadow south of Bidford Bridge advised she had delivered 1000 petitions to the Parish Council and had since receiving a further 900.

## 6. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

No report

## 7. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

The Clerk advised SDC Cllr. Slaughter had advised that due to a prior meeting, he would be arriving late. The Chairman proposed to defer this item until the arrival of Cllr. Slaughter.

**RESOLVED** to defer the District Council Report until the arrival of Cllr. Slaughter

## 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

- WALC - Newsletter May 2009 (circulated) *Attention was drawn to*
  - *the item entitled GOVERNMENT SETS OUT PLANS TO SAFEGUARD FUTURE OF RURAL COMMUNITIES in view of the latest developments in the Local Development Plan: Core Strategy which includes 3 proposed sites in Bidford*
  - *WARWICKSHIRE ADVISORY LORRY ROUTE MAP 2<sup>ND</sup> EDITION.*  
**RESOLVED** *THE Clerk should contact the number given and obtain the notelets*  
Policy and Parliament Consultation – Possible changes to the administration of concessionary travel (circulated) - *noted*
- CPRE – Newsletter (circulated) *noted*  
Annual Review 2008/09 – available at the Parish Council Office *noted*
- BARD re Long Marston Masterplan (circulated)  
**RESOLVED** *work permitting, Cllr. Ms. Deacon would attend the meeting on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May*
- Invitation to Chairman to attend "Trinity" Monday's celebrations (Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2009) – Morris Men and Ale Tasting at the Bulls Head and The Frog.

**RESOLVED** that as many councilors as possible to attend this village event and to change the time of the Planning Committee Meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> June to 8.00 pm

- Invitation to attend the 46<sup>th</sup> AGM of CPRE Warwickshire – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June @ 5.00 pm Compton Scorpion Manor, Ilmington

**RESOLVED** Cllr. Hiscocks attend

- Thank you letters from:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Salford Priors Scout Group
  - Stop! Listen...Play with English Serenata
  - *The Clerk added another had been received from the Crawford Memorial Hall Committee enclosing a £200 donation*

#### **10. TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM RESIDENT TO REMOVE THE SINGLE GOAL POST AT JUBILEE CLOSE PLAY AREA**

The Council was reminded that it had agreed to review this after 12/18 months. It would appear that it encourages older youngsters to play football instead of being just a kick about activity. It was proposed it be removed

**RESOLVED** to remove the goal post

#### **11. TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM RESIDENT RE JUBILEE CLOSE PLAY EQUIPMENT**

Copy of the correspondence had been circulated to Councillors. The following points were raised:

- Jubilee Close is a play area
- The equipment referred to is similar in height to that which it replaced
- It is installed in the centre of the area
- There had been consultation prior to installation with residents invited to make their comments.

It was proposed the equipment remain

**RESOLVED** that the equipment not be removed

#### **12. TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM BARTON RESIDENT FOR A WEIGHT LIMIT ON WELFORD ROAD**

Copy of the correspondence had been circulated and photos were made available during the meeting.

It was proposed the Parish Council support the residents and that neighbouring villages, affected by the same problem, should be contacted

**RESOLVED** to support the request

At this point Cllr. Slaughter arrived and the Chairman invited him to make his report

#### **13. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCIL (ITEM 7 ON THE AGENDA)**

There was very little to report.

- Blenheim Nurseries planning application was being considered at a meeting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Councillors urged the Parish Council to attend and speak.

The Parish Council confirmed it would be attending and had already booked to speak at the meeting

**14. TO CONSIDER MAKING ALL PLAY AREAS (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE BIG MEADOW/MONIE MEADOW) ALCOHOL FREE AREAS WITH APPROPRIATE SIGNS**

The Clerk advised the cost per sign would be approx. £35. It was proposed to adopt this and that, even if the cost would be marginally higher, the signs should be post mounted.

**RESOLVED** to make the play areas Alcohol Free areas and duly sign posted (post mounted)

**15. TO CONSIDER ERECTING SIGNS ON EACH PLAY AREA STATING AGE GROUP FOR WHOM THE AREA IS DESIGNED FOR, NO DOG FOULING**

The approx. cost per sign would be £100 and 4 would be required.

It was proposed this be approved and again that they should be post mounted and, where possible, the Alcohol Free notice be incorporated.

**RESOLVED** to authorize the purchase and erection of the signs

**16. TO REVIEW/CONFIRM PAYMENTS BY DIRECT DEBIT**

The Clerk advised the following are being paid by DDM and confirmed that the system was functioning

- BT – telephone
- EDF – unmetered electricity
- Demon – Internet connection
- N. Power – metered street light
- Severn Trent – water
- University of Gloucester

**RESOLVED** to continue the above payments by DDM

**17. TO CONSIDER QUALITY PARISHES PROJECTS FUND**

The original request for support for the news letter had been rejected as the Council had already made provisions in the budget.

Two items were considered:

- The Parish Plan update
- Furniture for the 3 community computers that will be placed in the lobby

**RESOLVED** ; to apply for the grant to cover furniture for the community computers

**18. TO CONSIDER QUOTATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF THE FENCING BETWEEN KINGS LANE PLAY AREA AND “THE TIP”**

Due to the sensitive nature of this item, it was **RESOLVED** to request members of the public to leave the room

After some lengthy discussions considering the various options and costs involved it was **RESOLVED** that instead of improving the existing fence, the litter should be professionally removed 3/4 times per year as this represented better value for money.

## 19. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MONTHS PAYMENT AND ACCOUNTS

The Parish Council noted and retrospectively approved the following cheque payments in respect of fuel receipts under the Salford Road Cemetery Maintenance Contract

- 4510 - £30
- 4542 - £20
- 4570 - £20

The Council also noted and approved a replacement cheque for Warwickshire Association for the Blind, the original one having gone astray and never been cashed.

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| Purchases :      | £2,881.13                  |
| DDM              | 1,691.21                   |
| Wages:           | 2,242.11                   |
| Donations/Grants | 50.00 (replacement cheque) |

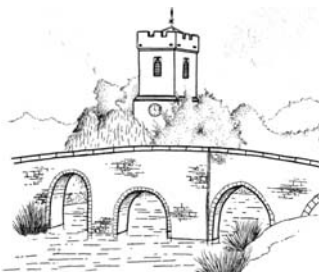
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| Payments Received           |         |
| Allotments                  | £ 15.00 |
| Cemetery:                   | 105.00  |
| Big Meadow fees             | 400.00  |
| Other fees                  | 83.97   |
| Donation from Crawford Hall | 200.00  |

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the accounts and that Cllrs. Gerrard and Sandle sign the cheques.

The meeting closed at approx. 8.45 pm

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### CLERKS REPORT - MAY 2009

- **MATTERS ARISING (for information only)**
  - I have contacted WCC regarding the request to install a bench at the top of Tower Hill. It has no objection and the tenant has given his approval. WCC would like installation of the bench to coincide with some work it is carrying out to the old bomb shelter.
  - I e-mailed J. Maples MP requesting him to support the two Early Day Motions
  - Parish Plan Review – meeting has been arranged for 19<sup>th</sup> June with SDC to start organizing this.
  - Insurance – renewal has been renegotiated at a better premium subject to an increased £250 excess. The saving is of £1,101.62 with an increased Public Liability cover (£10,000,000) and includes the new play equipment in Marleigh Park
  
- The Parish Council sent an e-mail to the Chairman of the Adult and Community Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee, with copy to all committee members, Portfolio Holder and Cllr. Barnes, requesting that, at its closed meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May, it look rigorously at the proposals with a view to maintaining, not just the quality of service, but also the structure, so far as possible, at the receiver end, so that there is continuity in the services provided and a minimum of disruption to the lives of the elderly using the services.
  
- The Parish Council received a 39 page petition regarding the request for a pedestrian crossing south of Bidford Bridge, which it sent, together with a letter of support for this scheme, to Mr. Gafoor Din at County Council
  
- The Parish has been able to obtain a further 2 computers – this time from Stratford District Council, for the use of the community. It is hoped these will be available from June 2009.

- **MEETINGS**

- **Planning Committee Meeting** is on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2009 @ 7.30pm
- **Parish Council Meeting** is on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2009 @ 7.30pm

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