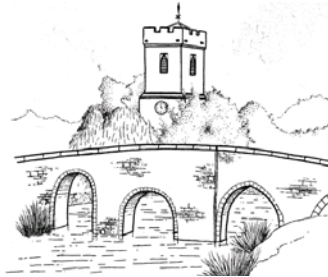


BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

In the County of Warwickshire



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 22nd June 2009 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Bramley Way @ 7.30 pm

PRESENT

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

Also present. County Cllr. Barnes, District Cllrs. James and Slaughter and 1 member of the public

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

Before Opening the meeting, the Chairman took the opportunity of congratulating County Cllr. Barnes on his re-election

1. TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllrs. Ms. Deacon and Hendey, which were accepted by the Council

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 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. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AND PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 18TH MAY 2009

Cllr. Mrs. Keeley 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

- Resident campaigning for a safe crossing to the Big Meadow south of Bidford Bridge gave an update: 2,762 people had signed the petition that would now be handed over to County Council. There had been great support from many parties.

6. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- Cllr. Barnes expressed his pleasure at being re-elected and his pride at being offered the Chairmanship of Warwickshire County Council. He added that this could result in his not being able to attend Parish Council meeting regularly.
- Bidford Bridge – an independent count had been carried out of the number of pedestrians and vehicles crossing the bridge; however, County Council is still waiting for the figures. If these show that a pedestrian crossing is required then an estimate for the costs would be made and funds sought.
- WCC is looking to increase the size of the gate on the footpath in Barton to allow access to the disabled and parents with push chairs.
- The planning for the road works required for the development of Friday Furlong were agreed.

7. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- At the recent Annual Meeting it was resolved that a single Planning Committee be established (due to a fall in the number of planning applications) It would run as a 12 month experiment.
- Blenheim Nursery application had been approved at the Planning and Regulation Committee Meeting and District Councillors thanked the Parish Council for its eloquent speech in support.
- Local Development Framework – a workshop for members was being organized concentrating on gypsy sites. Following the recent decision regarding Darlingscote, SDC has to reconsider its whole policy – the current requirement is for 50 sites plus 10 temporary sites. Two sites in Bidford have been approached.

Cllr. Barnes left the meeting.

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

- SDC –
 - Parking Enforcement figures April 2009 - *Noted*
 - Letter confirming Maintenance Agreement in respect of St. Laurence Churchyard @ £686.08 for 2009/10 - *Noted*
- John Maples MP – reply regarding request from Parish Council to support two Early Day Motions (EDM) on renewable energy – *The Council noted his*

comments that he does not support EDMs as they nearly always come to nothing and that the ideas behind both of these EDMs are in line with the Conservative Party policy.

- WALC - Legal Topic Note Section 137 of the LGA 1972 (circulated) *Noted*
- CRCC – Warwickshire’s Best Village of the Year Competition 2008. Bidford has entered two categories:
 - Community Project (Bidford Rural Cinema)
 - Communication

Judging will take place in June 2009 and the results will be announced on 14th July 2009 at an event in Shire Hall, Warwick. Invitation to attend the ceremony has been extended.

RESOLVED *The Parish Council would send representatives.*

- CPRE – June Newsletter (circulated) *Noted*
- Cotswold Line Promotion Group re the news that the 09.21 London Paddington to Worcester Foregate will no longer stop at Honeybourne (11.21 am) leaving a 2 hour gap in the timetable which will deter passengers from using Honeybourne as a station.

RESOLVED *the Parish Council to write expressing its concern at this development.*

- Warks. Ass. For the Blind – thank you letter *Noted*

10. TO CONSIDER COMMENTS MADE BY THE INTERNAL AUDITOR IN RESPECT OF THE ANNUAL ACCOUNT ENDING 31ST MARCH 2009 (circulated)

The Chairman expressed his satisfaction at the comments made by the Internal Auditor which, he felt, showed she carried out a thorough audit.

The Chairman of the Finance and Strategy Committee drew attention to the last paragraph of the letter, stating he had met with the Clerk and RFO to discuss the issue of revenue expenditure as a direct comparison to budgeted expenditure and that he recommended a tighter control should be exercised. To this end he had requested the RFO to draw up a proposal to put before the council.

RESOLVED to accept the comments made by the Internal Auditor and to accept the recommendation of the Chairman of the Finance and Strategy Committee and consider the RFO’s proposal at the next Finance and Strategy Committee Meeting.

11. TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2009 (circulated)

Members agreed the accounts were in order. Section 2 of the Annual Return was read out and duly completed at the meeting.

RESOLVED to approve the accounts, which were signed by the Chairman of the meeting and the Clerk, where appropriate.

12. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING GRANT APPLICATIONS

- 1st Bidford Guides request for £336.00 (completed Grant Application form has been received together with latest accounts)
Having considered the request it was **RESOLVED** to grant the £336.00
- Bidford Juniors FC request for:
 - £600 to kit out two new teams
 - £200 for coaching courses for two coaches

(completed Grant Application form has been received with Income/Expenditure account)

Having considered the request, it was **RESOLVED** to grant £300 towards 1 kit and the full £200 for 2 new coaches. The Clerk to stress the amounts **MUST** be spent as requested.

13. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATION

- **09/01015/FUL Mr. and Mrs. I Bock, 21 Jubilee Close B50 4ED**
Extension to rear
RESOLVED to make no representation

14. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MONTHS PAYMENT AND ACCOUNTS

Purchases :	£27,907.56
DDM	1,266.13
Wages:	2,241.81
HMRC	1,787.65

Payments Received

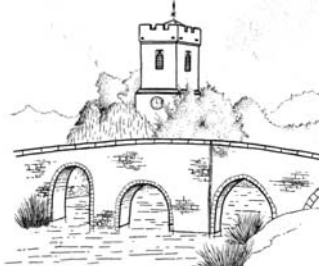
Allotments	£ 13.00
Cemetery:	130.00
Big Meadow fees	1,290.00
Room hire	40.25

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the accounts and that Cllrs. Hill and Williams sign the cheques.

The meeting closed at approx. 8.30 pm

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CLERKS REPORT - JUNE 2009

- **MATTERS ARISING (for information only)**

- I have contacted County Highways (WCC) and obtained the Defect Report Notices. Anyone that wishes to report a defect on a road or footpath should contact me with full details.
- Jubilee Close – single football goal post has been removed and new swing installed
- I have contacted WCC re the request for a weight limit for Welford Road in Barton and have given details of the contact to Barton residents. I shall also be writing to the Portfolio holder, once this has been established. I understand there is a Full Council Meeting on Tuesday 23rd when this should be decided.
- Signs for each play area (Jubilee Close, Kings Lane (Broom), Marleigh Park and Youth Shelter Site) stating age group for which they are intended and requests that due consideration be given to the play equipment, area and residents, have been installed. The signs also include the notice that they are Alcohol Free areas.
- Kings Lane – order for the area to be professionally cleared 4 times a year have been given: Cost £780 pa

- **MEETINGS**

- **Alcester and Bidford Community Forum** is on Tuesday 23rd June @ 6.00 pm at The Greig Hall, Alcester
- **Planning Committee Meeting** is on Monday 13th July 2009 @ 7.30pm
- **Parish Council Meeting** is on Monday 27th July 2009 @ 7.30pm

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