

4. YOUTH FORUM

No youngsters present

5. PUBLIC FORUM

- Residents raised concern about the location of the proposed skate park on Monie Meadow. A desire was expressed that it should remain a meadow. The Parish Council replied that the site for the proposed skate park had been moved to a smaller, unused area between the play area and the MUGA, with the plans for Monie Meadow being delayed. It was proposed that the idea of a wild flower meadow be further investigated.

6. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr. Barnes was not present at the meeting

7. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- United Carriers site – District Council had met with the owners to see what can be done to improve the site. One problem raised was that owners are not keen on having to erect a fence round the property, something SDC is requesting be done. SDC would require Parish Council support to pursue w this request.
- Pony Meadow – enforcement will take place by 3rd May if the caravan has not left.
- Site on The Bank – SDC required various items to be carried out on this site, which has been the site of some vandalism. The owner has carried out the required work and the order was signed off on 21st April 2010.
- Core Strategy : BID 3 site was being promoted by SDC. Parish Council advised it was meeting with the developer on Tuesday 4th May, together with its planning consultant.
- SDC has agreed to revise its committee structure effective from May 2010
- A motion to request WCC to reconsider its withdrawal of funds that allowed children to attend higher education, including Swift courses – but it was defeated after a heated discussion.

As there was a member of the public that wanted to talk about Wharrad Close, the Chairman proposed the meeting be suspended.

RESOLVED : meeting was suspended at 7.45pm

Resident of Waterloo Road, advised that WCC had requested the visibility splay be amended to the entrance of Wharrad Close, and this work was now being carried out. He raised the issue as it could have implications with the Parish Council's decision whether or not to take over the landscaping of the remaining area.

The Chairman thanked him for this information.

The Meeting restarted at 7.50pm

8. TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT (circulated)

This had been circulated to Councillors for their information, which it noted and is attached to these Minutes

9. TO RECEIVE/CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- **WCC** – Warwickshire's Rights of Way Improvement Plan – a review. Any comments to be made by 3rd May (circulated)
RESOLVED – to note with no comment
- **SDC** – Review of the Selection Criteria for the Parish Council representatives on SDC's Standard and Ethics Committee – any view to be sent by 3rd May
RESOLVED to note with no comment
- **WALC** –
 - March Newsletter (circulated)
RESOLVED to note and to contact WALC with a view to organising a Power of Well Being Training for the council for the autumn
 - Briefing Event for Chairmen and aspiring Chairmen Sat. 12th June 10.00 am to 1.00 pm Fillongley Village Hall. Cost £30.00
RESOLVED to note
 - Renewal of the Council's Membership – cost £739 (based on No .of electors)
The Chairman proposed THE Council continue its membership as WALC offers a great service to the Council
RESOLVED : to continue membership
- **WRCC** Letter regarding improvements the its membership scheme:
 - Register of Supporter – free
 - Subscription to Country Matters £15 pa
 - Rural Champions £59 paLeaflets available
RESOLVED to note the information
- **CPRE** –
 - Newsletter (circulated)
 - Correspondence regarding 18/19 Admington (circulated)**RESOLVED** to note both
- **COMMUNICATIONS FROM RESIDENTS**
 - Email regarding speeding on the Big Meadow, and some drivers racing on them
The Parish Council accepted this was an issue, and had been for some time. There already was a sign restricting the speed to 10 MPH at the entrance to the Big Meadow and all that could be done is to request residents to note the registration of any vehicles and pass them on to either the Clerk or the Police to take action.
RESOLVED The Clerk to request more vigilance from the Police
 - Email regarding dogs on the Big Meadow
The Clerk had contacted the Dog Warden at SDC who advised that::
 - Dogs should be allowed to run freely as they need off lead exercise , but under the owners control.
 - There is a Dog Control Order, which allows for a dogs on lead policy, but there would need to be enough people in the area to

want dogs on lead to be able to make the order and the parish council would have to enforce it.

After considering the above the Council **RESOLVED** there was no need for a change in policy

- Telephone call regarding mowing of the cemetery
Both the Chairman of the Burials working group and the Clerk had visited the cemetery, at different times, and found no issues with the quality of the maintenance of the area. It could be that the first cut was done whilst the grass was wet, and this had resulted in a more untidy look; but this was no longer the case.

- Letter from Studley resident re Big Meadow Pass
This resident had been given a car pass to the Big Meadow, under special circumstances, , to allow him to bring h is Great Aunt Maud (ex resident) to the Big Meadow. Now that his great aunt had died, the resident kindly returned the car pass, even though he would continue to visit

10. TO RECEIVE A VERBAL REPORT FROM THE CLERK REGARDING BIDFORD FIRE STATION

RESOLVED The council noted the report and the Clerk was instructed to ask the Portfolio Holder why the amendment tabled at the meeting of 30th March which in effect stated that no closures should take place, was opposed.

11. TO RECEIVE A VERBAL UPDATE ON THE BIG MEADOW REFURBISHMENT

RESOLVED to note the report

12. TO NOTE NEW COST OT UNMETERED ELECTRICITY

- Rate charged as from 1st April 2010 is 8.527p per kWh
- Fixed charge of £25 per month
- Monthly kWh reduced from 6938 to 5258
- Expected monthly charge reduced from £669.92 to £473.35 (tbc)

RESOLVED to note the information

13. TO REVIEW (& APPROVE) THE INSURANCE RENEWAL INVITATION

The Chairman of the Finance and Strategy Committee advised that the schedule of insurance had been revised in 2008, and proposed it remain unchanged. He added that the Council had discussed an alternative insurance company at renewal 2009 and found the current underwriter to be competitive. He, therefore, proposed, the Council continue with the same underwriter, as the premium increase was very modest.

RESOLVED to renew as invited

14. TO CONSIDER request from resident to add Mrs. Dipper to the plaque on the bench at the junction of High Street/Quinneys Lane which she order for her husband

RESOLVED To agree to install a plaque (LGA1972 S137)

15. TO CONSIDER quotation for 27 tree guards for the Big Meadow @ £190 each: £5,130. A 10% discount will be given if full order placed reducing the cost to £4,617

RESOLVED to accept the quotation and place the full order to obtain the 10% discount

16. TO APPROVE purchase of 10 litter bins. News ones required for the Big Meadow following the seeding o wild flower seeds round trunks, some required as replacements due to vandalism. Cost: £1,395.60 (£139.56 each delivered)

RESOLVED to approve the purchase

17. TO APPROVE cost of the Clerk attending Summer Seminar at the university of Gloucester 8th/9th July entitled *Is our Democracy in Good Health? UK Local Government under the microscope*. Cost £140.00

RESOLVED to approve the Clerk's attendance

18. TO CONSIDER taking on the responsibility of the open space at Wharrad Close (piece of land bordering Waterloo Road)

RESOLVED in view of the comments heard at the beginning of the meeting, the Parish Council will defer its decision until after the current work has been finalised.

19. TO CONSIDER the following Planning Applications

- **10/00653/AGNOT – Mr. Harry Smith, Oosland Barn, Honeybourne Road**
Steel framed, fibre cement grain store

RESOLVED no representation

- **10/00666/FUL Mr. and Mrs. Manktelow, 10 Burnell Close, B50 4AY**
Erection of a single storey front extension

RESOLVED no representation

20. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MONTH'S PAYMENTS AND ACCOUNTS, INCLUDING :

- **BIDFORD YOUTH CLUB** grant of £5,000 to the Bidford Youth Club approved by the Finance and Strategy Committee at its budget meeting of 17th November 2009.

RESOLVED to approve payment

Purchases :	£4,739.18
DDM	1,067.15
Wages:	2,310.41
Donations	5,250.00

Payments Received:

Precept	99,750.00
S106 (play area)	35,991.28
Sundry sales	43.72
Big Meadow	567.50
Car Parking (Big Meadow)	756.00
Cemetery	495.00
Allotments	905.00
Churchyard maintenance grant	686.08

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

The meeting closed at approx. 8.25 pm

BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

In the County of Warwickshire



CLERKS REPORT - MAY 2010

- **MATTERS ARISING**
- **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN: CORE STRATEGY 2011-2026**
 - Replies from the Parish Council to this consultation, dating back to 2008, can now be found on the website, as can a link to SDC's web page concerning this important issue.
 - The Parish Council, together with its planning consultant, met with the owner and developers of the BID 3 (rear of Salford Road), to discuss the proposal. The Parish Council took the opportunity to express its concerns:
 - Lack of infrastructure
 - Over development
 - Flooding issue
- **MEETINGS**
 - Monday 10th May @ 7.30 pm Planning Committee Meeting
 - Monday 24th May @ 7.30 pm – Annual Parish Council Meeting followed by the monthly Parish Council meeting

All the above meetings are held at the Parish Council Meeting room, Bramley Way unless otherwise specified