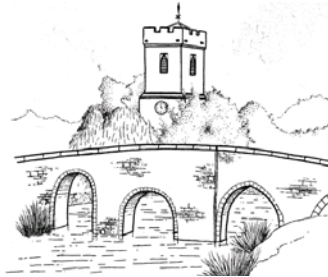


# BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

## In the County of Warwickshire



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Bramley Way. The Meeting started at approx. 7.40 pm after the Annual Parish Council Meeting**

### **PRESENT**

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

Also present.                                County Cllr. Barnes  
   District Cllrs. James, Pemberton and Slaughter  
   3 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**

*Apologies received and accepted from Cllr, Gerrard*

### **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 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2010**

Cllr. Langston 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

The following issues were raised by residents attending the meeting:

- Road sign for Longford Close requires replacing – Clerk to look into it
- Area of grass by Langford Close needs mowing – it is private land so it was agreed the Clerk would approach the landowner for permission to mow it.
- Jubilee Close car park – Orbit have still not carried out the required work to clear it up
- Vintage Gathering – could the Parish Council express the thanks of the local community to Mark Smith for the excellent event
- Thanks to the councilors who met with Chief Officer Graeme Smith to show them round the village
- Would the Parish Council pay for leaflets to be dropped to all householders for a last push in the Save your Fire Station campaign by inviting them to attend the Alcester/Bidford Community Forum on 22<sup>nd</sup> June at Alcester.  
**RESOLVED** – as the item was not on the agenda the cost could not be approved. However, the Clerk has the power to approve expenditure up to a certain amount: if the cost was within that limit, the Clerk could authorize it.
- Brambles by the traffic lights Marleigh Road/Waterloo Road require cutting back: Clerk to advise WCC accordingly
- Litter bin by Tower Hill requires emptying
- When was the new play area opening? The Parish Council will take it over on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July.

## 6. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- Bidford Fire Station – the final decision will be made by the full council and then Cabinet
- They are currently recruiting firefighters
- 6 nursery schools are threatened with closures north of the county
- Car park attendants have been made redundant as Police have advised they can carry out the work
- Bidford Bridge pedestrian crossing is in limbo pending advice regarding capital expenditure rules
- Cllr. Barnes advised he had now stepped down as Chairman of the Council following a successful year. He had made two donations to charity:
  - £1,000 to the Heart Foundation
  - £1,000 to Children's Hospital

The Parish Council raised the issue of increased transport costs for pupils on Swift courses, as well as A Levels etc., which is of significant importance to Bidford parents as **all youngsters** have to be bussed. Cllr. Barnes suggested the Parish Council send him a letter regarding this issue with a request that it be taken up at the next Council meeting. The Clerk instructed to write the letter and send it to Cllr. Barnes.

Cllr. Barnes left the meeting

**7. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

A written report had been made available and is attached to these Minutes

**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** – Community Development Fund 2010/11 – funds to help communities, particularly in the more deprived areas, to address issues of local concern to them. Open to local organizations and community groups. Up to £8,000 for one-off projects that will provide lasting benefits to their community.  
**RESOLVED** Cllr. Williams to see if First Responder could apply
- **SDC** – New District Council Meeting Structure (circulated)  
**RESOLVED** to note
- **CPRE** – Newsletter (circulated) **RESOLVED** to note  
Invitation to AGM – 4<sup>th</sup> June @ 5.00 pm Newton Regis, Tamworth  
Annual Review 2009/10 **RESOLVED** no one available to attend  
Outlook magazine Spring 2010 **RESOLVED** to note
- **Worcestershire County Council** – notification of Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy: Emerging Preferred Options Consultation.  
**RESOLVED** to note
- **Warwickshire Vox** – Have your say on Preventative Services on 10<sup>th</sup> June 10.00 am – 1.00 pm Stratford Racecourse.  
**RESOLVED** to ask attendees of the Jolly Tea Pot whether any one them would like to attend.
- Thank you letter from the Twinning Association **NOTED**

**10. TO CONSIDER OFFERING THREE MONTHS (JULY –SEPT 2010) FREE ADVERTISING ON THE PARISH COUNCIL'S WEBSITE TO THE BUSINESS ON THE HIGH STREET**

There was unanimous support for this idea, and members approved the draft letter that had been circulated.

**RESOLVED** to send the approved letter to all the businesses with the offer and to monitor the success.

**11. TO CONSIDER THE REPLY RECEIVED FROM WCC CHIEF EXECUTIVE IN RESPECT OF THE SIGNAGE ISSUE RAISED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Copy of the reply had been circulated and it was proposed that the suggestion to invite Mr. Simkins, the Traffic Projects Officer, to Bidford to discuss the issue in detail should be accepted.

**RESOLVED** to invite Mr. Simkins to meet Cllr. Hill and the Clerk

**12. TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM BARTON RESIDENT TO REPLACE THE PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARD WITH ONE WITH GLASS DOORS. Approx. cost £650**

The condition of the current notice board was discussed, and it was agreed that it did not warrant the replacement cost of £650.

**RESOLVED** not to replace the notice board.

**13. TO RECEIVE VERBAL/UPDATE ON THE WARWICKSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE CONSULTATION**

Reply from the Portfolio Cllr. Hobbs in respect of why County Council had rejected the proposal tabled by the Labour Party was read out

**RESOLVED** to note the reply

**14. TO RECEIVE A VERBAL REPORT OF THE VISIT TO BIDFORD-ON-AVON BY THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER GRAEME SMITH**

A statement prepared by County Council Press Office was read out. Members noted that it mentioned that Mr. Smith met with the young people of the village, and disputed this as he had not met with the youngster of Bidford nor the youth workers. Furthermore, it was noted that he had arrived late to the meeting and was rather rushed.

**RESOLVED** the Clerk to reply making the above comments

**15. TO REVIEW/CONFIRM PAYMENTS BY DIRECT DEBIT MANDATE**

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

**16. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- **10/00697/FUL Mr and Mrs. Wood, 20 Millers Bank, Broom**  
Conservatory to rear of property  
**RESOLVED** no representation
- **10/00767/FUL –Silva Developments Ltd. Avon Farm, Welford Road, Barton**  
Replacement storage building for boat storage (maximum capacity 36 small boats) and change of use of land from agriculture to boat lifting area  
**RESOLVED** no representation
- **10/00791/FUL – Ms. Kathryn Thompson 85 Westholme Road, B50 4AN**  
Amendment to previously approved scheme 07/01811/FUL, addition of no. 3 rooflights on front elevation and no. 7 on rear elevation, removal of window on south east elevation, changes to fenestration, raising of roof and extension of utility  
**RESOLVED** to strongly object on the same basis as before

**17. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MONTHS PAYMENT AND ACCOUNTS**

Purchases :	£6,821.67
DDM	836.76
Wages:	2,309.81

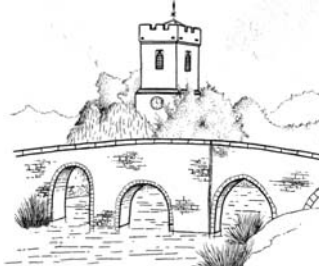
Payments Received	
Allotments	£ 50.50
Big Meadow fees	450.00
Big Meadow car parking fees	710.00

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

The meeting closed at approx. 8.45 pm

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### CLERKS REPORT - MAY 2010

- **MATTERS ARISING**

- Biodiversity department at WCC has been contacted for advice on how to best manage Monie Meadow as a “nature” area. They will carry out a survey and report back with advice etc. In the meantime, it will not be mowed, as the survey will take place in June/July and it is best left as nature intended to ensure reliability.
- Cost of plaque in memory of Mr. And Mrs. Dipper has been requested from Geo. Clifford & Sons
- Order for the tree guards has been placed. Sample has been made and has been approved by the Clerk and the WCC contractor.

- **LAND NORTH OF BROOM LANE** – the planning application is before committee on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> – meeting starts at 10.00 am and it is the first item on the agenda (after the approval of minutes etc.) The recommendation is to grant. The Parish Council has objected and has booked to speak at the meeting; it will be granted the standard 3 minute slot. In the event County Council approve the application, it will be sent to the Secretary of State for final approval as the site is **not** in the current Minerals Plan.

- **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
- Traffic
- Drains/sewers

It is the intention of the Parish Council to continue its conversations with developers whenever possible, to ensure it has an opportunity to put its concerns across and that, in the event the Secretary of State approves the development site, that it has as much influence as possible on the type of development.

- **BIG MEADOW PLAY AREA**

An independent inspection will be carried out on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May and, subject to this being satisfactory, the site will be signed off on Friday 28<sup>th</sup>. There will be a consultation for the design of the new skate park during the Whitsun Bank Holiday – 1-5 June, at the Parish Council Meeting Room.

- **FUN FAIR**

There will be a small fun fair on the Big Meadow over the Whitsun Bank Holiday (Friday 28<sup>th</sup> to Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May). They have agreed to pay the fee of £200 + VAT

- **BIDFORD BRIDGE** – following concerns from residents, WCC inspected the bridge on 7<sup>th</sup> May from the river bank to the highway and, as per its letter, they did not see anything to give undue concern about the structural state of the bridge.

One of the piers that has a noticeable crack is being repaired.00

- **MEETINGS**

- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June @ 7.30 pm Planning Committee Meeting
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June @ 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm at St. Benedicts, Alcester
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June @ 7.30 pm – Parish Council meeting

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