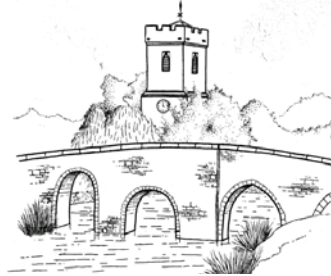


BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

In the County of Warwickshire



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20th December 2010 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: 1 members of the public

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

1. TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES

There were no apologies

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 2^{0th} 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 delcared.

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 30TH NOVEMBER 2010

Cllr. Langston proposed the Minutes be accepted as being accurate
RESOLVED that Minutes should be approved and signed by the Chairman

4. YOUTH FORUM

There were no youngsters present

5. PUBLIC FORUM

Resident raised two issues:

- The number of HGVs on the B439 would appear to be more than was originally envisaged – he had counted 15 when driving to work one morning!

- The bus lane by The Pleck is being used by motorists as a filter road to the motor garage with vehicles often blocking the entrance/exit to The Pleck. Can the road marking please be re instated to ensure access to the Pleck
RESOLVED the Clerk to advise WCC accordingly

6. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

County Councillor Barnes did not attend the meeting

7. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

No Ward Members attended the Meeting

8. TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

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

The Clerk advised that since writing the Report, a communication had been received from Wellesbourne Parish Council asking for Parish/Town Councils to write to WCC opposing the proposed cuts to the Youth Service, an item mentioned in the Report
RESOLVED to note the contents of the Clerk's report and to support Wellesbourne Parish Council's request.

9. TO RECEIVE/CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- **SDC** : Revised Corporate Strategy consultation which ends on 7th Jan. 2011 (circulated).
Members raised concerns about the quality of the contents of the documents sent by SDC and as to the purpose of this request, taking into consideration the cuts in personnel. and the proposed cuts in the number of councillors. It was proposed the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman reply to the consultation, expressing the view of Bidford-on-Avon Parish Council and how the Corporate Strategy will affect its community.
RESOLVED The Clerk to reply on behalf of the Parish Council, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman.
- **WALC**:
 - NALC Legal Briefing: Responsibilities for clearing snow and ice on Highways (circulated)
NOTED
 - NALC Legal Briefing : Section 137 expenditure limit for 2011/12 (circulated)
NOTED
- **CPRE** – December Newsletter (circulated)
NOTED

10. TO CONSIDER THE DECENTRALISATION AND LOCALISM BILL – NALC briefing circulated

The Clerk advised that further information had been sent from NALC following its meeting on 14th December which would be circulated from the next Parish Council Meeting.

RESOLVED the Parish Council to postpone raising any issues in respect of this until the next Parish Council Meeting when more information would be available.

11. TO CONSIDER HEADS OF TERM OFFRED BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE ESTATE CHARITY OF ALICE DUCHESS DUDLEY IN RESPECT OF LAND (7 ACRES) FOR THE USE OF BIDFORD JUNIORS FC

Details had been circulated to Councillors who agreed the terms offered were acceptable. However, as the land was being leased for the exclusive use of Bidford Juniors FC, it was proposed that

- assurances be obtained from Bidford Juniors FC that a 21 year lease would be acceptable
- the Lease be drawn up in such a way that payment was assured for the 21 year period as the Parish Council did not feel it would be justified to require the local residents to bear the burden of the lease of extra land.
- The Clerk seek legal advice regarding the terms of the lease between the Parish council and Bidford Juniors FC
- Bidford Juniors FC to pay all costs in respect of:
 - Legal documents
 - Car park issue
 - Changing rooms/buildings
 - Overhead power lines
 - Laying and maintain the land for the purpose of playing football

RESOLVED to advise Bidford Juniors FC that the Parish Council fully supported their commitment to the Bidford Youth, but needed assurances that the 21 year lease would be binding for the period, and that they were prepared to bear all the costs involved.

To wait until it had received said assurance before reaching an agreement with the Trustees.

In respect of the request of the use of Monie Meadow it was **RESOLVED** the Parish Council had recently resolved to return it to its original meadow state and was working with WCC to achieve this, and that therefore this request was unacceptable.

12. TO CONSIDER THE CONTINUOUS DAMAGE TO BIDFORD BRIDGE

The Parish Council was unanimous in its concern regarding the constant and considerable damage, being caused to Bidford Bridge and it was proposed that a width limit be imposed, together with some way of enforcing it.

RESOLVED The Clerk to send in this request with copy to English Heritage, Department of Transport and the local MP

13. TO RECEIVE VERBAL REPORT FROM THE CLERK RE THE WORKSHOP ON “THE UNCERTAIN WORLD OF FLOODING”

Verbal Report **NOTED**

14. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON EXERCISE WATERMARK

Update **NOTED**

15. TO CONSIDER POLICY ON GRIT BINS

Following advice it was **RESOLVED** the following risk assessment be taken on receipt of a request:

- Are there vulnerable residents living close by

- Is the road on a slope or otherwise potentially dangerous
- Is the road on the WCC Road Grit schedule

16. TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF PLANTING/MAINTAINING THE AVENUE OF TREES ON THE BIG MEADOW

The total cost would be £8,000 max. of which £6,111 would come from S106 funds. Due to extensive tree work carried out throughout the year because of health and safety reasons there were no further funds available for this year except for a reserve fund for future use of £3,500.

It was proposed that the timing of the expenditure be brought forward due to the availability of most of the funds from S106, and that an overspend of £1,750, from the reserves fund, be approved.

RESOLVED to approve the overspend of £1,750 due to the re-timing of the planned expenditure because of the availability of S106 funds.

17. TO APPROVE DATE FOR THE BIDFORD FIRE STATION EVENT

RESOLVED Friday 11th February at the Crawford Memorial Hall.

18. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- **10/02400/FUL and 10/02401/LBC Mr. David and Mrs. Sharon Carvell, Broom Hall Inn, Bidford Road, Broom**

Erection of new smoking shelter; retention and extension to screen wall and fencing and new lighting and signage

RESOLVED to object as the Parish Council believes the original site for the smoking shelter behind the wall is more appropriate and in keeping with the Grade II building. However, it has noted the comments made by the applicant regarding licensing security and operating restrictions and, if these are substantiated and supported by the proper authorities, it would consider withdrawing the objection

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

Purchases :	9,062.54
Wages:	2,369.61
Inland Rev.	2,321.79
Donations	<u>635.00</u>
(as per cheque list)	£14,388.94

DDM	<u>650.46</u>
Total payments	£15,039.40

Payments Received	
Advertisements	£ 652.14
Fishing rights	88.13
Upper Avon Navigation	1,016.38
Donations	20.00
Room Hire	<u>23.50</u>
Total received	£ 1.808.15

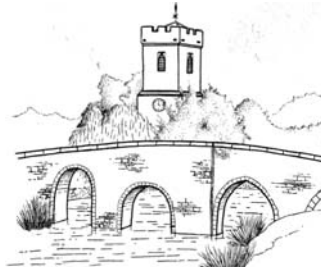
Amount transferred from the deposit account to the current account £15,000.00

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

The meeting closed at approx. 8.45 pm

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CLERKS REPORT - DECEMBER 2010

- **MATTERS ARISING**

- Letter to Cllr. Mrs. Timms, Portfolio Holder of Children Young People and Families has been sent. Will report verbally on reply
- Request to the Planning Dept. for Parish/Town councils to be advised when planning decision in neighbouring parishes may impact on their areas: this was following the planning application for a gypsy site in Welford-on-Avon, where it was proposed the family be re-sited on Friday Furlong

- **BIDFORD BRIDGE**

The damage to this ancient monument continues. It is mostly occurring on the south side where the entrance to the bridge is wider and gives a false impression on the actual width of the bridge.

The Parish Council is constantly referring the damage to WCC, who are responsible for the upkeep of this, and has also contacted English Heritage. As reported in the last Clerk's Report (November 2010) English Heritage visited the site on 4th November but has yet to send a report on its thoughts. The Parish Council has also sought the assistance of the Police, but are regularly advised that there are no resources for this type of incident: HGVs illegally crossing the bridge,

In view of the importance of this issue, and the regularity of its appearance in Parish Council communications, it has been added as an Agenda item,

- **PROJECT "BIDFORD: RIVERSIDE VILLAGE"**

This project is a collaboration between the Parish Council and the local High Street businesses with a view of raising the profile of the High Street and the riverside attractions Bidford-on-Avon has to offer.

- 2 Gateway signs have been installed on the B439 towards the entrance of the village, with 2 further signs closer to the roundabout, indicating the position of the High Street shops and river and its amenities.
 - 2 directional sign posts will be installed shortly: one by the traffic lights, where all the current advertising boards will be removed, and the other on Honeybourne Road by the entrance to the Big Meadow car park.
 - Tourist maps showing all the shops and amenities on the High Street, as well as other Bidford features, will be installed shortly.
- **MEETINGS**
 - Monday 10th January 2011 @ 7.30 pm Planning Committee Meeting
 - Saturday 15th January 2011: 10.00 – 11.30 am Parish Council Surgery
 - Monday 24th January 2011 @ 7.30 pm – Parish Council Meeting
- All the above meetings are held at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Bramley Way, unless otherwise specified.