

5. PUBLIC FORUM

- Resident raised the issues of :
 - Friday Furlong – looking untidy and a fire danger
 - Old Geodis building – when is this going to be sorted out
 - Signs on Jubilee Close
 - On behalf of the village, congratulations to the organisers of the Vintage Gathering which had been excellent
- Resident enquired who had paid for the directional signs that had been erected.

The Parish Council replied this had been founded by the businesses themselves and the placement agreed with County Highways. Members agreed to monitor their effect.

6. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr. Barnes did not attend the meeting

7. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- **Friday Furlong** – Ward members were arranging a meeting with developers as there was concern about the lack of movement on the site. It appeared that to make the site more economical, they had expressed interest in increasing the number of dwellings to be built.
- **Health Centre** Ward members were keen to ensure this was built on the Friday Furlong site as per the S106 agreement
- **Local Development Framework** – on 10th May the group agreed to work on a Gypsy Policy for the district. It needs to establish the number of pitches to be provided and it is expected to have a plan policy statement in autumn 2012 and the Gypsy Policy to be adopted by 2014.
- Cllr. Saint has been elected Leader of SDC and Cllr. Payne the Chairman.

Cllr. Howse endorsed the wishes of the Chairman that he work closely with the Parish Council to the benefit of the local community and advised he had been appointed a member of the following committees:

- Audit and Regulatory
- Planning (West)
- Standards and Ethics

8. TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

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

The issue of working closer with the Police was noted, and it was proposed an article be included in the next issue of the BIG Paper giving details of contact numbers of the police.

RESOLVED to note the contents of the Clerk's report and to ask the Police to write an article for the quarterly BIG Paper.

9. TO RECEIVE/CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- **WCC –**
 - Partnership Landscapes – Report for Consultation (circulated) Reply required by 27th May, although an extension to this date has been requested.
RESOLVED the Chairman together with the Clerk to reply before the extension date of 13th June
 - Revisions of Bus Service – advice that No. 29 (evening service) is ceasing.
The letter from Wellesbourne PC was included in the discussion. Although members sympathised with the comments made by Wellesbourne PC, it agreed that the decision to stop supporting the evening service would have been made with or without consultation and that more effort should be put in advertising the service offered by Community Links.
RESOLVED to increase awareness of the services offered by Community Links.
- **SDC**
 - Future Provision of Public Conveniences within SDC. (circulated)
RESOLVED to reply that the Council would be prepared to participate in the review
 - Consultation re future ownership of parcels of DC land (within Bidford)
 - ✓ Plot 1 – Grafton Lane Access
 - ✓ Plot 2 - Grafton Lane Agricultural Land**RESOLVED** to express interest in Plot 2
 - Rural Housing Enabling Event – Ettington 4th July
RESOLVED Cllrs. Hiscocks and Mrs. Keeley to attend
- **WALC**
 - Legal Briefing – Future Standards of Conduct of Members of Local Authorities in England (circulated)
NOTED
 - Policy Consultation – Planning for Traveller Sites (circulated)
NOTED
- **CPRE**
 - CPRE and Planning (circulated)
NOTED
 - Newsletter (circulated)
NOTED
- **Wellesbourne PC** – concern at proposal to arbitrarily cut evening bus services with no evidence of usage given and no consultation with any user group. This was discussed at the same time as the WCC notification.

10. TO CONSIDER PRODUCING A PARISH COUNCIL LED NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

This followed a training session attended by all councillors.

It was proposed the Parish Council agree to this proposal, if it did not there was the risk of another party doing so which could be detrimental to the local community.

It was proposed a Community Event take place in the Autumn to inform and receive feedback from the community and to invite them to actively participate.

RESOLVED

- To proceed, in principle, with the idea of a Neighbourhood Plan, recognising it required support from the local community and the Planning Authorities
- To arrange a community Event in the Crawford Memorial Hall in the Autumn to which all the local community would be invited to participate
- To add the item, for further discussion, the Planning committee Meeting of 13th June 2011

11. TO CONSIDER LETTER RECEIVED FROM MCLOUGHLIN PLANNING REGARDING WELBECK'S PROPOSALS FOR LAND TO THE REAR OF SALFORD ROAD (circulated)

Members expressed great concern about the contents of the letter, especially with regards to the proposed moving of the site of the Health Centre, which they did not think was suitable due to location at the edge of the village as well as traffic issues. It was proposed that the Council should agree to the meeting and it was

RESOLVED to set the date and time of the meeting as Tuesday 12th June @ 7.00 pm at the Parish Council Meeting Rooms.

12. TO CONSIDER A REPORT ON THE FUTURE OF BIDFORD LIBRARY, FOLLOWING THE PARISH COUNCIL QUESTIONNAIRE CONSULTATION AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING (circulated)

Councillors approved the contents of the report prepared by Cllr. Gerrard, which they considered was well written and which took all issues under consideration.

RESOLVED to approve the recommendation and publish the Report on the Parish Council's website

13. TO APPROVE ALLOWING BIDFORD JUNIORS FC TO USE A PITCH ON THE BIG MEADOW OUTSIDE OF THE SPORTS ASSOCIATION AREA, DURING THE SEASON, AND THE FEE TO BE CHARGED

The Chairman of the Amenities Working Group advised the issue had been discussed at its meeting with the football club and proposed that, subject to conditions, the Parish Council should approve the request.

Some members expressed concern that football appeared to be taking over the village with sporting field to the rear of Dugdale Avenue also being used by the club.

RESOLVED to allow Bidford Juniors FC to use the area where the bonfire used to be, during the football season subject to:

- No fencing
- The football pitch to be on that site only
- The area to be kept clean and tidy after the match
- Excludes use of the pitch when Vintage Gathering Event takes place
- A fee of £50

14. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS

- **11/00955/FUL and 11/09957/LBC Mr. James Statham, The Malt House, Bidford Road, Broom**

Insertion of outdoor swimming pool with 600 mm brick wall surround, replacement double garage with store and changing room, removal of existing store, replace boundary fence with wall

RESOLVED No representation

- **11/01057/LBC – Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, 46 Tower Hill, B50 4DY**

Demolition of dilapidated porch and erection of rear extension to form garden room

Documentation for this application had not been received nor could it be downloaded. The Council was, therefore, unable to consider this application

15. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MONTH'S PAYMENTS AND ACCOUNTS

Purchases:	13,261.01
Wages:	<u>2,395.75</u>
(as per cheque list)	15,656.76
DDM	667.59
Other payments	<u>1,573.13</u>
Total payments	17,897.48

Payments Received

Adverts	£309.95
Car parking	2,935.00
Churchyard maintenance (SDC)	686.08
Meadow Rights	<u>500.00</u>
Total received	£4,430.47

£7,500 was transferred from the Deposit to the Current Account.

It was **NOTED** that cheque No. 5251 was issued for the correct amount of £55.09 but that the Cheque list erroneously noted it as an amount of £69.00

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

The meeting closed at approx. 9.30 pm