



#### 4. YOUTH FORUM

No young people attended the meeting

#### 5. PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public attended the meeting

#### 6. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- Update on the Friday Furlong and Geodis sites was given following the large number of first that had taken place on them
  - Wimpey's had been contacted and, although they did not agree to erect a fence, they did agree to construct a bund to prevent further fires and this has been done
  - It is hoped that the current planning application will go through and the site will be vacated by 21<sup>st</sup> October 2011
  - Geodis site had been made secure
  - Cllr. Barnes was meeting with the owners to discuss the future of this site
- **Bidford Library** – offer to assist with 2 community computers and their maintenance if required

Cllr. Barnes left the meeting.

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

- A written report had been received and circulated and is attached to these Minutes.  
**RESOLVED** to note the written report
- Ward members were also fully engaged in trying to sort out the Friday Furlong and Geodis sites. A Section 215 will be issued in October 2011 regardless of who owns the land
- Friday Furlong planning had been received and validated
- Geodis site – perhaps the Parish council could consider acceptable options to ensure the viability of this site and prevent its further deterioration.

#### 8. TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

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

Favourable comments were made regarding the new updated website and that the webmaster, Tony Jay of Arrowscape, had carried this out free of charge

**RESOLVED** to note the contents of the Clerk's report.

#### 9. TO RECEIVE/CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- **WCC** –
  - Advice of resurfacing work to roads/footpaths within the parish  
**NOTED**
  - Reply from Streetlights to the request from the Parish Council that WCC consider not changing its streetlights from All Night to part Night within Bidford Parish  
*County Council replied that it had noted the Parish Council's request, but*

*was going ahead with switching from All Night to Part Night operations on the streetlights for which it was responsible.*

Members were disappointed at the response but **RESOLVED** to note it

- WCC has taken over responsibility of the streetlights in Cox close (2) and Holder Close (3).

**NOTED**

- **SDC –**

- Grass/verge cutting contract 2013 (circulated)

**RESOLVED** to reply that the Parish Council had taken over the grass and verge maintenance and would like to be reimbursed for this in a fair and proper manner.

Litter picking and bin emptying to be continued

- review of public conveniences (circulated)

**NOTED** : members unable to assist at this time

- **WALC**

- Chief Executive Briefing – Open Public Services White Paper (circulated) Cllr. Sandle and the Clerk attended a workshop on 16<sup>th</sup> Aug.

**RESOLVED** to reply to the consultation on the basis that legislation should be passed to ensure a proper devolution of power from Local Authority to Parish/Town Councils, accompanied with the financial wherewithal.

- NALC - Legal topic Note on Retirement Plans (circulated)

**NOTED**

- NALC Policy consultation on :

- i. Local Planning Regulations

- ii. National Planning Policy Framework (X2) (circulated)

**NOTED**

- **CPRE –**

- Newsletters (circulated)

- Annual report

- Request for comments and inputs to their Newsletter (July 2011)

All correspondence was duly **NOTED**

- **Mercia Canoe Club** – requesting permission to finish the Canoe Race at the Big Meadow on 6<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2011

**RESOLVED** to grant permission

## **10. TO CONSIDER GYPSY AND TRAVELLER AND SHOWMEN NEEDS ASSESSMENT PARISH COUNCIL CONSULTATION (circulated)**

Members went through the questions and it was **RESOLVED** to reply to it raising pertinent issues when required

**11. TO CONSIDER REPORT ON THE BIG MEADOW TREES INCLUDING**

- Cost of removing two damaged trees : £600
- Cost for stumps to be ground out : £180
- Cost of replacing the two trees : £230.00

The circulated report had been studied and it was proposed the above work be carried out to ensure the continuity of the recent refurbishment of the recreational area

**RESOLVED** to approve the work and total cost of £1,010 and to note the emergency expense of £120 to make a tree safe.

**12. TO CONSIDER REPLACING THE DAMAGED STREETLIGHT ON THE MEADOWS (COST £912.59) IN VIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S DECISION AT ITS MEETING OF 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2011 NOT THE CHANGE FROM ALL NIGHT TO PART NIGHT LIGHTING**

Councillors agreed that All Night lighting would require this column to be replaced. So it was **RESOLVED** to approve the cost of £912.59 to replace the streetlight.

**13. TO CONSIDER BUDGET FOR FOOD AND DRINK AND OTHER PREPARATIONS FOR THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING EVENT ON 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER AT THE CRAWFORD MEMORIAL HALL**

A budget of £200 was proposed

**RESOLVED** to approve a budget of £200 for this community event

**14. TO RECEIVE REPORT OF THE QUARTERLY REVIEW OF THE PARISH COUNCIL'S ACCOUNTS (APRIL-JUNE 2011)**

The Quarterly Accounts Review Group carried out a review of the first quarter and reported a satisfactory audit trail with all amendments being duly minuted.

**15. TO RECEIVE AND UPDATE ON THE BUY IN BIDFORD GROUP AND CONSIDER PAYING THE COSTS OF THE 5,000 LEAFLETS: COST £295**

(Council approved an expenditure of £120 x 2 for the hire of the hall (Ref. PC Mins. April 2011/14). However this has not been required as the Crawford Memorial Hall Committee is allowing free use of the hall for the two events)

As the Crawford Memorial Hall Committee were offering the use of the hall free of charge it was proposed and **RESOLVED** the Parish Council would pay for the leaflets (LGA 1972 S144)

**16. TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM A RESIDENT IN VICTORIA ROAD TO INSTALL A BENCH BY GLEBE CLOSE**

The letter received stressed the difficulties many elderly residents had struggling up the hill. This was supported by many Councillors who had witnessed many residents having to rest against the walls due to the lack of seating.

It was therefore **RESOLVED** to approve the installation of a bench. The Clerk to write to the neighbouring houses advising them of this, unanimous, resolution

**17. TO CONSIDER THE REGULAR ANNUAL DONATIONS**

A list had been circulated with the agenda and it was proposed and **RESOLVED** to donate the same amount as in 2010/11

**18. TO CONSIDER MEMBERSHIP OF ACTION FOR MARKET TOWNS @ £120 PER ANNUM (circulated)**

After some discussion as to the benefits it offered to the local businesses, it was proposed the Council take up a trial, membership, and that it be reviewed at the end of one year.

**RESOLVED** to take up a one year, trial membership

**19. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON BIDFORD LIBRARY**

The Clerk advised the Business Plan had been sent in on time. It would be reviewed with the others at a meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2011, when it would be decided whether to accept the business plan as presented, or whether amendments were required.

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed that a meeting of the Working Group be arranged to start preparing for the future. It was **RESOLVED** the group should meet on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September @ 7.00 pm

**20. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON THE MARLCLIFF FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME**

This was **NOTED**

**21. TO REVIEW POLICING ON THE BIG MEADOW (Ref. PC Mins/5 – Public Forum)**

After a lengthy discussion of the poor performance of the police in the village, including communication problems, it was proposed the Clerk write to the Chief Constable of Warwickshire Police and to West Mercia Police, Evesham Branch as Members found the current situation unacceptable and frustrating.

**RESOLVED**

- To contact/write to Chief Constable Bristow
- To contact West Mercia Police, Evesham

**22. TO CONSIDER CHANGING THE DATE FOR THE SEPTEMBER PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING TO MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

The Clerk requested this change to ensure she was able to provide an up to date Agenda prior to going on leave.

**RESOLVED** – to change the date of the Planning Committee Meeting to 5<sup>th</sup> September

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

- **11/01326/LBC Mr. and Mrs. David Timson, The Old Vicarage, 13 High Street B50 4BQ**

Change of garage door from metal up and over type to double, outward opening, wooden, vertical board doors.

**RESOLVED** to support as this would greatly enhance the conservation area of Bidford High Street

- **11/01329/FUL Mr. P. Scully, Avon Farm, Welford Road, Barton**

Erection of replacement barn. For information only: Amended plan and supporting information relation to alternative materials for the external cladding of the replacement barn

**RESOLVED** to note this amendment and that permission had been granted with conditions.

## 24. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MONTH'S PAYMENTS AND ACCOUNTS

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|-----------------------|------------------|
| Purchases:            | 11,633.89        |
| Wages:                | 2,396.15         |
| Donations             | <u>120.00</u>    |
| (As per cheque list)  | 11,623.89        |
| DDM                   | <u>1,343.64</u>  |
| <b>Total payments</b> | <b>12,967.53</b> |

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| Payments Received     |                  |
| Car parking           | 4,390.00         |
| Bidford Sports Ass.   | 1,276.00         |
| Advertisement         | 50.00            |
| Cemetery charges      | 565.00           |
| VAT refund            | <u>926.55</u>    |
| <b>Total received</b> | <b>£7,207.55</b> |

£5,000 was transferred from the Deposit to the Current Account.

Cheque 5319, issued to Mark Smith for an amount of £2,135.00 was cancelled as there was a £10 overpayment on the invoices provided. It was replaced by cheque No. 5329 for an amount of £2,125.00.

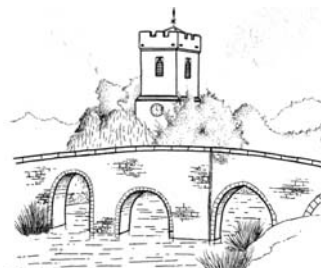
The above figures take this amendment into account.

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

The meeting closed at approx. 9.15 pm

# **BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **In the County of Warwickshire**



### **CLERKS REPORT – AUGUST 2011**

- **MATTERS ARISING**

- **NALC** Annual Conference event in London (Ref : PC Mins. April 2011/Item 9/WALC ) This was to be reviewed at the August meeting. However, the event is sold out.
- **BIG SOCIETY GRANT** – Application for £5,000 towards Bidford Community Library has been requested
- **BIDFORD LIBRARY**- Public Meeting was held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August @ 7.00 pm at the Parish Council meeting room. It was very well attended with over 70 people. Nick Gower-Johnson, from WCC also attended. There was great enthusiasm and unanimity in proceeding with the Business Plan to form a Bidford Community Library.  
Documentation sent to WCC by the deadline of 19<sup>th</sup> August 2011.

- **PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE**

In August 2011, the Parish Council website has been completely re-designed. This is the third time this has happened since its original launch in 2003. The new, modern design brings the site up-to-date with current accessibility standards and web techniques. It has also been restructured to cater for an ever-increasing content; to be expandable for future additions; and to help people navigate the site better. All this work has been done at no extra charge to the Parish Council.

So far the comments received have all been favourable.

One excellent, new feature, is the instant messaging feature, which allows me to post messages on the home page in real time. This has already been used to alert the local community to the Bidford Library public meeting and the need for volunteers to run it as a community library