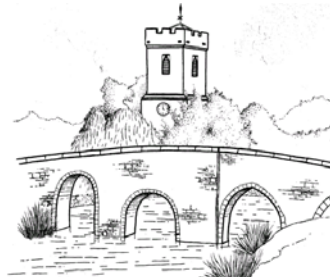


# BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

## In the County of Warwickshire



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2011@  
7.30 pm at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Bramley Way.**

### **PRESENT**

Chairman                                    Cllr. Gerrard  
Cllrs.    Atkins, Fleming, Hill, Hiscocks, Mrs. Keeley Langston,  
Sandle, Spiers and Williams

Also present:                                County Cllr. Barnes and District Cllr. Pemberton  
1 member of the press  
Approx. 70 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 OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

All members of the Council are respectfully reminded that in order to comply with the Code of Conduct 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

- *Cllr. Atkins declared an interest in Item 9/CPRE as Hon. Treasurer of the Warwickshire Branch of this organisation*

### **3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST 2011**

Cllr. Langston proposed the Minutes be accepted as being accurate

**RESOLVED** that Minutes should be approved and signed by the Chairman

### **4. YOUTH FORUM**

No young people attended the meeting

## 5. PUBLIC FORUM

- The majority of the members of the public present wished to object to Planning Application No. 11/01837/OUT Welbeck Land (Ifield) Limited, Land to the rear of 18 Salford Road, B50 4EN. The Parish Council had received a number of communications from residents objecting, and further issues were raised at the meeting, the main ones being:
  - Why were green field sites being used when there are brown field sites in the village such as Friday Furlong and the old Geodis site on Waterloo Road
  - Such a development is unsustainable as Bidford does not have the infrastructure
  - The primary school is oversubscribed, where will the children go to school
  - Salford Road already has too much traffic and suffers from speeding – the increase in the number of cars using Salford Road with a development of 137 dwellings and the proposed Medical Centre will only make things worse.
  - Concern about widening the road and an extra 300+ cars per day was considered dangerous.
  - Flooding in the area is an issue: Queensway floods very easily and despite assurances the problem has not been solved. Taking away the natural soak away of the fields will increase the problem.

The question of the Medical Centre was raised, and the Chairman was able to reply that currently there is planning permission for a medical centre to be sited on Friday Furlong which expires in January 2013. (Cllr. Barnes, as a member of the Planning Committee (West) left the room at this stage)

- Another issue raised was Green Acres – were SDC keeping an eye on this to ensure they adhered to the planning permission granted to the site.

Cllr. Barnes was invited to return to the meeting

## 6. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- **Library** – No definite decision as yet.
- **CAB** – would like to come once a week to Bidford and had put in a bid for funding which he had supported.
- **Friday Furlong** – were in negotiations
- **Soil** the Environment Agency has stopped the illegal dumping of soil at Long Marston
- **Redditch development** – together with Cllr. James, Cllr. Barnes had objected to a proposed development in Redditch as they believe it will have an impact on many areas within the Bidford/Salford Ward. Regrettably it was approved on appeal (146 houses)

Cllr. Barnes left the meeting.

It was proposed the Council consider Planning Application 11/01387/OUT and this was unanimously agreed

## **7. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATION**

- **11/01837/OUT Welbeck Land (Ifield) Limited, Land to the rear of 18 Salford Road, B50 4EN**

Outline application for mixed-use development comprising demolition of existing dwelling (18 Salford Road), erection of up to 137 no. Dwellings and new medical centre. Provision of access road and associated public open space

The Council considered the application, and took into account the many objections raised by the local community.

It also took into consideration its previous replies to the Planning Dept. objecting to further large developments in Bidford.

It was proposed that a reply be made by a Planning Consultant the Parish Council had used to attend previous meetings with the developers of this site, as it was important to make a good, robust and well reasoned objection to the application

### **RESOLVED**

- To object to the application
- To employ a planning consultant to make the reply
- To approve an expenditure of £300 this being the cost for the consultant

## **8. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

- Overall number of houses required for the district up to 2028 had been calculated between 12 and 13,000. Based on inward migration and economic However, Cabinet had agreed that 8,000 was a more reasonable figure, to be dispersed across the district and not concentrated to certain settlements. No development to be over 100 dwellings this will now go out to consultation to have evidence to support these proposals and it is envisaged this will not finalise until 2014.
- Green Acres – SDC was aware of concerns with this site and planners and the enforcement department have been alerted and have already visited the site. SDC wants to ensure this site operates as it was intended and to ensure there is compliance with the conditions set by the permission

## **9. TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT**

This was a verbal report

- As instructed at the August meeting, the Clerk had written to Warwickshire Constabulary. Acknowledgement of the letter had been received and the letter had been forward to Superintendent McNevin
- The skate ramp had been fenced to stop it being used whilst it is being repaired. Due to the high usage of scooters and younger people, it was proposed to redesign to hump pump to make it more suitable for this use.
- The Clerk had attended a meeting organised by SDC regarding tourism in the district, which had been very useful and where it had been made clear that the district was more than Stratford upon Avon!

**RESOLVED** to note the verbal report

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

- **11/01497/LDE R.A. Meredith and Son. Ltd, Bidford Road, Broom**  
mixed use of land as a nursery together with use as a caravan site for the permanent stationing of seasonal nursery workers residential accommodation, associated therewith.  
**RESOLVED** no objection (9 votes to 1) subject to no more than 2 caravans on the site
- **11/01835/FUL Bidford-on-Avon Baptist Church Avon House, Bidavon Ind. Estate Waterloo Road**  
Change of use of premises from use Class D2 purposes (children's indoor play centre) to use Class D1 (place of worship and church centre)  
**RESOLVED** the Parish Council is supportive in principle. However, concerns were expressed regarding parking. The application indicates 57 parking spaces and members are not sure this is sufficient in view of the large congregation and are worried that cars will park on Waterloo Road creating traffic problems, an issue that has occurred in the past with the previous tenants of this site.
- **11/01974/AMD Mrs. K. Bristow, Bentleys, Kings Lane, Broom**  
Nonmaterial amendment to 11/01272/FUL to omit 5 roof lights amend north elevation to show 2 windows in lieu of 1 window and amend colour of rainwater goods to brown  
**RESOLVED** No representation

**11. TO RECEIVE/CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- **WCC –**
  - Consultation on the Proposal to Close the Warwickshire Pupil Referral Unit  
After some discussion regarding the consequences of this on the local community it was **RESOLVED** THAT Cllr. Hiscocks would look at it and reply if he found it necessary and appropriate
  - Advice regarding the Sunday Service Redditch-Evesham  
The Clerk advised that this service was not advertised and that this could have consequences when a passenger loading survey was carried out  
**RESOLVED** to reply to ~WCC advising them that there was no advertising and that this would result in inaccurate figures.  
To advertise the service on the Parish Council's website to draw attention to it.
  - From Plants to Pills Exhibition: Health Project : request from Heritage Education to display up to 6 panels (minimum of 2) in a suitable place, free of charge. They will be displayed between 2 – 4 weeks and are available from September 2011 to June 2012.  
**RESOLVED** to reply that the Parish Council would like to take part in this but would have to wait until the fate of Bidford library was decided in October before a final decision could be made. Perhaps work in partnership with the school

- **WALC -**
  - Newsletter (circulated)  
**NOTED**
  - Annual General Meeting on Thurs. 27<sup>th</sup> Oct. @ 7.30 pm, Shire Hall.  
Guest speaker will be Paul Tolley Chief Executive of WCAVA  
**RESOLVED** Cllrs. Gerrard and Mrs. Keeley to attend with the Clerk
  - Consultation: Warwickshire Health Watch  
**RESOLVED** The Chairman, Cllr. Gerrard to reply on behalf of the Council
  - Briefing for Chairmen/Aspiring Chairmen; Proposed dates are
    - i. Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov. 10.00 am – 1.00 pm at Norton Lindsay
    - ii. Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 10.00 am – 1.00 pm at Wolston Leisure and Community Centre
 Cost: £35.00  
**RESOLVED** to approve the expenditure for Cllr. Williams to attend
- **CPRE - newsletter (circulated)**  
**NOTED**
- **Letters** from some residents opposing installation of bench on Victoria Road/Glebe Close approved by the Council at the request of a Victoria Road resident (Ref. PC Mins. August 2011/16) (Standing Order 11 a) applies)  
The Chairman advised this issue was being considered because of correspondence received, but added that the decision taken by the Council was bound by the approved Standing Orders which apply to the Council.  
The Chairman acknowledged the letters received and their contents. However, the incidents that were referred to had occurred in 2005 and circumstances have changed in the 6 years.  
The reasons why the Parish Council had approved this in August were reiterated namely that many, elderly, people walk to Budgens and the High Street and need to rest on the way up the hill: a bench would be very welcome to them and there is no alternative site.  
**RESOLVED** the decision remained but the situation would be monitored

**12. TO CONSIDER INVITATION FROM STRATFORD-UPON-AVON TOWN COUNCIL TO ATTEND A MEETING ON MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER @10.00 AM (TOWN HALL) TO DISCUSS THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE REDUCTION IN MANNED CCTV COVERAGE AND CONSIDER A POSSIBLE PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENT TO FUND TWO FULL TIME CCTV OPERATIVES AT A COST OF £50,000 APPROX. P.A.**  
The issue was considered to be important and it was therefore **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Sandle and the Clerk would attend and report back to the Council at its October meeting.

**13. TO CONSIDER TAKING PART IN THE DIAMOND JUBILEE BEACONS CELEBRATIONS ON 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2012**  
**RESOLVED** to take part and the Clerk was instructed to register

**14. TO CONSIDER THE OPEN GATE ARRANGEMENTS ON THE YOUTH SHELTER**

Members were reminded that the decision to keep the gate open had been made at the request of the Police.

**RESOLVED** the gate to remain open and the situation to continue to be monitored.

**15. TO CONSIDER PROPOSED PLANS FROM BIDFORD CRICKET CLUB AS PER SUPPLIED PLANS. BIDFORD SPORTS ASSOCIATION ARE IN SUPPORT OF THE PLANS.**

Concern was raised by a member of the Council regarding the poor state of the cricket ground following inappropriate use of weed killer. The importance of the fact that the Big Meadow was for the use of **all** residents was stressed, and it was suggested that approval should only be subject to the ground being made good. Other members drew attention to the support the Parish Council should give to the cricket club and its efforts to encourage young people to join.

The Chairman suggested the Amenities Group meet with Bidford Cricket Club and discuss the various issues and that the Amenities Group be given delegated powers to approve/or not the proposed plans.

**RESOLVED** to give the Amenities Group delegated powers to approve/or not the proposed plans and report back at the next Parish Council meeting.

**16. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MONTH'S PAYMENTS AND ACCOUNTS**

Purchases:	£19,794.67
Wages:	2,395.75
HM Revenue	2,278.22
Donations	<u>885.00</u>
(As per cheque list)	25,353.64
DDM	<u>1,434.64</u>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>26,788.28</b>

Payments Received	
Car parking	1,605.00
Precept	<u>101,000.00</u>
<b>Total received</b>	<b>102,605.00</b>

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

The meeting closed at approx. 9.15 pm