

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 20th 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*
- *Cllr. Langston declared a personal interest in item 15 as he lives next door to the applicant*

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 31ST OCTOBER 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

- **Neighbourhood Plans** – the resident had attended the workshop organised by the Parish Council and believed the matter to be important and requested it be circulated to the community
The Parish Council replied that the intention was to have a colourful, informative leaflet designed and for it to be included, and delivered, with The Connection magazine
- **Broom Lane** – concern was expressed by a resident that the sweepers were not up to the job of removing the mud from Broom Lane and that an accident could easily happen. This was especially worrying as many users were mothers driving children to and from school
The Clerk was instructed to write to the foreman pointing out the concern and requesting he ensures the mud is regularly removed from the road to minimise the risk of an accident.
- **Salt Bin** – there were 2 salt bins on the bottom of Mill Lane but none at the junction between Mill Lane and the High Street, where it is much needed.
The Clerk advised she would instruct the bin to be moved to the junction.

6. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- **Marsh Farm/Broom Lane** – they were now finished with sand and gravel extraction until February 2012.
- **Footpaths** – the resurfacing programme was continuing and should be concluded this year
- **CAB Outreach programme** - furniture and computer equipment had been made available and it was hoped the programme would start in the library in January 2012
- **Atherstone fire** – the case in the High Court was withdrawn until April 2012

7. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- Recycling bins had not been collected from Smith Close. The reason for this was that plastic bags had been used, and the current recycling plant machinery gets clogged up if plastic is put through. It is, therefore, important to note that **no plastic bags, whether recyclable or not should be sued.**

Cllr. Barnes left the meeting

- A company was sticking adverts on wheelie bins offering to clean them. This service is neither offered nor endorsed by either County or District Council – it is purely commercial and the decision to use them or not up to the resident.

8. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE CLERK (circulated)

RESOLVED to note the contents,

9. TO RECEIVE/CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- **WCC**
 - Winter Services in Warwickshire 2011/12 – includes the Primary Gritting Routes in Warwickshire Map. Over 46% of the total highway network is covered and includes all A & B classified roads, as well as strategic routes along unclassified roads.
The Clerk added that this had been posted on the website and that it included Broom Lane
Noted
 - SpeedAware – an update on the new Speed Aware scheme that has been running for 7 months. Please note this is an item of the next Local Community Forum on 8th Dec.
Noted
 - Big Society Fund – Bidford Community Library has been awarded £3,000 under this scheme
Noted
- **WALC –**
 - Newsletter (circulated)
Noted
 - Policy Briefing – The Localism Bill – a further update (circulated)
Please note the bill received Royal Assent on 15th November 2011
Noted
- **CPRE – newsletter (circulated)**
Noted
- **Thank you letters from:**
 - Midlands Air Ambulance
 - Vitalise x 2
 - Warwickshire Association for the Blind
 - WRVS
Noted

10. TO CONSIDER WCC'S PROPOSAL FOR ACTIVE PARTNERING SCHEME

(circulated)

It was proposed the council agree, in principle, that this scheme could form the basis for a future relationship, but that it should be stressed that it should be a true "partnership".

RESOLVED to agree in principle to enter into a true partnership with WCC on services that would benefit the local community.

11. TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FIELDS IN TRUST 2012 QUEEN ELIZABETH 11 FIELDS CHALLENGE IN RESPECT OF THE SPORTS FIELD TO THE REAR OF DUGDALE AVENUE

The advantages included:

- safeguarding the fields against future development
- offered grant opportunities

RESOLVED to register the sports field

12. TO CONSIDER GIVING FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO COMMUNITY LINKS TRANSPORT SERVICE (Ref.: PC MINS/OCT.2011/13)

St the Council's request, Community Links had advised that the cost per registered person per annum was £12. The number of registered persons in Bidford was 62 making the annual contribution £744.00

RESOLVED to approve the contribution of £744.00

13. TO CONSIDER BUDGET/PRECEPT FOR 2012/13 (Ref.FM MINUTES 141111/9)

The requested information was circulated and the council **RESOLVED** to note the information which would be discussed in more detail at the next Finance and Strategy Committee meeting on 5th December..

14. TO RECEIVE update of the Marlcliff Flood Alleviation Scheme

It was **NOTED** that work would commence on the scheme in April 2012

15. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATION

- **Mr. D. Sullivan, 30 Steppes Piece, B50 4AT**

Construct vehicular access across ditch

RESOLVED No representation but that the planning authority should be made aware that it is not a ditch but a brook and that its waters can rise very quickly

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

These had been circulated to councillors.

Purchases:	£10,332.16
Wages:	2,395.75
Donations	<u>1,504.00</u>
(As per cheque list)	13,781.16
DDM	1,194.85
Total payments	£14,976.76

Payments Received	
VAT refund	1,083.13
Insurance claim	350.00
Cemetery sales	120.00
Allotment rent	629.65
Miscellaneous charges	482.10
Angling club	1,243.20
UANT moorings	<u>1,141.20</u>
Total received	5,049.28

£10,000 was transferred from the deposit to the current account.

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

The meeting closed at approx. 8.50 pm