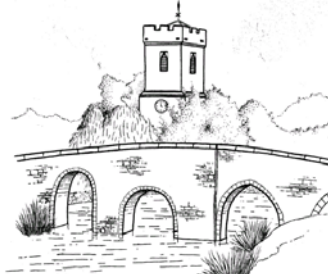


# **BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **In the County of Warwickshire**



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2012 @ 7.30 pm at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Bramley Way.**

### **PRESENT**

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

Also present:                                      County Cllr. Barnes  
    District Cllrs. James and Pemberton: Cllr. Howse had sent  
    his apologies  
    10 members of the press and 1 member of the public

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

### **1. TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES**

*Cllr. Hiscocks had sent his apologies, which were accepted.*

### **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 conducted 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 23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2012**

Cllr. Hill proposed the Minutes be accepted as being accurate. However, a change was required to the date of Cllr. Langston's death which occurred on 13<sup>th</sup> December, not November. The Chairman duly made and initialled the amendment

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

#### 4. YOUTH FORUM

No young people attended the meeting

#### 5. PUBLIC FORUM

- **Monie Meadow:** resident objected to the proposal that the football club should be offered part of this meadow as an overspill for parking. They should either park in the Big Meadow, or in the village car parks and walk to the venue.
- **Development of the land to the rear of 18 Salford Road:** resident opposed it stating that she was very concerned about
  - Highway issues
  - Parking (lack of)
  - Too many houses

She also raised the issue of Friday Furlong, and the Chairman replied that this site had outline permission for 125 dwellings and a medical centre.

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

- CAB Outreach programme was being well used and is fully booked through March.
- WCC had to make a further savings of £13 million which had been earmarked as reserves to guarantee a mortgage scheme put forward by Rugby Borough Council to assist its local community and which was being offered to the other county boroughs and districts.
- Health – Cllr. Barnes expressed his surprise to learn that changes were already taking place despite the bill still being discussed at the House of Lords.  
However, there did not appear to be any changes locally to this parish
- Broadband – £4.3 million funds had been made available by Government, to be match funded by local authorities, to extend broadband throughout the county by 2014. County Council was working together with Coventry and Solihull in this important venture. Details could be found online.

Cllr. Barnes left the meeting

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

- **Draft Core Strategy** – there would be a presentation of this document aimed at members of the public at the Local Community Forum of Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March @ the Crawford Memorial Hall, and Ward Members would encourage residents to attend.
- **Council Tax** – a 1% reduction had been agreed making a Band D payment for SDC £128.05, and a total annual tax of £1,569.98
- **Mortgage Scheme** Rugby Borough Council proposed this scheme to help those members of the community who had difficulty raising a mortgage, and had obtained agreement from WCC to match fund. SDC considered a similar scheme but rejected it,
- **New Home Bonus** – this refers to extra cash from government for new housing developments. SDC approved, in principle, an amendment that part of this bonus should be transferred directly to the local community.  
The amount to be devolved to the community to be agreed. The government

figures are:

£1,400 per property + £350 if it is an affordable one

£105 for an empty property to be occupied

- An officer, David Jones, who had worked in 1986 for the Bidford Local Plan and had had a major input in this area, had died suddenly during the week end. He will be sorely missed.
- Cllr. James announced that after 16 years, he would not be standing for re-election in May.

The Chairman took this opportunity of thanking Cllr. James for the many ways he had worked for this area during his years as its Ward Member. He has always been a stalwart supporter of the local community and the Parish Council, all of whom were grateful for his efforts on their behalf.

#### **8. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE CLERK**

This had been circulated and forms an integral part of these Minutes

- **RESOLVED** to note the rest of the contents.

The Chairman proposed that Planning Application **11/01837/OPUT Welbeck Land (Ifield) Limited, Land to the rear of 18 Salford Road, B50 4EN** be considered at this stage of the meeting. The proposal was agreed.

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

- **11/01837/OPUT 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.

Amendment has been made to the application as follows:

- Flood assessment – issue no. 4
- Drainage strategy report – issue no. 4
- Plan indicating location of Public Open Space
- Landscape plan – EDP 1190/L2C
- Illustrative housing layout plan – EDP 1190/41A
- Illustrative master plan – EDP 1190/43A
- Supporting letter

**RESOLVED** to continue to object to this development on the following grounds:

- The Highways issues, which greatly concern the Parish Council, have not been addressed
- There is insufficient space for ambulances attending the proposed medical centre to turn
- There is insufficient car parking space on the proposed medical centre: the allocated number will be fully utilised by staff, leaving no space for patients
- It is an unsuitable site for the proposed medical centre

## **10. TO RECEIVE/CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- **WALC**

- NALC Legal Briefing: Prayers and council meetings – judicial review decision. (details of summary circulated)

**NOTED**

- Newsletter and Bespoke Guidance (circulated)

**NOTED.** Councillors added that they found the Bespoke Guidance of great assistance

- **CPRE** – newsletter (circulated)

**NOTED**

- **Flood issues** – residents is requesting the Parish Council to write to the local MP requesting his support for residents whose dwellings have been flooded in the past in view of the current insurance agreement ceasing at the end of this year.

**RESOLVED** The Clerk to write to Mr. Zahawi, MP, asking for support to resolve the issue of possible no insurance cover for residents with property in the flood risk areas, and to campaign for a reduction of rates for those properties where a flood alleviation scheme has been built.

## **11. TO CO-OPT A COUNCILLOR TO FILL THE VANCANCY LEFT BY CLLR. LANGSTON**

The Parish Council had received four applications and had arranged meetings with the applicants, following which the recommendation was to co-opt Mr. Steve Bailey **RESOLVED** to co-opt Mr. Steve Bailey to join the Council as member for the Broom Ward.

The Parish Council would like to thank the other applicants and remind them there is a Parish Council election on 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

## **12. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AMENITIES AND PLAY AREA WORKING GROUP**

The Chairman gave a verbal report which included the proposal that part of Monie Meadow be allowed to be used for the occasional overspill of cars from visiting football clubs.

The Chairman stated that he had noted the comments made by the resident regarding this issue but that a solution had to be found that balanced the needs of the successful football club and those of the local community; as well as protecting the sustainability of both Monie Meadow and the football club.

A counter proposal on the following basis was made:

- no more than 25% of the total area of Monie Meadow be set aside – to the north
- 1 year's trial period (1<sup>st</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2012)
- Any breach of these conditions and the agreement ceases with immediate effect.

**RESOLVED** to accept the counter proposal and to charge a fee of £200 towards the maintenance costs.

**13. TO AGREE BIDFORD-ON-AVON PARISH COUNCIL DEED OF DEDICATION  
DUGDALE AVENUE SPORTS FIELD: FIELDS IN TRUST – QUEEN ELIZABETH  
FIELDS (PART OF THE Diamond Jubilee Celebrations)**  
**RESOLVED** to agree the Deed of Dedication and the name of Dugdale Avenue Sports  
Field.

**14. TO CONSIDER MEMBERSHIP OF THE FIELDS IN TRUST**

The normal annual fee is £35 – in recognition of Bidford on Avon’s involvement in  
the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge, the first year’s fee will be reduced to £20  
Councillors considered this membership the funds of which are to administer the  
Fields in Trust Challenge

**RESOLVED** to agree the membership

**15. TO CONSIDER CONTRIBUTING TO THE POSITION OF DESTINATION MANAGER  
FOR THE DESTINATION MANAGEMENT FORUM** (This was agreed in principle at  
the January meeting (PC Mins. Jan 2012/12) subject to further information)

The Clerk advised that the term was for 1 year only and advised which other parties  
had made a contribution and for how much.

It was proposed that it could be beneficial for Bidford if funds were made available  
as it should give it more voice in the debates, and a figure of £200 was proposed

**RESOLVED** to contribute £200 to the Destination Manager position

**16. TO CONSIDER CLEANING CONTRACT WITH WCC CLEANING SERVICES FOR THE  
PARISH COUNCIL ROOM AND ITS AREAS**

The Clerk advised that the offer had been withdrawn as it was not deemed to be  
economical

**17. TO CONSIDER STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE FOR 2012/13 @ £7.17 PER  
LIGHTING POINT**

This is a 5% increase on the current contract of £6.68 and, based on 1871 street  
lights, amounts to £1,226.07

**RESOLVED** to agree the contract

**18. TO CONSIDER DIGITAL MAP OF SALFORD ROAD CEMETERY: COST £950.00 INC.  
4 HOURS TRAINING**

The Chairman of the Allotment and Burials Committee proposed the council accept  
this quotation so that details of the cemetery would be properly laid out and easy to  
manage now and in the future, to avoid unnecessary problems when there was a  
change in councillor and/or officer

**RESOLVED** to accept the quotation

**19. TO CONSIDER REPORT OF TREE INSPECTION ON COUNCIL’S LAND AGAINST  
BOUNDARY FENCE**

Councillors considered the report and the cost of felling the ash tree @£289.00.

Although it was acknowledged that the tree could be considered an inconvenience to  
the neighbouring house, and that the resident was [prepared to pay 50% of the cost,  
members did not think this justified either felling the tree, which did not appear to  
be diseased, or the Parish Council paying for 50% of the cost for its removal.

It was proposed that the tree have a canopy reduction instead.

**RESOLVED** the clerk to obtain a quotation for the maximum canopy reduction. If this quote was lower or the same as the one for felling, the Clerk to have delegated powers for the work to be carried out, subject to the resident paying 50%

**20. TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR CIRCUS GINNETT TO HAVE A FAMILY RUN CIRCUS ON THE BIG MEADOW IN MID MAY**

The circus would be on site no more than 4 days. There were no animals.

**RESOLVED** to allow the circus to come at a cost of £150.00 subject to leaving the site as it was found.

**21. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON BIDFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

- The not for profit company. Bidford Community Library Ltd (BCL), had now been registered at Company House There were 7 directors
  - Bank account was in the process of being opened
  - 10 volunteers were being trained next week and they in turn would train other volunteers
  - There would be training taking place in the library the week of 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> March
  - It was planned the library would open to the public on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April and initially would be open on the same days as now to ensure continuity.
- The Report was **NOTED**

**22. TO RECEIVE UPDATE OF THE PLANNED REPLANTING ON MILLERS BANK, BROOM**

Councillors looked at the plans which were **NOTED**

**23. TO RECEIVE UPDATE RE THE AWARDS FOR ALL PROJECT ON THE BIG MEADOW**

Councillors looked at the draft interpretation panels and expressed great satisfaction with them.

**NOTED**

**24. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATION**

- **11/01103/VARY. Mr. Daniel Broadhurst, Bidford Grange Golf Club, Bidford Grange B50 4LY**

Removal of holiday condition (approval SD88/02423, Condition 3) to permanent residential use)

(Consent was given for 23 units. It should be further noted that they are barn conversions and that Parish Council has recently supported the building of 25 log cabins for holiday let on the basis that it will encourage visitors to the area)

**RESOLVED** to object on the following grounds:

- The Parish Council supports projects that bring business to the village such as holiday homes and lets. Allowing these lets to become permanent is against this policy.
- These are barn conversions, and therefore contrary to current SDC planning policy

- **11/01837/OPUT Welbeck Land (Ifield) Limited, Land to the rear of 18 Salford Road, B50 4EN**  
this application was considered at the start of the meeting.
- **12/00328/FUL, Mr. Ian Osborne, 2 Westholme Road, B50 4AH**  
Erection of a 3 bed, 2 storey detached dwelling with new vehicular access and parking area  
**RESOLVED** to object on the following planning grounds
  - **Highways** – the proposed new access is onto the main relief road, B439, and members consider this to be entirely inappropriate and dangerous.  
It agrees with the comments made by County Highways
  - **Street Scene** – the proposed development is considered to be overbearing as the dwellings in this area are all bungalows.
- 3 x planning applications have been received for **Bidford Grange Golf Club** to be considered at the next Planning Committee meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> March. It is recommended the Parish Council meet with applicant and/or agent prior to this meeting to discuss in detail the proposals for this site.  
**RESOLVED** a meeting be arranged with the applicant' agents for 7<sup>th</sup> March

## 25. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MONTHS'S PAYMENTS AND ACCOUNTS

These had been circulated to councillors.

Purchases:	8225.95
Donations	5,060.00
Wages:	<u>2,396.15</u>
(As per cheque list)	15,682.10
DDM	<u>1,316.05</u>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>£16,998.15</b>

Payments Received	
Cancelled cheque	60.00
Cemetery sales	285.00
VAT refund	<u>2,794.82</u>
<b>Total received</b>	<b>£3,139.82</b>

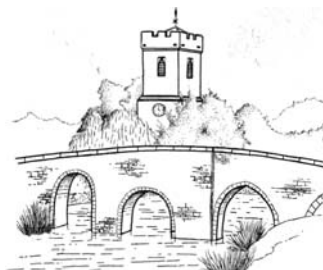
£12,500 was transferred from the deposit to the current account to meet the above payments.

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

The meeting closed at approx. 9.20 pm

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### **CLERKS REPORT – FEBRUARY 2012**

- **EXPENDITURE**
  - 10T of stone to fill potholes on the Big Meadow : **£450.00**
  - 10 posts to be installed on the Big Meadow to prevent cars parking and blocking the road and entrance: **£400**
  - Annual Inspection of the play areas (insurance requirement) @ **£38 per area**
  
- **DOG FOULING/LITTER** – this continues to be a problem in the village. However, I have been advised that a very kind lady, who walks two dogs, collects litter as she walks into a black bag. A Big Thank you to you!
  
- **TREES** – 3 trees will be planted on the Big Meadow to replace those that had to be removed due to disease
  
- **HONEYBOURNE ROAD** - clearance of this stretch has now been finalised. It may look a bit bear at the moment, but the advice is to let things settle and see how it develops during spring/summer. Furthermore, due to the current drought, the recommendation is not to plant anything along this stretch