

4. YOUTH FORUM

No young people attended the meeting

5. PUBLIC FORUM

The majority of the members of the public attending the meeting were present to object to the planning application for the proposed development to Land North of Bramley Way. The objections raised were:

- Traffic –
 - the increase represents a hazard to parents and young children attending the primary school.
 - Detrimental and dangerous to the houses on Bramley Way
 - The access through Westholme Road is unsafe a near a working body shop garage
- Overdevelopment
 - The number of swellings built in Bidford in the last 20 years exceeds those of any other main settlement of the district
 - There is already a development for 125 houses on Friday Furlong, this should be built before other proposed developments are granted permission
 - Lack of facilities :
 - no secondary school,
 - library now run by volunteers
 - transport by bus in the evenings has been cut
 - primary school over subscribed
 - Drainage – concerns that it will put too much stress on the current system

6. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr. Barnes had advised that he would be unable to attend the meeting as he was attending one at Salford Priors

7. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Update on Broom Tavern – SDC had made it clear that its policy states that the owners would have to prove they had marketed the property as a commercial concern for a period of not less than 6 months.

Another factor was that the property was a listed building.

There was a request that the Council consider Item 15 (planning applications) next. This was unanimously supported.

8. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- **12/01742/FUL Mr. Ian Dyde, Pavilion, Bidford on Avon Sports Club, Honeybourne Road**

Insertion of new openings (doors) to west and north elevations; blocking up of existing opening (door) in east elevation and rendering of as, north and west elevations

Cllr. Pound left the room whilst this application was considered.

RESOLVED to support this application as part of the refurbishment of the Sports Pavilion under the Sport England Inspired Facilities Grant as a legacy of the 2012 Olympics to improve sports facilities for the future.

- **12/01808/OUT Taylor Wimpey UK Ltd., Land North of Bramley Way,** Outline planning application with means of vehicular access from Bramley Way and pedestrian access from Bramley Way, Westholme Road and Lambourne Close to be determined (internal access, layout, scale, appearance and landscaping reserved for subsequent approval) for the erection of 45 dwellings (Class C3), public open space, landscaping, balancing drainage and other ancillary works.

RESOLVED to object to this proposed outline development on the following grounds:

- It is contrary to the adopted saved Local Plan Policies
- The site lies outside the built up area boundary of the village
- It is contrary to the emerging Core Strategy
- It is contrary to the adopted Parish Plan, which opposes large developments in favour of smaller 6 to 10 house developments, which would better meet local requirements;
- The Parish Council would oppose any development taking place until such time as Friday Furlong, which has outline permission for approx. 125 dwellings has been developed and its impact on the sustainability of further large developments has been assessed

- **12/01811/FUL – Mr. Arthur McCabe, Creative Support Ltd., Land and Fire Station, Court Way,**

Proposed C2 Class apartment building with no. 9 self-contained flats for people with learning disabilities incorporating communal area, shared garden, parking area and all associated works.

RESOLVED 8 in favour and 1 against to support this planned development

- It was well thought out with many details that would be of great benefit to the residents
- It made good use of the land
- It fulfils a county/district requirement

9. TO RECEIVE CLERK'S VERBAL REPORT

- Gate to allotments had been installed
- Fencing to the entrance to Millers Bank, Broom, had been installed
- Trees planted by the EA on the River Arrow bank had died due to the recent floods – the EA has been duly advised and they will be replaced

- Some of the clematis and honeysuckle bushes that had been planted along the trellis on Millers Bank had disappeared

NOTED

10. TO RECEIVE/CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- **NALC** - information for parish/town councils on the impact on communities of the proposal contained in the Local Government Financial Bill (circulated with added information from the Clerk)
After some discussion as to the consequences of this, it was agreed that more information from District Council was required. It was proposed Dave Webb be invited to meet the Council and give a detailed presentation of this issue.
RESOLVED the Clerk to invite Dave Webb and a date and time convenient to both parties.
- **WALC**
 - Localism Act 2011 – Key Aspects of the Act Briefing and Discussion Sat. 22 Sept. 9.15 – 4.15 pm Binley Woods Village Hall.
Cost £40 per delegate.
NOTED Clerk to be advised if any councillor is available to attend
 - Newsletter (circulated)
NOTED
- **Salford Priors PC** – letter offering Bidford residents allotment plots in Salford Priors
NOTED Clerk to obtain details from Salford Priors PC
- **Resident** requesting the bus stop on Waterloo Road be moved north of The Leys
After some consideration it was **RESOLVED** that a request for change was not appropriate at this time
- **Mercia Canoe Club** Requesting permission to finish its annual Canoe Race on the Big Meadow
RESOLVED to give permission for this event

11. MATTERS ARISING

- **To consider Ref. Mins. July 2012/9 – WALC correspondence**
 - Payment Method – deadline 11.09.12 (draft reply circulated)
A proposal was made that the reply should categorically support the change and abolish payment by cheque.
A counter proposal that the “cheque option should remain for the present” was put forward.
RESOLVED To approve the draft reply and the counter proposal (7 votes in favour , 2 against)
 - Sustainable Communities Act– deadline 05.09.12 (draft reply circulated)
RESOLVED to approve the draft reply

- **To receive Ref. Mins, July 2012/13**
information from RFO identifying the reserve sums that can be safely invested in a 6 month HDI account
The Chairman summarised the details sent by the RFO and proposed a sum of £200,000 be invested in the HID account.
RESOLVED to approve the recommendation: £200,000 to be invested in a 6 month HID account.
- **To receive** update on Bidford Bridge (Ref. Mins. July 2012/8)
The Clerk made a verbal report which included the following:
 - The food packing/distributor companies along Cleeve Road had been contacted and were responsive
 - A light activated sign is impractical as it would require a framework on which the cabling could be fixed – only in use for low bridges when the bridge itself becomes the frame
 - Bearing in mind what WCC had said that lorry drivers were simply ignoring signs, the Clerk had checked the signage north of the bridge and found that they should be sufficient – and HGVs **do** have the opportunity of driving into the car park to turn around.
 - WCC had approved installation of some signs on the Honeybourne Road crossroads with Cleeve and Welford Road, subject to there being no objection from either Gloucestershire or Worcestershire County Councils.
 - WCC quoted between £2,500-3,000 for the signs including installation, but excluding any repeater signs if these were required.
 The Clerk's recommendation, if the Council were prepared to bear the costs, was to install signs on the Honeybourne Road, this being the best place to monitor the success of the scheme of adding signs.
RESOLVED to approve the expense of up to £3,000 for the signs, subject to there being no objections from Glos. or Worcs. County councils, or any requests for repeater signs from them.

12. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER UPDATED INFORMATION ON THE COST OF CHANGING STREET LIGHT TO PART TIME OPERATION (Ref. Mins. June 2012/11) (circulated)

After some discussion as to appropriateness of the Parish Council switching to part time operation, bearing in mind the contents of the DEFRA website on the subject, it was agreed that the figures presented did show the council could make a saving within 2 years and that it should be the local community that decided whether the Parish Council should follow County Council or not.

RESOLVED the Clerk to prepared a questionnaire to be sent to all residents to be presented at the next Parish Council meeting for approval.

13. TO CONSIDER STRATFORD ON AVON DISTRICT AREA COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW (circulated)

The issue was raised regarding what would appear to be an anomaly, the fact that Broom was a Ward, but Bidford (including Barton and Marlcliff) were not.

- It was proposed that Bidford be separated into Wards – which was not supported as most felt that all councillors should represent the Bidford community
- It was proposed that Broom cease to be a Ward – this was not supported as it was recognised that the community of Broom was large enough to sustain a Ward representative

RESOLVED that no change be made

14. TO CONSIDER WAYS OF ENGAGING WITH THE BIDFORD YOUTH

Various possibilities were considered, including visiting the youth club, the primary school as well as the High Schools in Alcester.

RESOLVED the Amenities Working Group meet to consider this and make recommendation to the Council

**15. TO NOTE THE UNQUALIFIED AUDIT OPINION RECEIVED FROM EXTERNAL AUDITORS CLEMENT KEYS
NOTED**

Due to the sensitive nature of this item, the Council may resolve to exclude the public (Public Bodies (Admissions of Meetings Act) 1960 s1(2))

Members of the public were requested to leave.

16. TO CONSIDER QUOTATIONS RECEIVED FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF SALFORD ROAD CEMETERY

After some consideration it was **RESOLVED** to give the contract to MGS Service and Amenities Contractors at a cost of £4,000 pa.

17. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MONTH'S PAYMENTS AND ACCOUNTS (circulated)

Purchases:	£8,555.71
Grants	500.00
Wages:	<u>2,477.28</u>
(As per cheque list)	11,532.99
DDM	<u>1,463.66</u>
Total payments	£12,996.65

Payments Received	
Cemetery Sales	155.00
Car parking	1,010.00
Allotments	55.00
Cancelled cheque	50.00
S106 cheque from SDC	120.78
VAT Return	2,699.97
Interest	<u>29.59</u>
Total received	£4,120.34

£7,500.00 was transferred from the deposit account to the current account to meet the above payment

The Cancelled cheque was in respect of a payment to the Land Registry for Dugdale Avenue Sports Fields which was returned as it only required one payment of £50.00

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

The meeting closed at approx. 9.15 pm