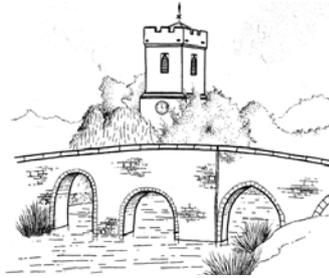


# BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

## In the County of Warwickshire



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2012 @ 7.30 pm at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Bramley Way**

### **PRESENT**

Chairman                      Cllr. Gerrard

Cllrs.                            Atkins, Fleming, Harvey, Hiscocks, Mrs Keeley,  
Pound (arrived late) Mrs Randell, Squires and Spiers

Also present:                County Cllr. Barnes; District Councillors Howse and Spence  
Cllr. Pemberton had sent his apologies  
2 members of the public

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

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

*There were no apologies but Cllr. Pound had advised he would be arriving late*

### **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 30<sup>th</sup> July 2012, 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. Gerrard declared an interest in the Accounts as one of the cheques is payable to his wife as Village Liaison Officer*

### **3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2012**

Cllr. Harvey proposed the Minutes be accepted as being accurate

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

#### 4. YOUTH FORUM

No young people attended the meeting

#### 5. PUBLIC FORUM

- Resident asked whether there was an update regarding the willow tree by Bidford Bridge. Concerns had been made at the Planning Committee Meeting in October.  
The Clerk was instructed to follow this up.

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

- **Bidford Bridge** – WCC had carried out an inspection following the floods and had found no significant damage
- **Queen Alexandra Hospital, Redditch** meeting had been held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. 2012 and it appears that any decision is on hold. The A & E Dept. may remain open but on a smaller scale
- **Street lights** Although two incidents have been reported following the switch off, there is no evidence that they were due to lack of lighting.
- **Schools** – Cabinet had agreed a 1.5% reduction per child in Primary Schools over the next 2 years. Schools had been consulted but there had been no public consultation. The proposal was being considered by Council on Tues. 18<sup>th</sup> and Cllr. Barnes would be tabling a motion opposing the reduction. Members of the Parish Council expressed concern at this decision and at the lack of information. It was proposed that Cllr. Barnes' objection to this reduction be supported.  
**RESOLVED** the Clerk to send an email of support to Cllr. Barnes
- Parish Councillor requested Cllr, Barnes look into why the Parish Council was not allowed to put up brown signs in the village to promote its facilities(it was told there were too many already and the policy was to cut down on signage) but WCC has just installed 4 brown signs for Broom Hall Inn. The Parish Council is not opposing the signs for Broom Hall Inn, just would like clarification why it was not allowed to do the same.

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

- **.Friday Furlong** it appears that the applicant will be able to fulfil the reserved matters and SDC is reasonably confident the development will be taking place.
- **Medical Centre** – this would appear to be progressing.
- **United Carriers site** – although Ward Members have noted the Parish Council's objection to the proposed development, they are looking into this application before they make their minds up and it could be that, for the first time, they will not be supporting the Parish Council – but, they stressed, it is still under consideration.
- **Council Meeting**
  - Initiative to look at the number of district councillors as currently there are too many councillors compared to number of officers  
They are also considering an all out election in May 2015

- The Regulatory Committee had made a recommendation that a scheme be funded by the Authority's New Home Bonus for distribution to the Parish and Town Councils that had increases in housing stock subject to qualifying projects. There to be no limit to the amount of the grant.

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

this had been circulated

**RESOLVED** to note the report

**9. TO CONSIDER INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM SDC REGARDING ITS PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CURRENT ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS (circulated)**

**RESOLVED** to write supporting the proposed changes.

**10. TO CONSIDER WHETHER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL REQUIRE A DISPENSATION TO ENABLE THE COUNCIL TO SET A PRECEPT (report circulated)**

Having read the circulated report, it was proposed that Councillors request a Dispensation as advised by NALC

**RESOLVED** to apply for dispensation

**11. TO CONSIDER DELEGATING THE AUTHORITY TO GRANT DISPENSATIONS TO THE CLERK TO THE PARISH COUNCIL (dispensation procedure guide circulated)**

**RESOLVED** to delegate the power to grant dispensations to the Clerk to the Parish Council. The Power rests with the relevant authority under section 33(1) of the Localism Act 2011 and the basis is set out under section 33(2)

**12. TO CONSIDER**

- **WALC Local Association Information Services (LAIS)** "Improving Local Government Transparency Consultation (circulated)  
A report on the consultation had been circulated and read by members who approved of the replies made.  
**RESOLVED** to approve the reply to the consultation

**13. TO CONSIDER**

- **NALC Policy Consultation-** Examining the Speed Limit for HGVs over 7.5 tonnes on Single Carriageway roads (circulated)  
A report had also been circulated to members drawing attention to the concerns of Barton and Marlcliff resident regarding excessive HGV movements on unsuitable roads  
**RESOLVED** to approve the contents of the report and reply accordingly.

**14. TO CONSIDER REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AMENITIES WORKING GROUP (circulated)**

The Chairman of the Amenities Working Group drew attention to the following:

- **Dragons Teeth at the exit of the Big Meadow**  
Although the recommendation was to leave them in situ, he had been advised

that in their current state they are considered dangerous and, if not repaired ,should be removed. Therefore the recommendation is to remove the Dragon's Teeth

- Sport Pavilion Project – the Chairman and Cllr. Pound had been on site to meet with the company quoting for the insulation material for the roof (ref FM 201112/4. They were able to confirm the situation was very bad with condensation rife. Since that visit, the Project Manager had contacted the Clerk to advise that an immediate decision was required as the project contractors could no longer carryout the work due to the condensation problem. The Clerk was able to contact a member of the Amenities Working Group and, in view of the urgency of the matter, approval was given. It can be confirmed that the cost is £4,100 and will be paid, in equal proportions, by
  - i. Bidford Cricket Club
  - ii. Bidford Junior FC
  - iii. Parish Council

Members of the Council commended the Amenities Working Group on its work and report and it was **RESOLVED** to approve all the recommendations

**15. TO CONSIDER RESPONSES TO THE STREET LIGHT QUESTIONNAIRE (report circulated)**

Members of the Council had studied the report and the options open to them and it was proposed that a decision be considered 6 months after WCC had switched off its streetlights to give the council time to assess the risk.

**RESOLVED** to postpone the final decision for 6 months after the WCC switch off to allow a proper risk assessment to be made

**16. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE QUOTATION FOR RE-STONING AREAS ON THE BIG MEADOW FOLLOWING THE FLOODS AS WELL AS REPLACING BARK.**

**Cost. £1.150** (this replaces the quotation for £700 approved by Council prior to the floods).

It was proposed the quotation be accepted as it was essential work to areas of the Big Meadow to ,make it a safe place, but that it should be done as close to the reopening of the Big Meadow as possible in case of further flooding!

**RESOLVED** to approve the quotation and work to be carried out in mid to late March.

**17. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLAN APPLICATIONS**

- **12/02690/FUL - Mrs. Cheryl Hendey, Broom Village Hall, High Street, Broom**

Single storey extension to the rear of existing village hall

**RESOLVED** to support this application as it would improve the storage facilities of this well used community building.

- **12/02755/FUL – Mr. P. Scully, Avon Farm, Welford Road, Barton**

change of use of land from meadow to create 24 berth mooring basin with new vehicular access and parking area together with associated works

**RESOLVED** to support this application that will benefit business by attracting

more tourism to the area.

**18. TO NOTE THE FOLLOWING PLANNING DECISIONS**

- **12/01666/FUL Mr. Paul Harvey, Farmington Farm, Georges Elm Lane, B50 4JY**  
*Permission granted*
- **12/02278/FUL – Messrs. G and M Jackson, Bidford Garage, 95 High Street, B50 4BD**  
*Permission granted*

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

The Clerk advised that, as the Sport England grant refund amount of £24,000 had been deposited in the account, instead of transferring £10,000 from the deposit to the current account to meet the payments, £14,000 would be transferred to the deposit account from the current account.

Purchases:	5,523.57
Donation	585.00
Wages:	2,477.28
HMCE	<u>2,322.00</u>
(As per cheque list)	10,907.85
DDM	658.66
replacement cheque	<u>200.00</u>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>11,766.51</b>

Payments Received	
Cemetery Sales	160.00
Allotments	15.50
Cancelled cheque	<u>245.00</u>
<b>Total received</b>	<b>420.50</b>

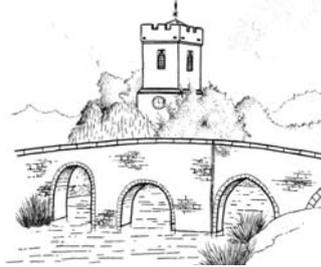
£14,000.00 was transferred from the current account to the deposit account.

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

The meeting closed at approx. 8.45pm

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### **CLERKS REPORT – DECEMBER 2012**

- **Millers Bank** – Transfer of land has been executed and £500 fees deposited into the council's account
- **Marlcliff** - pump has been purchased. This was authorised by the Parish Council in June 2011 at the request of the Environment Agency to assist the FAS. The amount allowed was £2,460.23 – to date the cost has been of £460 – but the purchase of hoses and wheels is still required. The owner of Cherry Hill Farm is allowing the Council to keep the pump at his farm – to be insured by the Parish Council. The Environment Agency will be advising the Parish Council where and how it should be used to pump the water off the highways.
- **Bidford Bridge**- County Council divers inspected the bridge on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. and have advised that there are no “significant cracks” following the flood.
- **Big Meadow Play Equipment** – following new guidelines, all the play equipment has been sprayed/wiped with a Dettol/Milton solution. An interim inspection has also been requested.
- **Unmetered electricity** – the handover of 4 more streetlights to WCC has resulted in a saving of approx. £175.00 per annum