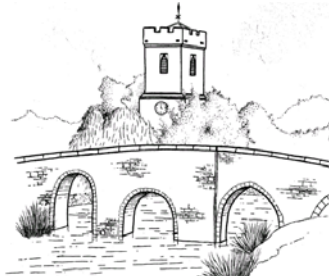


# **BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **In the County of Warwickshire**



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013 @  
8.07pm (after the Annual Meeting of the parish Council) at the Parish Council  
Meeting Room, Bramley Way**

### **PRESENT**

Chairman                      Cllr. Fleming

Cllrs.                             Atkins, Gerrard, Harvey, Hiscocks, Mrs Keeley, Pound,  
Mrs Randell, Squires and Spiers

Also present:                 County Cllr. Brain had sent his apologies  
District Councillors Howse and Pemberton - Cllr. Spence sent  
his apologies  
4 members of the public and 1 member of the press

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 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.

*None declared*

### **3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2013**

Cllr. Gerrard proposed the Minutes be accepted as being accurate. However, an issue was raised regarding the wording on Item 7 where it refers to “New Bedroom Tax” – a Councillor did not wish this term to be used as it was incorrect. However, the Clerk advised that the Minutes should reflect what had been said at the meeting, whether or not it was the correct terminology and those were the words used at the meeting.

After a short discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes should be approved and signed by the Chairman but that it should be noted that the correct term is Housing Benefit Charge and that SDC is using the term Spare Bedroom Subsidy.

### **4. YOUTH FORUM**

No young people attended the meeting

### **5. PUBLIC FORUM**

- Request that the Parish Council write to Mark Smith congratulating him on the Vintage Gathering which, once again, had been a great success.  
**RESOLVED** the Clerk to send a congratulation letter
- Residents glad to see the notice board by the telephone box was back
- Resident and mother of school pupil thanked the Parish Council for its donation that had assisted Bidford Primary School with the recent exchange. Her son had just returned from Poland where he had had a great time and become involved in many activities
- Residents thanked outgoing Cllr. Gerrard for his two years’ chairmanship during which he demonstrated his great dedication to the village and its community.
- Could the Parish Council consider making contingency plans for the removal of snow along the High Street in the winter months.  
**RESOLVED** members to consider how to improve the Snow Warden Scheme at its meeting in September

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

Cllr Brain had sent his apologies but had sent a written report which is attached to these minutes.

The Clerk read out the important issues relating to Bidford.

The Parish Council **NOTED** the contents of the report and agreed the Christmas Lights,, Bidford Community Group and Buy in Bidford should get together and apply for funds available from Operation Footfall to improve the village square and High Street.

## 7. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Spence had sent his apologies

- **Cllr. Spence** had become Portfolio Holder for Environment and Planning
- **Core Strategy**
  - Housing numbers – the number has been set at 9,500 which SDC believe it can support based on the evidence from the ERM Report which it had commissioned. Of these, 2,000 new dwellings have already been granted planning permission.
  - Timetable was made available. Site Allocation, which many feel is one of the most important issues, was out for consultation in July 2013.
- **Doctors Surgery** – Crab Tree was now completed and will be moving ahead.
- **Friday Furlong Health Centre** – S106 agreement – there is a proposal for a Care Home facility but this will require the rewriting of the S106 Agreement so, even in the event this would happen, it would take a considerable amount of time.
- **Neighbourhood Plan** – assistance from SDC was temporarily suspended as they concentrate on the Core Strategy timetable

### **The Parish Council raised the following issues**

- **Taylor Wimpey** – The Parish Council would like to be closely involved in the S1-06 decisions, especially in respect of the public open space areas
- **GEODIS** – young people were seen inside this area which is considered dangerous and should be prevented.

## 8. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE

- **CPRE** – newsletter (circulated)  
**NOTED**

## 9. TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE FROM WALC

- **NALC Policy Consultation PC62-13** – Further Reforms on Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) (circulated, together with report)  
**RESOLVED** to note the contents of the consultation document
- **NALC Policy Briefing PB53-13** overview of the Queen's speech highlighting those affecting Parish Council – to be noted. (circulated)  
**RESOLVED** to note the contents
- **NALC Policy Briefing P52-13** – Mobile connectivity in England – consultation on the relaxations of planning regulations to encourage a faster roll out of high speed broadband (circulated)  
Council to resolve whether to respond to the consultation and, if so, whether it supports the proposals or not  
**RESOLVED** to support the proposals
- **LAIS – Sustainable Communities Act** - a background to the Sustainable Communities Act and the recent consultation which has resulted in success for the sector (circulated)  
Council to resolve whether it wishes to respond to the consultation  
**RESOLVED** to obtain more information over this issue and consider it in full at the July Parish Council meeting

- **Briefing Event** Awareness of Employment Responsibilities and Encouraging a good employment relationship (circulated)  
Sat. 15<sup>th</sup> June 10.00 am – 12.45 pm Binley Woods Village Hall  
Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Sept. – Alderminster  
Cost : £35  
**RESOLVED** All members of the Staffing Committee to attend the event on 15<sup>th</sup> June at Binley Woods.

**10. TO CONSIDER RENEWAL OF THE PARISH COUNCIL'S INSURANCE (comparison table circulated)**

Members were asked to consider three premiums, including that of the existing insurer. The recommendation was to accept the quote offered by Came & Co, as both the most competitive and best cover.

**RESOLVED** to accept the quote of £2,418.42 from Came & Co – insurance company is Aviva.

**11. TO CONSIDER**

- Proposals from County Council regarding waiting restrictions High Street, Bidford on-Avon (circulated)  
After some consideration of the implications to both East (Location 1) and West (Location 2) ends of the High Street, it was **RESOLVED**
  - Location 1 – to accept the recommendation but extend the double yellow line to the junction with Icknield Street
  - Location 2 – to accept the recommendation as a first phase as members do not believe this will be the full solution to the problem in this area

**12. TO CONSIDER REPLY FROM NADHIM ZAHAWI MP, RE PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL PRECEPTS (circulated)**

Members **NOTED** the response received

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

- **13/00682/FUL – Mr. Igor Kolodotschko, Crooked Barn Cottage, Dorsington CV37 8BA**  
Demolition of existing property. Formation of improved access and construction of replacement dwelling  
**RESOLVED** – N representation

**14. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THIS MONTH'S PAYMENTS AND ACCOUNTS (circulated) AND THE AMOUNTS TO BE INVESTED IN THE HID ACCOUNT (RFO's schedule re- circulated)**

Some councillors (3) commented that the presentation of the accounts could be improved and, after some discussions, it was agreed that the Chairman of the Finance and Strategy Committee should meet with the interested parties to consider a presentation of the accounts that would satisfy the needs of the Council.

Purchases	
Wages	£2,511.86
As per cheque list	20,476.24
DDM	<u>1,341.47</u>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>£24,329.57</b>

Payments received	
Car Parking	1,690.00
Burial fees	495.00
Meadow Rights	150.00
Allotment rents	32.00

£72,500.00 transferred from the current account to the deposit account.

It was **RESOLVED**

- to approve the months' payments and accounts and that Cllrs. Gerrard and Mrs. Randell sign the cheque.
- To transfer £60,000 to the 3 month HID account and £50,000 to the 6 month HID account

The meeting closed at approx. 9.35 pm