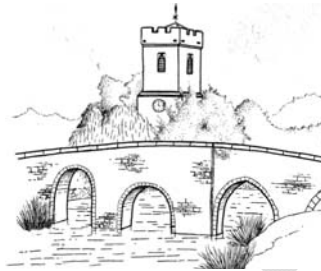


BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

In the County of Warwickshire



Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 18th April 2016 at 7.30 p.m. at The Parish Meeting Room, Bramley Way, Bidford-on-Avon

PRESENT

Vice Chairman Cllr Harvey

Cllrs. Atkins, Ms Deacon, Hiscocks, Mrs Keeley, Pound, Ms Randell and Mrs Taylor

Also present: County Cllr. Brain
 District Cllr. Cargill
 7 members of the public

In attendance Mrs E Uggerløse – Clerk to the Parish Council

The Chairman opened the meeting by thanking all those attending. He then introduced the Special Guest, Olympian Andy Train, who would be making a presentation on Bell Boating and, more specifically, the Bell Boating Regatta, taking place on the Big Meadow on Sat. 18th June 2016 in celebration of H.M. Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday.

PRESENTATION ON BELL BOATING

Andy Train introduced himself and gave a short history of his Olympian credits – he participated in 5 summer Olympics:

- 1984 – Los Angeles
- 1988 – Seoul
- 1992 – Barcelona

- 1996 – Atlanta
- 2000 – Sydney

Together with his father, he started the Fladbury Canoe Club as a youth project, which proved to be so popular that within a year all the children in the village, and some adults, were involved and Fladbury has a representative at the Olympics every year since then.

The Bell Boat is an invention of Andy's father – a unique design with the purpose of removing the fear of canoeing as it is an extremely stable design which can be used even by the disabled, and can take up to 12 people. The name comes from the statistic bell shape.

Andy had worked with local schools in Worcestershire and South Warwickshire and run school regattas on the Avon – he now wants to extend this outside schools and is planning a number of regattas this year starting at Stratford upon Avon and ending in Tewkesbury, with the regatta in Bidford on Avon taking place on Saturday 18th June in connection with the Queen's Birthday celebrations in collaboration with the Parish Council and the Bidford Chamber of Trade and Commerce.

He invited members of the community to participate: 8 children and 4 adults per boat. The race is over 200 metres and all teams will be allowed to attempt – the hope is to have 20 to 30 teams participate.

The Chairman thanked Andy who then left the meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- **Bidford Bridge**

- Overweight HGVs are still driving over the bridge
- Lack and/or poor signage is a major issue
- Need camera on the bridge

County Cllr Brain advised that, together with the Parish Council, he would be pressing for a second multi-agency meeting and agreed that improved signage was required

- **Planning**

- Updates on the appeals for the development at
 - Marriage Hill (Persimmons 75 dwellings)
 - Land to the West of Waterloo Road (Miller homes – 200 dwellings)

Still awaiting results of the appeal which were expected in July

- **Core Strategy**

The 5 year land supply has now been attained – this should prevent the “presumption in favour of development” as the attained 5 year land supply begins to have more weight. However, the Core Strategy has still to be approved and signed off to have full weight – the 5 year land supply would mean building 759 new dwellings per annum.

- **Neighbourhood Development Plan**

The Chairman gave an update on the time scale of this important document: it is expected to go to referendum in October

The identified strategic reserve site had to be withdrawn following advice from the company carrying out the Sustainable Environmental Assessment Screening Report.

It is hoped that, by the end of the year, both the Core Strategy and the NDP will have been approved as, although it will not entirely stop further development, it will hand back some control to the local community, especially as to the where and when.

Bidford on Avon has already contributed to the house numbers and it is hoped that SDC will not require it to contribute any further.

- **Which developments had been granted permission?**

- Land to the rear of 18 Salford Road (Bovis 150 dwellings)
- Land to the South of Jacksons Meadow (Bloor Homes, 40 dwellings)

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

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