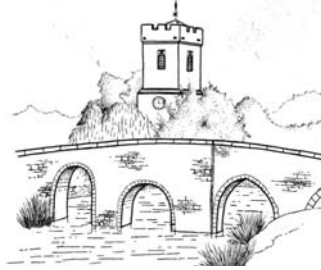


BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

In the County of Warwickshire



**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting (Part 2) held on Monday 22nd May 2017
at 7.15 p.m. at The Parish Meeting Room, Bramley Way, Bidford-on-Avon**

PRESENT

Chairman Cllr Harvey

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

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

In attendance Mrs E Uggerløse – Clerk to the Parish Council

This year, the Parish Council had resolved to hold the Annual Parish Meeting in two parts:

- **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING (PART 1)** was held on Saturday 29th April 2017 between 9.30 am and 12.00 noon at the Crawford Memorial Hall, Salford Road as a "Community Event". Recognising the recent growth in Bidford-on-Avon, the Parish Council wished to give new residents the opportunity to see what Bidford on Avon has to offer and invited a number of local community groups to participate in the event.
A list of the groups that were invited is attached to these Minutes of which they form an integral part.
Each group was provided with a table where they could set up promotional

material.

The Parish Council also took the opportunity of promoting the Neighbourhood Development Plan which will be going to Referendum on 29th June 2017, although the date was to be confirmed. Copies of the Referendum version were made available and Councillors were present to answer any queries.

Bidford Area Community Choir, a local and very successful local group that started with a grant provided by the Parish Council, provided entertainment with 2 short performances of their forthcoming concert.

The Event was considered a success although it was agreed that better advertising would have increased the numbers of attendants, a change to a different date as it appeared many residents had gone away for the bank holiday weekend and renaming the events as an **ANNUAL COMMUNITY EVENT** as it was felt that the term Annual Parish Meeting did not properly convey the type of community event it actually was.

- **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING (PART 2)**

This was held at the Parish Council meeting on Monday 22nd May @ 7.15pm

A review of Part 1 was considered and the Clerk advised that all the community groups that attended thought it an excellent idea and would be prepared to come again in 2018 if the Parish Council agreed to organise a similar event, albeit with better advertising.

She added that, as could be seen in the schedule of meetings June 2017 – May 2018 to be considered and approved at the Annual Parish Council Meeting which would be held at 7.30 pm, consideration had been given to the date chosen for the 2018 event so that it would not coincide with a bank holiday.

Two issues had been raised:

- **Trees by the weir at Marlcliff**

A resident had been concerned by the large number of trees that had been removed.

The Clerk was able to advise that the Avon Navigation Trust had carried out repairs to the weir but were not responsible for the felling of the trees. This appears to have been carried out by the landowner. As it is not on a conservation area there is no requirement to submit a planning application.

- **Bidford Bridge** – could a height restriction frame be installed as a way to prevent HGVs illegally crossing the bridge?

The Clerk advised that this had been considered and discarded as:

- It would prevent buses and emergency vehicles being able to drive over

- English Heritage would not allow it as it would have a detrimental impact on the view of a national monument
- **Neighbourhood Development Plan** – could copies of the Referendum version be made available in the library and online. The Clerk advised that copies were available both in the library and online.

Council agreed the community event had been successful and that it should be repeated next year.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.25 pm