### BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL In the County of Warwickshire



Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Meeting Room, Bramley Way, Bidford-on-Avon

#### **PRESENT**

Chairman Cllr. Fleming

Cllrs. Atkins, Ms Deacon, Harvey, Hiscocks, Mrs Keeley,

Knight, Pound, Mrs Randell and Mrs Taylor

Also present: County Cllr. Brain

District Cllr. Cargill 9 members of the public

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

#### 1. TO ELECT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

A motion was put forward proposing Cllr Harvey, the current Vice Chairman **RESOLVED** – There being no other candidates, Cllr. Harvey was duly elected Chairman and took the Chair.

#### 2. TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr. Harvey accepted the office of Chairman of the Parish Council, and duly signed the declaration of acceptance, witnessed by the Clerk. He thanked the outgoing Chairman, Cllr Fleming for the excellent way in which he had steered the Council during his time in office, which was endorsed by all Council

#### 3. TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES

There were none

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## **4. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**None declared

#### 5. TO ELECT THE PARISH COUNCIL VICE-CHAIRMAN

A motion was put forward proposing Cllr Knight elected Vice Chairman **RESOLVED** There being no other candidates, Cllr Knight was duly elected Vice Chairman

# 6. TO ELECT CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSULTATIVE PLANNING COMMITTEE A motion was put forward proposing Cllr. Knight RESOLVED There being no other candidates, Cllr. Knight was duly elected Chairman

#### 7. TO ELECT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

A motion was put forward proposing Cllr Mrs Randell be re-elected Chairman **RESOLVED** There being no other candidates, Cllr Mrs Randell was duly elected Chairman

8. TO CONFIRM DELEGATED POWERS TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE AND FINANCE AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE

**RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to confirm delegated powers to these committees

9. TO CONFIRM DELEGATED POWERS TO 2 COUNCILLORS AND THE CLERK TO RESPOND TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS THAT REQUIRE DECISIONS BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Council agreed this had worked well and it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to confirm delegated powers

10. TO CONFIRM THE PARISH COUNCIL'S ELIGIBILITY TO USE THE GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE AS IT MEETS THE RQUIRED CONDITIONS OF HAVING A QUALIFIED CLERK AND A FULLY ELECTED COUNCIL RESOLVED to confirm the Council's eligibility to use the General Power of Competence

#### 11. TO ELECT MEMBERS TO THE FOLLOWING WORKING GROUPS

The Chairman proposed that, as three of the Working Groups, will be working on long term strategic plans for the Council, based on responses received for the Neighbourhood Development Plan, it would appear sensible to limit the membership of these groups to 3 Councillors. In the event members of the WG were unable to attend a meeting, the Working Group could call on other Councillors to replace them. Other Councillors as well as local residents could be co-opted.

**RESOLVED** to adopt this proposal

#### Strategy

A motion was put forward that a Strategy Working Group would simply be another, unnecessary, layer of governance. Working groups should report direct to full Council for resolutions to be made.

There followed a short discussion regarding the possible merits of having a Strategy WG to monitor the long time planning of the Council. In the absence of any counter proposal it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** that there was no requirement for a separate Strategy WG

#### Amenities

**RESOLVED** that the following members be elected o Cllrs Hiscocks, Mrs Keeley and Pound

#### Business

**RESOLVED** that the following members be elected o Cllrs Atkins, Knight and Mrs Taylor

#### • Communication and Marketing

**RESOLVED** that the following members be elected o Cllrs Ms Deacon, Fleming and Mrs Randell

#### • Allotment and Burials

**RESOLVED** that the following members be re elected o Cllrs Mrs Keeley and Mrs Randell

#### Emergency

**RESOLVED** that the following members be elected o Cllrs Atkins, Knight and Mrs Taylor

#### • Performance Panel

**RESOLVED** to elect the Chairman and Vice Chairman

#### Staffing Panel

**RESOLVED** that the following members be re-elected o Cllrs Ms Deacon, Mrs Randell and Mrs Taylor

## 12.TO ELECT MEMBERS TO THE ACCOUNTS QUARTERLY REVIEW GROUP RESOLVED to re-elect

o Cllrs Hiscocks and Mrs Keeley

#### 13. TO ELECT PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS TO OUTSIDE COMMITTEES

o Crawford Memorial Hall Committee

**RESOLVED** to elect Cllrs. Knight (Vice Chairman of the Council) and Hiscocks

#### o Broom Village Hall Committee

**RESOLVED** to re-elect Cllr. Harvey (Broom Ward Member)

o Marsh Farm Liaison Committee

**RESOLVED** to elect Cllrs. Ms Deacon, Mrs Keeley and Cllr. Harvey (Broom Ward Member) The Clerk to remain as a member.

o Parochial Church Charities

**RESOLVED** to elect Cllr. Harvey as Chairman of the Parish Council;

#### Perkins Educational Trust RESOLVED to elect Cllr Pound

## 14.TO CONFIRM THE FOLLOWING PAYMENTS DIRECT DEBIT MANDATES OR BANK STANDING ORDER

- o BT
- o Vodaphone (broadband)
- o EDF (unmetered electricity)
- NPower (electricity)
- o 02 (Mobile)
- Severn Trent (Water)
- Microshade (computer hosting)
- Salaries
- Pension contributions
- o HMRC
- o Limebridge Rural Services
- o DCK Beavers Ltd
- o De Lage Landen (printer/photocopier lease)
- o Stratford on Avon DC (rates)
- o Information Commissioner (annual registration fee)

**RESOLVED** to confirm the continuation of payment of the above bills by Direct Debit Mandate/Standing Order

## **15.TO APPROVE CALENDAR FOR MEETING JUNE 2016 - MAY 2017 RESOLVED** to approve the Calendar

The Annual Parish Council Meeting closed at approx. 7.50pm