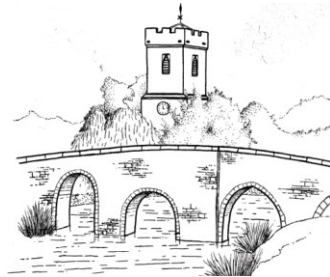


BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

In the County of Warwickshire



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 24th April 2017 @ 7.30 pm at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Bramley Way, B50 4QG

PRESENT

Chairman Cllr. Harvey - Chairman of the Council

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

Also present: District Councillors Cargill
No members of the public

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

1. TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES

Cllr Hiscocks was absent

2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

- i. All members of the Council are respectfully reminded that in order to comply with the Code of Conduct adopted by the Parish Council on 30th July 2012, if any matter arises during the meeting in which they have declared a disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI) they should leave the room.

None declared

- ii. Written requests for Dispensations for DPI should be received by the Clerk no more than 24 hours prior to the meeting.
Dispensations will be granted as appropriate.

None required

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30 PM ON 27TH MARCH 2017

Cllr MS Randell proposed the Minutes be accepted as being accurate

RESOLVED: that the Minutes be accepted as an accurate account, and signed by the Chairman.

4. YOUTH FORUM

None present.

5. PUBLIC FORUM

None present

6. COUNCILLOR FORUM

The Clerk asked Cllr Cargill regarding the sale of garages in Bidford by Orbit. The Chairman requested Cllr Cargill address this during his report

7. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Brain had advised that he had an important meeting so he could be late

8. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

9. RECEIVE CLERK'S REPORT

This had been circulated and it was **RESOLVED** to note the contents

10. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL'S WORKING GROUPS

i. **Amenities Strategic WG** – no report

ii. **Business & Development Strategic WG** –

o Recommendation that the Parish Council become a Market Authority under Section 50 of the Food Act 1984

RESOLVED to accept the recommendation and approve the Parish Council become a Market Authority

o Recommendation that the Parish Council reconsider an award of £500 towards a gazebo for the Bidford Chamber of Trade & Commerce. Incorrect information was given when Council considered this – the County Councillor award was £500 not £2,500. It has also been agreed that the Parish Council name and logo appear on the gazebo.

It was put forward that Council policy was that this was to be considered by the Amenities WG and that until such time as the strategy groups were well established, with clear strategic policies in place, this policy should be adhered to. Following a lengthy discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that the grant award scheme policy should remain and that the Amenities WG consider this grant and make its recommendation to Council.

- iii. **Communications & Marketing Strategic WG** – No report
- iv. **NDP** – the Chairman read out the current timetable which includes the approval of the Referendum version by Cabinet on 8th May (Parish Council will be attending and speaking) and, all being well, the Referendum would take place on Thursday 29th June and made at Full (District) council on 17th July.

He thanked Neil Pearce and the Clerk, as well as Matthew Neal at SDC and Cllr Pemberton for their efforts in ensuring the Referendum was not delayed until late autumn as originally indicated.

11. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE FROM NALC/WALC

- i. **LTN 11** – Celebrations and Similar Events
- ii. **LTN 13** – Policing your Area
- iii. **LTN 18** – Local Councils' Powers to Provide Parking Spaces
- iv. **LTN 20** – Market and Other Events (see 10 ii)

Council is requested to note the above and bring to the attention of Council any issues of concern.

No issues of concern were raised and it was **RESOLVED** to note the various Legal Topic Notes

12. TO CONSIDER REPLYING TO THE CONSULTATION OF THE FUTURE OF LOCALISM BEING CARRIED OUT BY LOCALITY

The recommendation was to reply to the consultation and it was **RESOLVED** the Clerk would prepare a response, circulate it to Councillors, and present it for approval at the next Parish Council meeting.

13. TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM M SMITH FOR A GRANT OF £350 TO PURCHASE 1 TON OF COAL FOR THE ANNUAL VINTAGE GATHERING TAKING PLACE ON 13/14 MAY 2017

Although it was noted that he had omitted to complete a grant application in time, Council agreed that the Annual Vintage Gathering brought a lot of exhibitors and visitors to both the Big Meadow and the village and it raises a lot of money for local charities. It was, therefore, proposed, that Council award the grant. **RESOLVED** to award the grant of £350 but remind Mr Smith to complete the grant form in time in future.

14. TO CONSIDER THE COST OF REMOVING AND CONTROLLING HIMALAYAN BALSAM ON MILLERS BANK

The Clerk had contacted both the Environment Agency and Natural England regarding this as well as the Parish council's contractors. Himalayan Balsam, although considered an invasive non-native plant, is not a declarable plant and the Parish Council has no obligation to remove it.

The cost of removing and controlling it would be approx. £5,000 per annum for at least 3-4 years and with no guarantee.

In view of the annual cost and lack of guarantee Council **RESOLVED** not to proceed

with this work.

15. TO RECEIVE THANK YOU LETTERS FROM

- i. Stroke Association for the grant
- ii. Bidford Canoe Club for the S106 monies

RESOLVED to note

16. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- i. **17/01089/TPO – Ms Amanda Gallagher 1 Old School Mead B50 4AW**
T1 – Lime – fell

Apart from ivy growing on the trunk, the tree appeared to be in good health. On this basis it was **RESOLVED** to object on the following ground:
It is contrary to NDP Policy ENV2 which aims to “protect mature and healthy trees and hedges”. It is the belief of the Parish Council that this tree is healthy and all that it requires is the removal of the ivy. Regarding the potential obstruction of the BT cable lines, this can be dealt with my means of branch management

17. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE

- i. **Completed accounts for the month of March 2017**

These had been circulated

RESOLVED they should be accepted and approved

- ii. **To approve payments to be made in February 2017**

the Clerk advised that cheque 6784, for an amount of £285 payable to SLCC had been replaced by 2 cheques:

- o Cheque No. 6790 payable to SLCC for £275
- o Cheque No. 6791 payable to ALCC for £10

List of cheques to be raised and signed had been circulated

List of payable invoices form part of these Minutes and totalled an amount of £6,568.34

RESOLVED to approve the April payments, cheques to be signed by Cllrs. Mrs Keeley and Knight

The meeting closed at approx. 8.20 pm

