BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL In the County of Warwickshire



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 25th February 2019 @ 7.30 pm at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Bramley Way.

PRESENT

Chairman Cllr. Knight, Chairman of the Council

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

Pound

Also present: District Cllr. Cargill

9 members of the public

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

1. TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Mrs Taylor

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 18th December 2017, 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.
 - Cllr Fleming declared a personal interest in Planning Application No. 19/00102/FUL
- **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 MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 21ST JANUARY 2019

Cllr Mrs Keeley 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

i. Applicants of planning 19/00102/FUL explained the background to the application which was the poor health of the parents of the applicant and her wish to be closer to them to assist them.

6. COUNCILLOR FORUM

i. **Safeguarding** - a Councillor who had attended the briefing advised that if any other councillor was interested, the Clerk had a copy of the presentations made which she could make available upon request.

7. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Brain had sent his apologies and Cllr Cargill would include certain aspects in his report.

RESOLVED to note

8. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- i. **SDC Budget** an increase of 1.5% had been approved. It should be noted that it is still one of the lowest in the country. It is a balanced budget and Council is thinking ahead as the number and amount of Government grants decreases in the coming years and reserves have to be kept within a legal minimum.
- ii. **WCC Budget** increase of 5% has been agreed but this does include a 2% for Adult & Social Care
- **iii. Parish and Town Councils –** average increase across the district was of 3.02%
- iv. Band D payments
 - £1,032 WCC
 - 24 Police
 - 139 SDC
- v. Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service (WFRS) are now offering a hospital to home transport service, especially in the evenings. This is an excellent service and also gives WRFS the opportunity to carry out house risk assessment of the patient when delivering them to their homes.
- vi. Gypsy and Traveller consultation SDC is aware of the concerns raised by the Parish Council and these have been raised with the Policy Planning Officer concerned.

RESOLVED to note

9. RECEIVE CLERK'S REPORT

The written report had been circulated **RESOLVED** to note

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

- **i. Amenities WG** Report with Resolutions attached to these Minutes of which it forms an integral part.
- **ii. Business Development Strategic WG Report** with Resolutions attached to these Minutes of which it forms an integral part.
- iii. Communication & Marketing WG
 - To accept the resignation of Cllrs Ms Deacon and Fleming RESOLVED to accept and note
 - Report with Resolutions attached to these Minutes of which it forms an integral part.

11.TO REVIEW THE RISK ASESSMENT

This had been updated to include the Social Media Policies that had been approved **RESOLVED** to approve

12. TO CONSIDER THE FUTURE STRUCTURE AND REMIT OF THE STRATEGIC WORKING GROUPS

Some Councillors expressed a belief at the Parish Council Strategy Meeting that perhaps the structure and remit of the current Strategic Working Groups should be revised. The recommendation is that, if Council agrees that a review is required this be put on the Agenda of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council which is taking place on Monday 13th May.

RESOLVED to approve the recommendation

13. TO CONSIDER THE REPLY RECEIVED FROM WCC TRAFFIC CONTROL & INFORMATION SYSTEMS

to Council's request for a camera to be fitted to traffic light on Bidford Bridge to prevent traffic infringements

This had been circulated. The request was not being considered as:

- i. The traffic signal junction has a good safety record
- ii. The type of infringement would not activate a red light camera
- **iii.** It is basically bad driver behaviour which only the Police can enforce **RESOLVED** to note the reply

14. TO CONSIDER SUPPORTING PROPOSALS SUGGESTED BY A BARTON RESIDENT CONCERNED ABOUT THE FREQUENCY AND NUMBER OF ROAD ACCIDENTS OCCURRING ON THE HONEYBOURNE ROAD BETWEEN BIDFORD BRIDGE AND THE JUNCTION WITH WELFORD ROAD AND CLEEVE ROAD

This had been circulated. After a short discussion it was proposed that the Clerk write to WCC Highways/Traffic Safety and express the concerns of Council and local community regarding the safety of this stretch of road and request it be looked at and any necessary safety measures introduced.

RESOLVED to approve the proposal

15. TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ROAD NAME FOR THE BROOM DEVELOPMENT AT RIVER HOUSE, HIGH STREET, BROOM.

The suggested name is "Arrow Court".

Council noted that there already is an Arrow House and The Arrows in Broom and that this can cause confusion for delivery vans. A local historian had suggested Tinkers Corner as being the original name of the site.

Council proposed Kings Close as an acceptable alternative

RESOLVED to propose Kings Close.

16. TO RECEIVE A THANK YOU LETTER FROM CAB FOR THE GRANT AWARDED RESOLVED to note

17. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

i. 19/00102/FUL Ms L Preece, 7 Bidford Road, Broom B50 4HP

Proposed new dwelling

(This is contrary to Policies H1 and H2 of the Bidford on Avon NDP and to the SDC Core Strategy that considers Broom an "any other settlement"

RESOLVED by 6 votes in favour and 1 against to object to the application as it is contrary to Policies H1 (Village Boundary) and H2 (Rural Exception Site) of the made Bidford on Avon NDP as well as the Core Strategy which considers Broom to be an "any other settlement".

Cllr Fleming did not vote having declared a personal interest.

ii. 19/00239/FUL Mrs and Mrs Dean March, 15 Wilkes Way, B50 4QA

First floor side/rear extension

RESOLVED No Representation

18.TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE

i. Completed accounts for the month of January 2019

These had been circulated

RESOLVED they should be accepted and approved

ii. To approve payments to be made in February 2019

List of cheques to be raised and signed had been circulated. List of payable invoices £13,347.04

RESOLVED to approve payments and Cllrs Ms Deacon and Harvey to sign the cheques

The meeting closed at approx. 8.30pm

