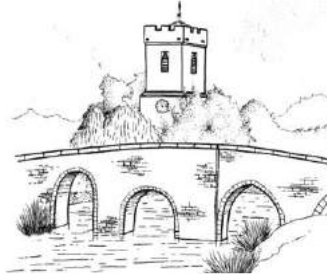


BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

In the County of Warwickshire



To all Members of the Parish Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of the Parish Council to be held at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Bramley Way, B50 4QG on Monday 30th October 2023 @ 7.30 pm to transact the following business

25th October 2023

Elisabeth Uggerløse
Clerk to the Parish Council

AGENDA

- 1. To receive** and accept apologies
- 2. To receive** any Declaration of Interest on 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 28th February 2022, effective from 1st May 2022, 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.
 - 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.
- 3. To approve** the following Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25th September 2023
- 4. Public Forum** questions from members of the public. Please be aware that, although members of the public can raise any question, Council will only be able to respond to issues relating to the business to be transacted at the meeting.

Approx. 15 minutes in total; 3 minutes per person.

(Public Participation at Council Meeting Guidance Notes apply). Please note that this is the **only** opportunity members of the public have to raise issues as, once the meeting has started, all discussions are limited to the Council and Officers.

5. **Councillor Forum** Questions from members of the Council. Councillors are reminded to raise questions that are pertinent to Council. Administrative questions to the Clerk should be directed directly to her outside the meeting. 3 mins. per issue raised and 15 minutes in total.
6. **To receive** report from County Councillor
7. **To receive** report from District Councillor
8. **To receive** Clerk's report.
9. **To note** conclusion of Annual Audit
10. **To elect** members to the following
 - i. **Communities WG**
 - ii. **Facilities WG**
 - iii. **Crawford Memorial Hall** – 2 members
11. **To consider** Update Reports from the Parish Council's Working Groups
 - i. **Communities WG** – Report & Recommendations enclosed
 - ii. **Facilities WG** – Report & Recommendations enclosed
 - iii. **Your Village, Your Voice WG** – Report & Recommendations enclosed
 - iv. **Community Speed Watch** Report & Recommendation enclosed
12. **To consider** Grant received from Barton Village Fund. Report enclosed
13. **To consider** the following Planning Applications
 - i. **23/02650/FUL & 23/02651/LBC Messrs Forrester Broom Court Farm, Rush Lane, B50 4ER**
Conversion of barns to form offices
Link to application
<https://apps.stratford.gov.uk/eplanning/AppDetail.aspx?appkey=S1Y0YWPMFG500> and
<https://apps.stratford.gov.uk/eplanning/AppDetail.aspx?appkey=S1Y0YYPMFG600>
 - ii. **23/02653/LBC Mr Aidan Lines, The Old Falcon, High Street, B50 4BJ**
Install pigeon spikes to the stone string course on north west, south west and north east elevations and to hoppers along the north west and south west rooftop edges
Link to application
<https://apps.stratford.gov.uk/eplanning/AppDetail.aspx?appkey=S1Y3R9PMFM900>
 - iii. There are 6 x Notification Under General Permitted Development Orders: please note this is for Information only
“Notice of intention to install electronic communication apparatus pursuant to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development Order) 2015 and the Electronic Communications Code (conditions and Regulations)2003 (as amended)”

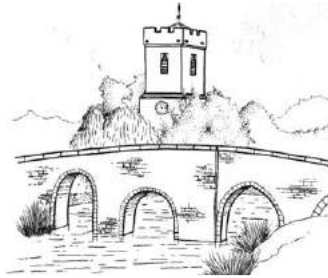
- **23/02689/TEL28 The Meadows**
installation of 5 c poles
- **23/02706/TEL28 Glebe Close**
Installation of 2 x poles
- **23/02707/TEL28 Hillview Road and Wessons Road**
Installation of 3 x poles
- **23/02708/TEL28 Holland Close**
Installation of 2 x poles
- **23/02709/TEL28 Falcon Crescent**
Installation of 1 x pole
- **23/02713/TEL28 Burnell Close**
Installation of 2 x poles

14. To approve

- i. September 2023 accounts - circulated
- ii. October 2023 payments – circulated

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 25th September 2023 @ 7.30 pm
at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Bramely Way, B50 4QG

PRESENT

Chairman Cllr. Taylor (P)

Cllrs. Barry, Hiscocks, Moore, Taylor (N) and Williams

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

Also present District Cllr Fleming
10 members of the public

1. TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES

Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs Cullum, Haberton and Ho

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 28th February 2022, effective from 1st May 2022, 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.
None declared
- ii.** Written requests for Dispensations for DPI should be received by the Clerk no more than 24 hours prior to the meeting.
None requested

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21ST AUGUST 2023

Cllr Williams proposed they be accepted as being accurate and they were signed by the Chairman

4. PUBLIC FORUM

- i. Resident asked why the round blue signs with white arrows had not been updated at the same time as the chevrons: some are battered and could do with being replaced.
Clerk to raise this with WCC
- ii. Bidford WI representative enquired about their grant application
Chairman advised it was on the Agenda for Council to consider and resolve the amount to be awarded.

5. COUNCILLOR FORUM

Chairman wanted to congratulate Arty Avon, who celebrated its first year. It was a great local group which received support from the Parish Council to start up and has been very successful with many local residents regularly attending their session.

6. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Pemberton was not present and had requested Cllr Fleming to make the following report on his behalf

- i. **Binton Bridge, Welford** – will close on 2nd October for a period of 2 weeks. Further information will be relayed as it becomes available.
Council Chairman raised the issue that Barton residents were not kept advised and had been under the impression that the bridge had closed and had been using the diversions only to find out they could have shortened their journeys as the bridge was still open. They were unhappy at the lack of information.
Chairman and Clerk stressed the importance of the Parish Council being kept informed as the closure of Binton Bridge has a great impact on Bidford traffic, local and through.
RESOLVED to note

7. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

- i. **Council Plan** this will be revealed in the next 3 to 4 weeks as it is being finalised
- ii. **Net Zero** SDC will continue its Net Zero policy despite the change at government level
- iii. **Shadow Cabinet** – this has now been allowed to hold Cabinet to account. Cllr Fleming has been given the Shadow Housing Portfolio
RESOLVED to note all points

8. RECEIVE CLERK'S REPORT

Verbal Report to include

- i. Payments on authorised expenditure had been made to enable delivery of the goods:
 - Baxtech Services Ltd (allotment camera)
£783.74
 - Community Heart Beat (defibrillator)
£2,838.00
- ii. Defibrillator has now been installed and will be checked weekly by the parish Council
- iii. Big Meadow – car park income for this summer would be in the area of £53k though figures not finalised as yet.
RESOLVED to note

9. TO CONSIDER REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL'S WORKING GROUPS

- i. **Communities WG Report & Resolutions** are attached to these Minutes of which they form an integral part
- ii. **Facilities WG Report & Resolutions** are attached to these Minutes of which they form an integral part
- iii. **Grant WG Report & Resolution** are attached to these Minute of which they form an integral part
- iv. **Your Village Your Voice WG Report and Resolutions** are attached to these Minutes of which they form an integral part.

10. TO CONSIDER NAMING AND NUMBERING OF DEVELOPMENT OF LAND TO THE NORTH OF SALFORD ROAD (map enclosed)

Applicant has proposed the name **Barton Edge**

Council believed the proposed name would be confusing as there is a hamlet of Barton within the village – in the opposite direction of this development.

An alternative **Arrow Close** was proposed

RESOLVED to object to Barton Edge on the basis that it was *not in keeping (as far as practicably possible) with local traditions*” and propose Arrow Close as an alternative.

11. TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM SDC TO RECONSIDER ITS REPLY TO

- i. Planning Application 23/01872/VARY Land North of Marriage Hill – Report enclosed
Councillors considered the points made in the report, especially in respect of the comment made by the Planning Officer that a variation from 3 x 3 bedrooms to 2 x 3 bedrooms and 1 x 4 bedroom was considered a minor change: it was note this was incorrect as the variation is from 3 x 3 bedrooms to 1 x 3 bedrooms and 2 x 4 bedrooms, which is contrary to the house mix in the NDP and Core Strategy.
In view of this, Council **RESOLVED** by 5 votes in favour and 1 against not to waive its objection

12. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATION

- i. 23/02462/COUNTY David Cooper Warwickshire County Council, Bidford-on-Avon STW, Salford Road, B50 4EU**
Installation of MCC (pumping station) Kiosk
Link to application
<https://apps.stratford.gov.uk/eplanning/AppDetail.aspx?appkey=S0Z7GDPM0G000>
RESOLVED by a unanimous vote, to support as this should improve the water system within the village

13. TO APPROVE

- i. Completed accounts for the month of August 2023**
These had been circulated.
RESOLVED to approve the accounts
- ii. To approve payments to be made in September 2023**
List of payments had been circulated. Clerk advised there was a further Grundon invoice for waste from the Big Meadow that had been, inadvertently, omitted, for an amount of £1,146.19
Total BACS payments £42,183.49
RESOLVED to approve the payment

The meeting ended at approx 8.15 pm

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Item 9i) COMMUNITIES WG REPORT AND RESOLUTIONS SEPTEMBER 2023

Meeting took place at the Parish Council Office on Monday 11th September 2023 @ 11.00 am

Attendants: Cllrs Cullum (Chairman) and Ho as well as Cllr Taylor (Chairman of the Council)

Also present: Mrs E Uggerloese, Clerk and Miss H Wren, Administrative Assistant

1. GUY FAWKES NIGHT

The 9-11 minutes Fireworks display has been confirmed for 6.30 pm on 5th November and a deposit made .

Also confirmed

- i. **Burgers** – local supplier prepared to do these
- ii. **Mobile Bar** – will be supplied by the same party as the Kings Coronation Event
- iii. **Hot Drinks** – will also be provided
- iv. Catering will be at the entrance of the Big Meadow to ensure there is electricity for the mobile bar.

It was suggested that the Sports Association be approached to see if they could open the Sports Pavilion that evening. This was welcomed and it was agreed the Communities WG would consider this suggestion

To be considered

- i. **Entertainment**
 - Fire act (3 x 20 minutes)
 - 1 x Fire eater/performer £365
 - 2 x Fire eater/performer £690

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Recommendation to contract 2 @ £690 for more impact
RESOLVED by Full Council to approve the contracting of 2 x Fire eater/performers at a cost of £690

- Balloon/Face painting

Waiting for costs – cost for this had been received

- i. 1 @ £175
- ii. 2 @ £225

RESOLVED by full Council to book 2 @ £225

- Music – the local disco is unavailable that evening. Yet to find alternative

RESOLVED by full Council to note and continue to seek alternatives

ii. **Festoon lighting**

To illuminate the catering/entertainment area

100 metres/150 bulbs

- Cost to hire £134.16
- Cost to purchase £274.98

Recommendation to purchase as they can be used for other events

RESOLVED by full Council to purchase

iii. **Medical Cover**

St Johns Ambulance and another company have been approached – waiting for quotes.

Quote from County Medics received at £150.00

It was thought the cover was not as good as that offered by St John's Ambulance, who should be pursued.

It was proposed Council approve and amount no greater than £150 for this item

RESOLVED by Full Council to approve an amount of a maximum of £150 to this item

2. QUEENS JUBILEE GARDEN

The WG discussed this at length, following a meeting with the original designer of the plan for this garden.

There were some concerns expressed:

- i. The Parish Council has not approved a budget for this design though, it would appear, the designer was not made aware of this and was led to believe there was a “ball park figure” of £50k

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- ii. The garden is very detailed and the issue of maintenance, especially as this is to be carried out by volunteers, was worrying. Due to the nature of the design, if it is not carefully maintained, it could easily go to seed.
- iii. The plan is not the property of the Parish Council and it does not have a copy of the design on file

As it stands, there are 5 options to be considered:

- i. The design already noted by Council and referred to above
- ii. A simpler design where only half of the area becomes a simple garden, easy to maintain
- iii. Jubilee/Coronation Micro Wood
- iv. Jubilee/Coronation Community Orchard: this would be in line with the Queen's Green Canopy Project
- v. Leave the area as it is – just clearing the boundaries to tidy it up and then maintain.

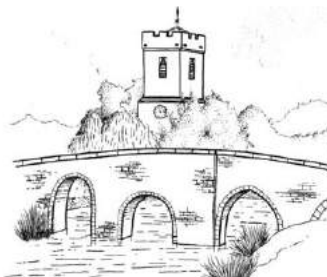
Recommendation that Council note the above and consider the following for a future meeting

- Budget for this project. The transfer amount received for the maintenance of this public open space, together with the other 2 on this estate, was £56.4k but there are sufficient Capital Funds for this project.
- Which of the above alternatives is most suitable for the area and its current use and most sustainable

RESOLVED by Full Council to note

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Item 9ii) FACILITIES WG REPORT AND RESOLUTIONS SEPTEMBER 2023

Meeting took place on 13th September 2023 at Bidford Community Library @ 4.00 pm

Attendants: Cllrs Hiscocks (Chairman), Moore and Williams
Also in attendance Mrs E Uggerloese, the Clerk

1. BENCHES

Motions were put forward for 2 benches to be placed at

- i.** Dugdale Sportsfield
- ii.** Tower Hill, by the bus stop

RECOMMENDATION to approve both locations. The benches to be relocated to these sites from the Big Meadow

RESOLVED by full Council to approve the 2 locations and the re location of 2 x blue benches from the Big Meadow to these sites.

2. PADEL TENNIS

Clerk had finally made contact with the local LTA (Solihull) and obtained an idea of cost – £36.2k

The WG had been advised of a similar, apparently less expensive, alternative tennis called Pickle Ball. Clerk to look into this and obtain cost.

It was agreed that the WG should meet with Bidford Youth Club, the site is currently leased by them, and Bidford Tennis Club whose courts would be adjacent.

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RECOMMENDATION to note progress
RESOLVED by full Council to note

3. FOOTBALL GOAL POSTS

Following the success of the goal posts installed on Marleigh Park, the Parish Council has been approached by residents asking for 5 a side goal posts at

- i. The Leys (current ones no longer fit for purpose)
- ii. Dugdale Sportsfield
- iii. Kings Lane, Broom

Cost for 5 a side 12 x 6 £ 809.00: **Total cost £2,427 + £600 installation**

RECOMMENDATION to approve

RESOLVED by full Council to approve the purchase and installation

4. BIG MEADOW

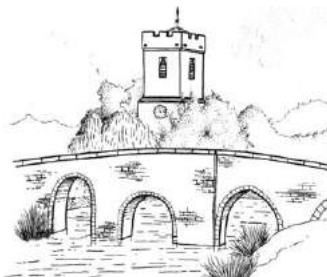
The WG agreed this was a project for detailed consideration after the Big Meadow closes on 30th Sept. to include concerns that have been raised during the Summer Season 2023 and the upgrading of the toilet block. It plans to use the Green Flag Award Scheme, managed by Keep Britain Tidy under Licence from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and is the benchmark standard for the management of parks and green spaces across the UK.

RECOMMENDATION to note

RESOLVED by full Council to note

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Item 9iii) GRANT WG – REPORT & RESOLUTIONS SEPTEMBER 2023

Meeting took place on Wednesday 20th September 2023 @ 3.30pm at Bidford Community Library

Members: Cllrs Taylor, Chairman of the Parish Council; Williams, Vice Chairman, Cullum, Chairman of the Communities WG; Hiscocks, Chairman of the Facilities WG and Moore, Chairman of YVYV WG

1. BIDFORD JUNIORS FC

Various items of equipment used

• Turf care groomer machine	£2,450
• Mannequins	220
• Mini football mannequins	133.98
• 4 x Forza target nets	87.96
• 2 x mini foldable steel goals	258
• Pro version Football Ball Launcher	<u>2,250</u>

Total cost **5,399.94**

Additional: paint £1,295

Mowing 850

Total **2,145.76**

Grant request £5,399.94 plus additional contribution to mowing/paint

Following a lengthy discussion it was unanimously agreed that the cost of the mowing and paint were recurring and, therefore, outside the scope of awarding

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a grant.

Regarding the equipment, there was a split decision:

- i. 100% - 2 votes in favour
- ii. 75% - 3 votes in favour

RECOMMENDATION Council to resolve the amount of the grant to be granted

Following a short discussion during which it was mentioned that

- they had raised funds for the Turf care groomer machine and
- by not awarding the full amount, there would be an increased sense of ownership

A motion was put forward to award £4,049.95 – 75% of the requested amount which was carried with 4 votes in favour and 2 abstentions.

RESOLVED by Full Council to only consider the grant for the equipment as the mowing and paint were on going costs not supported by the grant system, except in special circumstances.

To award £4,490.95 this being 75% of the amount requested.

2. **BIDFORD COMMUNITY REMEMBRANCE COMMITTEE**

This is a new community group to promote community events for the Annual Remembrance Poppy Appeal Day

Cost of hire

- | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| • Childrens rides | £700 |
| • Entertainment | 500 |
| • Insurance | 140 |
| • Church Room | 72 |
| • Vintage tea facilities | 500 |
| Total cost | 1,912 |

Grant request £1,212.00

The Poppy Appeal is a national charity and, therefore, outside the remit of the grants awarded by the Parish Council.

However, in order for the event to be able to take place, it was agreed to pay the Public liability Insurance @ £140.

They will also be able to use the Parish Council gazebos.

RECOMMENDATION to pay for the insurance

The Chairman reiterated that the Parish Council Grants were for local community groups, local sports associations and local charities and not for the large, national charities, however worthy these may be (which the majority are).

In view of this, the proposal, as per the recommendation, was to pay for the insurance, to ensure the event could take place, and provide the gazebos for the event.

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RESOLVED by 5 votes in favour and 1 against to award a grant of £104 to pay for the insurance.

3. BIDFORD WI

Requesting grant for set up costs for 2024 to support expansion plans

Grant request £1000 this includes hire of the Crawford Memorial Hall as the venue. Council may recall that Internal Auditor recommended that it would be advisable for Council to agree to pay the hire costs directly to the venue in the event the applicant ceased to use it.

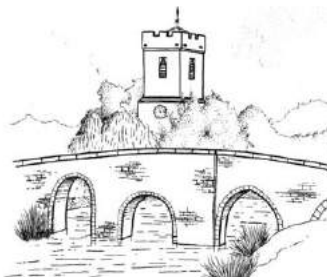
After a short discussion, the

RECOMMENDATION is to award the £1000. The Parish Council to be invoiced directly by the Crawford Memorial Hall for the cost of the hire on a monthly basis and to pay the WI £250

RESOLVED by Full Council to award the full £1000: the hire of the Crawford Memorial Hall to be paid directly by the Parish Council monthly and £250 to be transferred to the Bidford WI

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Item 10iii) YVYV WG REPORT AND UPDATES SEPTEMBER 2023

1. COMMUNITY FAYRE (not sure about the name)

It has been agreed to postpone: possible date sometime in Spring 2024

2. COMMUNITY FRIDGE

To date £4,000 have been secure in grants

3. BIDFORD CLIMATE ACTION

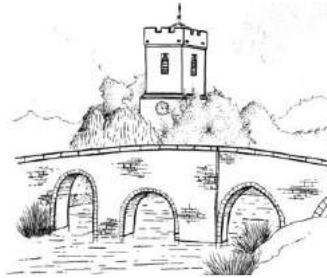
Low Cost, Low Carbon Christmas Fair is taking place at the Crawford Memorial Hall on 19th November

RESOLVED by full Council to note and to note the sterling work Hilary has done in respect of the Community Fridge project

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Item 8 - CLERKS REPORT – October 2023

1. FINANCE

- i. Big Meadow car park income for Summer 2023
 - April £ 3,586.50
 - May 6,896.86
 - June 16,684.00
 - July 6,505.45
 - August 13,915.06
 - September 11,958.89
 - TOTAL 59,546.76 – this includes VAT**
- ii. Authorised expenditure
 - Quinshield - £782 – cabinet on the Big Meadow for more electricity to be made available. Immediate need was for Fire Works evening
 - Ultimate Fireworks – £375 -15% deposit to secure booking
 - Flambe Circus - £131.75 – 15% deposit to secure booking
 - Accessible gate from Monie Meadow Car Park Area to Sports Pavillion – requested by Sports Association on safety grounds - £1,000
- iii. Transferred £75,000 to investment account at CCLA

2. UPDATES (matters arising)

- i. **Roundabout** – the “turn left” signposts are being checked early next year and, if they do not pass, will be replaced. Regrettably unable to confirm whether, if they are being replaced, this will happen this financial year or next

- ii. **Roundabout** – clearing of vegetation: County Council Forestry is unable to carry out any work at present due to work load and this is not considered “urgent”.

Looking to see what work would be authorised to see if the Parish Council’s contractors can carry this out and at what cost.

3. TREE WORK

Extensive tree work has been carried by the Charity Trust who owns the Big Meadow, in partnership with the Parish Council, to ensure the safety of this recreational area.

2 x trees have been felled and, in accordance with Parish Council Policy, these will be replaced by 4 x new trees which will be planted at the appropriate time.

4. BIDFORD BRIDGE

Damage has been reported as well as a fallen tree potentially blocking one of the arches.

This was reported to County Council Bridges who inspected it on the same day. The damage is considered minor and although repairs will be arranged, they are unable to give a timescale at present.

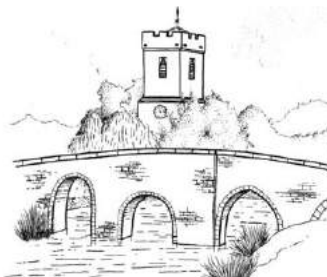
Regarding the removal of the tree, they are liaising with the Avon Navigation Trust to have this safely removed

5. LAND TO THE REAR OF THE FIRE STATION

WCC the landlord, has realised the lease for this land ran out in 2018. We have agreed to a Tenancy at Will until such time as negotiations for a new lease are proposed and approved by the Parish Council.

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Item 11i) COMMUNITIES WG REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OCTOBER 2023

Meeting took place at the Parish Council Office on Monday 23rd October 2023 @ 11.00 am

Attendants: Cllrs Cullum (Chairman) Ho and Taylor (N) as well as Cllr Taylor (P) (Chairman of the Council)

Cllr Barry had sent her apologies

Also present: Mrs E Uggerloese, Clerk and Miss H Wren, Administrative Assistant

1. MARKET

Hilary gave an update.

- i. Grant to purchase the extra gazebos has been granted and the funding has been received
- ii. December market will be a Christmas Bidford Village Market and it is proposed to include a band and the attendance of the local Brownies. **RECOMMENDATION** to note the updates and to approve the cost of a max. of £200 to cover the costs of the band and donation to Borwnies

A number of potential stallholders have contacted the Parish Council asking if the market will continue in 2024 (April 6th).

As the market has been profitable/broken even this year, and it is considered by this WG to be good local community service, the **RECOMMENDATION** is for it to continue.

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2. GUY FAWKES NIGHT

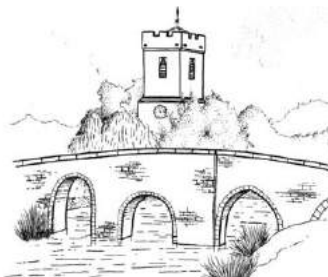
- i. **Road closure** – considered but not deemed necessary: it is a Sunday evening; other, similar events will be taking place locally and, with works being carried out at Binton Bridge, it would make it difficult for drivers using this already long diversion.
- ii. **Ticketing** – the Parish Council has never issued ticket for Free Community Events, which this is. It was also agreed that ticketing a free event might make things more difficult not easier to manage. However, this year's event would be monitored and, if it is felt ticketing is required in future, this will be considered.
- iii. **Parking** – only parking on the Winter Car Park for disabled visitors, who will be asked to contact the Parish Council Office to reserve a space. Opening Monie Meadow, which has no lighting, was considered unsafe. People will be encouraged to walk to the site. DJ will be asked to advise visitors to be careful when crossing the bridge when leaving.
- iv. **The bridge** will not be closed though Marshalls may be in place to help and the DJ will advise people to ensure they cross the bridge safely. The bridge will be lit by flood lights to help with safety
- v. **Disco** the group agreed a Disco would liven up the event and help with the dispersal of visitors at the end of the event. The cost is £150 which the WG asked the Clerk to authorise under delegated powers in view of the time.

RECOMMENDATION to note the updates

Due to the current weather situation, Council is asked to consider the event can safely go ahead or be cancelled.

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Item 11ii) FACILITIES WG REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OCTOBER 2023

Meeting took place on 19th October 2023 at Bidford Community Library @ 3.30 pm

Attendants: Cllrs Haberton, Hiscocks (Chairman), Moore and Williams.

Also in attendance Cllr Taylor (P) – Chairman of the Parish Council and Mrs E Uggerloese, Clerk

1. BIG MEADOW

i. Green Flag

It was agreed that using the Green Flag as a template as this is “*a scheme that recognises and rewards well managed parks and green spaces, setting the benchmark standard for the management of recreational outdoor spaces across the UK and around the world*”. To start this, a meeting on site was arranged for 1st November @ 10.00 am

RECOMMENDATION to note

ii. Benches

Council has agreed to remove the blue benches and relocate them. However, the reason for their installation remains, which was to prevent cars parking too close to the riverbank and obstructing the Heart of England Way – when considering their replacement, this will be taken into consideration as well as the fact they are well used by visitors.

This issue will be considered as an integral part of the Green Flag scheme
RECOMMENDATION to note

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- iii. Toilet Block – cost for 2023 for rent of toilets £5.85k for 4 months
The Parish Council had been considering the refurbishment/enlargement of the existing toilet block before COVID 19 delayed this.
This summer made it clear that better facilities are required and a meeting with a Planning Officer confirmed there are no restrictions regarding flooding.
Due to the cost, it would have to go to tender and members agreed the specification for this should be drawn up by a professional. It was suggested the Clerk contact both Stratford on Avon and Wychavon District Councils for details.
RECOMMENDATION that Council agree to a professional party to draw up a specification for good quality, vandal proof toilets to cater for Females, Males and Disabled users.
- iv. Bins
It has been noted that visitors do not differentiate between normal rubbish and recyclables. At the recent SDC Service Fair event, the Clerk discussed this with the Waste Dept. who advised they do not install recyclable bins on their recreational grounds as visitors will not use them correctly.
A proposal from Bidford Climate Change is to install normal bins on the Big Meadow and have a Recyclable Bin Area as this will ensure only people who will use them, correctly will take the trouble to access them .
The WG will look further into this and report to Council
RECOMMENDATION to note
- v. BBQs
To be considered as part of the Green Flag scheme
RECOMMENDATION to note

2. WINTER CAR PARK

Discussion held as to the possibility/benefit of having parking spaces marked out. Issue of cars/large vehicles using the area to turn to be considered as well as the enforcement.

For further consideration

RECOMMENDATION to note

3. SOLAR LIGHTS

The Sports Association has asked if Council could install some solar lights along the path to the Pavillion to make it safer in the dark months for members to access the pavilion and for walkers.

The proposal is to purchase and install 4 columns at a cost of £6,790.00

RECOMMENDATION to approve the purchase and installation of 4 x solar light at a cost of £6,790

4. UPDATES

- i. Bench by Tower Hill Bus Stop – site agreed with WCC Highways and bench has been installed
- ii. Bench on Dugdale – site agreed and bench installed
- iii. Football posts
 - The Leys – replacing current ones
 - Kings Lane Broom – perpendicular to the existing ones to the south of the area as this is the most even part of the field
 - Dugdale – to the west of the table tennis table (north end of field) this has been confirmed with Bidford Juniors FC

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A meeting was held on Wednesday 11th October 2023 at The Broom Hall Inn @ 6.00 pm

Attendants: Cllrs Ho and Moore (Chairman); Cllr Barry (Walking & Cycling group); Amanda Billingsley (Bidford Climate Action group); Amy Johnson (Arty Avon) Cllr Haberton (Community Watch Scheme) B50 Art representative.

Elisabeth Uggerloese – Clerk

Apologies received from John Cashmore, Chairman of the Walking & Cycling Group

1. CATCH UP

- i. Community Fridge – project going well and is now included in Hubbub as a delivery place
Bank account being opened – the usual difficulties being encountered but getting there. Essential there is a separate account for this project as it is independent from the Parish Council under the aegis of the YVYV umbrella.
Important this be advertised as a **NO WASTE** service open to **all**: it is **not** a Food Bank
- ii. **Waling and Cycling**
The leaflets have been extremely popular with the second bath almost finished.
The leaflets were originally headed Walking & cycling, this being the name of the group. However, as users find it confusion and, as cycling routes leaflets are also being printed, they will be headed Walking for the

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walking routes and Cycling for the Cycling Group.

Amanda, from Bidford Climate Change, added that she had been talking to the Chairman of the Walking & Cycling group to see what could be done together in the spring/summer

iii. **Bidford Climate Action**

Thank you to the Parish Council for the Therma Imaging Device – this will help residents find out if there is any particular place in their homes that is losing heat. Residents can ask for someone to carry out the test for them – Bidford Climate Action will train some volunteers to do this – or they can “rent” the device themselves making a returnable deposit of £45. A policy for this is being drawn up

The group is holding a **Low Cost, Low Carbon, Christmas Fair** at the Crawford Hall on Sunday 19th November -it would be great if some of the other groups could be present

The monthly Clothes Swap at the Village Café is getting momentum. Have found storage space for the clothes.

iv. **Arty Avon**

Recently celebrated one year.

They are still being supported by Arty Folk (which started the group) but they have grown too big and are looking to set it up as a CIC – getting help with this

v. **Community Speed Watch**

Scott Haberton and Marcus, both members of the Bidford CSW, will be attending a training session on Sunday.

Scott has been round the village with the CSW Police representative and identified some issues which will be presented to Council for consideration – this will be a separate report

vi. **B50 Art**

In itself, this is not a group, simply a gathering of like minded people interested in arts and craft within the village who meet on occasions

RECOMMENDATION to note

2. EXPLORE LINKS WITH EACH OTHER

It was notes with satisfaction, that some groups were already interacting and the invitation from Bidford Climate Change group for the other to participate in its event in November was welcome.

This was looking positive

RECOMMENDATION to note

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3. VILLAGE FAYRE

There was a long discussion about this regarding

- i. Format
- ii. Date
- iii. Venue
- iv. Participants

After which it was agreed

- i. Format – this would depend on participants: number and type.
- ii. Date – June was considered the best time
- iii. Venue – again, dependent on participants numbers and type
- iv. Participants – after some discussion it was agreed that **all** groups, associations, business that had anything to do in Bidford, should be invited.

The Parish Council is in the process of publishing a Directory with this information. However, it was felt that perhaps not all had been contacted and that they should be given an opportunity to be included in the Directory. It was proposed a draft directory or list of participants, should be posted on the website and publicised on social media and noticeboard asking anyone not included and wishing to be, to contact the Parish Council before a deadline date.

Then, all included in the Directory would be invited and, depending on numbers etc. a decision would be made:

- One event in one venue
- One event over a number of venues
- Various event over different dates with specific groups

Until the number/type of participants was established, no decision could be made.

Regarding the name, it was agreed that a slogan would be more appropriate than a name which could be misleading.

RECOMMENDATION to note – Council will be advised as proposals are made and considered

4. MEN IN SHEDS

John Cashmore had been looking at this and would report back.

It was agreed that the need for this should be better explored as it could require some investment.

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Would the name Repair Shop be better and more inclusive as well as being more useful.

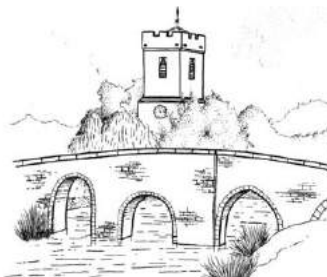
To be considered after hearing back from John C

RECOMMENDATION to note

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Item 11iv) COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH REPORT OCTOBER 2023

Training of potential members of local Community Speed Watch Groups was arranged and 2 x members of the Bidford CSW Group attended.

From this event, it would appear that the Traffic Speed Device bought by the Parish Council prior to COVID, although premium and very capable, has been superseded by better, smaller and cheaper machines such as the Bushnell Velocity Speed device – full details available at <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Bushnell-Velocity-Speed-Earplug-Black/dp/B0002X7V1Q>.

Cost £195 delivered.

RECOMMENDATION that Council consider

- i. Selling its current LTI Unit
- ii. When sold, use the proceeds to buy the replacement Bushnell unit and other appropriate traffic speed education tools and accessories to help speed reduction

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Item 12) GRANT APPLICATION FROM BARTON VILLAGE FUND (BVF)

Grant was received too late for the Grant WG to consider. It would normally be transferred to November but, as the Grant Request is to contribute towards

- the purchase of Village Christmas Tree,
- Repair/replacement of Christmas Lights and Decorations
- Carol Singing Evening

It was considered that “time was of the essence” and included in the October Agenda.

Total Cost : £600
Grant applied : £500

It should be noted that BVF have raised approx. £55,000 for local charities in the last 17 years.

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