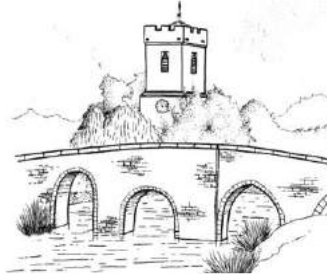


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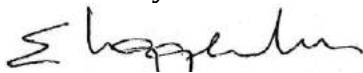
## **In the County of Warwickshire**



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 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024 @ 7.30 pm to transact the following business

21<sup>st</sup> February 2024

  
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 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022, effective from 1<sup>st</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024
- 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

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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 consider** Reports from the Parish Council's Working Groups
  - i. **Communities WG** – Report & Recommendations enclosed
  - ii. **Facilities WG** – Report & Recommendations enclosed
  - iii. **Grant WG Report** – Report & Recommendations enclosed
  - iv. **YVYV WG** – verbal report
10. **To consider** the Parish Council's official response to the WFRS Consultation
11. **To consider** whether Council wants to increase its number of Councillors to 11 – report enclosed
12. **To consider and approve** renewal of the lease to the land behind the Fire Station at an annual cost of £230. The lease will be operative from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2030
13. **To consider** setting up a short-term Working Group to look at the Youth Club/Needs of the local youth and how best to address them  
Proposed membership:
  - i. Cllr Taylor (P) Council Chairman
  - ii. Cllr Cullum – Chairman of the CWG
  - iii. Cllr Hiscocks – Chairman of the FWG
  - iv. Cllr Moore – chairman of the YVYV WG
14. **To consider** the following Planning Applications
  - i. **23/03401/FUL, St Josephs Catholic Church, Quinneys Lane, B50 4JL**  
The demolition of the existing church and replacement with a new purpose-built church. A new presbytery (priest's house), enlarged car park and outdoor amenity space  
Link to the application  
<https://apps.stratford.gov.uk/eplanning/AppDetail.aspx?appkey=S5URLIPMGB700>
  - ii. **24/00320/FUL Mr Michael Hobday, 3 Garden Court, Waterloo Road, B50 4JQ**  
Brick extension to the rear of the house to be used to extend the current kitchen  
Link to application  
<https://apps.stratford.gov.uk/eplanning/AppDetail.aspx?appkey=S8L81YPMKVS00>

- iii. **24/00353/TREE Mr Paul Fleming, The Old Orchard, Welford Road, Barton**  
G1 – Beech x 7 and Blackthorn x 2 – reduce by 1 metre  
Link to application  
<https://apps.stratford.gov.uk/eplanning/AppDetail.aspx?appkey=S8SS84PM0IH00>

**15. To approve**

- i. January 2024 accounts - circulated
- ii. February 2024 payments – circulated

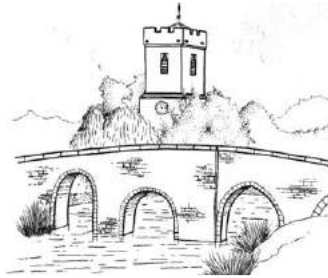
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**16. To consider** bids for the work at **Duffers Lane**

**17. To consider** request from Clerk for more flexible place of work.

# **BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **In the County of Warwickshire**



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 @ 7.30 pm at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Bramley Way B50 4QG

### **PRESENT**

Chairman                      Cllr. Taylor (P)

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

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

Also present                    County Cllr Pemberton  
District Cllr Fleming and Pemberton  
5 members of the public

### **1. TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES**

None received

### **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 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022, effective from 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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### 3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023

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

### 4. PUBLIC FORUM

- i. **Warm Hub** the volunteer managing the service gave an update:
  - Thank you to the Parish Council
  - Thank you to the Clerk for purchasing and delivering food and drink
  - CAB – come once a month
  - RSC – were recently guests
  - Act on Energy – come regularly to help with energy costs
  - Warm packs had recently been distributed – those left over were donated to The Jolly Teapot
- ii. Resident noted that Council had approved a Mission Statement at its December meeting. However, the Facilities WG were recommending changes to the Big Meadow without consultation, despite the issues raised last summer and Council's advice that it would not make changes without consulting.

The Chairman replied that Council is taking a holistic view to changes on the Big Meadow which will take time. Therefore, **temporary** changes for Summer 2024 have to be considered.
- iii. **New Year's Eve Fireworks** resident stated that this should not have taken place as the Government had issued warnings due to potential flooding in the UK. This had been taken up with the Clerk at the time who had replied that the risk was being monitored.
- iv. **St Laurence POS** – resident raised complaints that a whole ecosystem, the only one in the village, had been destroyed when this area had been cleared. There had been no specification regarding the work to be carried out and it was disgusting that Council had permitted this to go ahead.
- v. **BBQ** the issue of having or not having BBQs on the Big Meadow was raised with the statement that the Council had said no to having them.

The Chairman clarified that it had not been the Parish Council but a group of people and that, at the meeting being referred to, which was **not** a Parish Council meeting, no conclusion had been reached as there were some members of the audience in favour of continuing to have BBQs.

### 5. COUNCILLOR FORUM

- i. **St Laurence POS** – 3 Cllrs agreed that the work carried out was more extensive than had been anticipated and that, had they been aware of this, they would not have voted in favour of the work.

In future, Cllrs should be invited to site visits so they are better acquainted with the work to be done and, therefore, better able to make a considered

decision.

It was a lesson that Council needs to take on board.

- ii. **Barton** consultation with the residents had taken place and they were mostly on board with the proposed changes and looking forward to having them implemented.

#### 6. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- i. **Road Safety Speed limits in village** – this is a long term project. Following a drive/walk through the village, proposals will be circulated with consultation to follow
- ii. **Barton** proposals had been presented to residents and are now almost ready to be implemented. Budget is available.
- iii. **County Councillor Grants** – Warm Hub had been granted £1000
- iv. **Flooding** it was a busy time for WCC made more difficult, locally, because of the closure of Binton Bridge.  
Also, drivers seem to think barriers and signs are installed for fun, not to indicate danger, and simply remove them, and causing problems.
- v. **WFRS consultation** have met with fire officers before Christmas and have programmed meetings with other parishes.
- vi. **Alcester Academy** have scheduled a meeting to discuss future places  
**RESOLVED** to note

#### 7. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

The current administration has made the decision to spend £1 million over the next 4 years to convert some of the waste lorries to HVO on the grounds this is “green”. However, HVO uses palm oil which causes deforestation in the far east. Furthermore, it is not the most economical way: they should wait until the next change of vehicles is due, in 5 years’ time and purchase “greener” vehicles then Cllr asked if there is anything the Parish Council can do. It could look into the use of HVO and, if after this, it was unhappy with the proposed change, it could raise it with the Leader of the Council, Cllr Juned.  
**RESOLVED** to note

#### 8. RECEIVE CLERK’S REPORT

This had been circulated.

Clerk added:

- i. **Roundabout** a tree had fallen due to high winds. This had been reported, with photo, to WCC Forestry
- ii. **Waterloo Road** the drain by the chicane was blocked and the area flooded again. Lengthman had cleared it but it needs jetting and the road cleared of debris. WCC Highways have been advised

**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

## **10. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING UPDATES/REPORTS**

- i.** Parish Council Surgery on 13<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2024 10.00 – 12.00 at the Fire Station Fire Office, Lee Tresigne, who attended for the first hour, had been very helpful.  
It is important to advertise these surgeries to ensure as many residents as possible attend and obtain knowledge and pass on their comments and views, which are welcome
- ii.** Perkins Trust – Report presented and forms an integral part of these Minutes
- iii.** Parochial Charities – verbal report  
It is one of a number of charities in the Midlands to receive funds from Alice, Duchess Dudley Trust, The Charity is tasked with supporting the poor in Bidford: originally in the form of things like clothing, bedding and fuel (coal and wood), travel costs for the sick and their relatives and support for people preparing for a trade or occupation – to help with the cost of books, fees and travel expenses.  
The annual grant scheme this year saw 43 applicants for students for grants 36 university and college students over 18 and 2 apprentices received grants In addition, 6 community groups were given grants – including the Youth Club that is in real need  
Finally, Bidford Primary School received a grant to enable several pupils to join school trips

**RESOLVED** to note the reports

## **11. TO APPROVE**

- i. Completed accounts for the month of December 2023**  
These had been circulated  
Councillor asked for clarification that the amount awarded under Grants (20,3680 remained under the figure allocated for this which is £25,000.  
Clerk confirmed this was the case  
**RESOLVED** to approve the accounts
- ii. To approve payments to be made in January 2024**  
Total BACS £7,630.44  
**RESOLVED** to approve the payment

**Due to the sensitive nature of this item, the Council may resolve to exclude the public (Public Bodies (Admissions of Meetings Act) 1960 s1(2))**

**12. TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CWG REGARDING MARKET COSTS**

Following a short discussion where costs were explained, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to agree the recommended cost of £200 per market.

The meeting ended at approx 9.00 pm



# **BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **In the County of Warwickshire**



### **Item 9i) COMMUNITIES WG REPORT AND RESOLUTIONS JANUARY 2024**

Meeting took place at the library on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024 @ 12.15 pm  
Attendants: Cllrs Barry, Cullum (Chairman) and Ho and Cllr Taylor (P) (Chairman of the Council)

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

#### **1. MARKET**

Entertainment was part of the success of the Christmas Market and, having discussed this, the **RECOMMENDATION** is for Council to approve an entertainment budget of £900 to cover both the Easter and Christmas events. **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote by Full Council to approve the £900 for entertainment

#### **2. FIREWORKS**

The event on New Year's Eve was a great success, despite the weather. In view of this, the **RECOMMENDATION** is for a repeat performance on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 @ 6.00 pm. Have managed to keep the cost at £2,500 (same as 2023) though we may have to settle early. It was confirmed that Bidford Juniors FC would be delighted to participate again. A Cllr asked if there was support for this event and the Chairman advised that those attending had made positive comments on social media and hoping it would be repeated. Question was raised whether this would be in addition to, or instead of, Guy Fawkes

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Chairman advised that it would be instead of.

**RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote by Full Council to approve the event and expenditure of £2,500

**3. ST LAURENCE WAY PUBLIC OPEN SPACE**

Work in progress

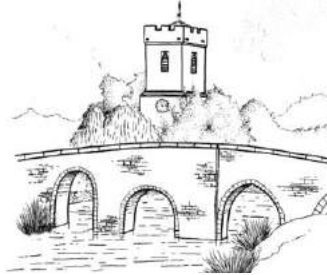
- Cllrs will meet with Leaves of Green on site, to consider possibilities (no cost involved)
- A consultation with residents will follow
- Grant application for 15/20 fruit trees has been submitted

**RECOMMENDATION** to note

**RESOLVED** by Full Council to note

# BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

## In the County of Warwickshire



### Item 9ii) FACILITIES WG (FWG) REPORT AND RESOLUTIONS JANUARY 2024

Members met Guy Redmond, of Leaves of Green, on site on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 @ 11.00

Attendants: Cllrs Hiscock (Chairman) and Haberton.

Cllr Taylor (P) Chairman of the Council and Mrs E Uggerloese, Clerk

#### 1. BIG MEADOW

The aim of the meeting was for Guy Redmond to look at the site together with members of the FWG so that Phase 1 could be started.

The meeting took over 90 minutes and the following issues raised:

- Parking – long time solution to be considered and will be part of the Leaves of Green Masterplan. However, short time solution for 2024 Summer Season was considered due to the imminence of this event. The following proposal was agreed by all:
  - *Move the second gate from its current position in line with the Severn Trent Sceptic Tank*
  - *To ensure only one line of vehicles can park on the south side of the path, **temporary**, wooden stakes (height of under 1 metre) to be installed with natural coloured rope linking them.*

**Recommendation** Council approve the temporary measure for controlling parking

There was a lengthy discussion establishing the exact location and whether it was necessary to move the second gate.

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Chairman explained that, as parking last summer season had taken over the whole meadow, leaving no room for children to play or adults enjoy any activities, the intention was to, on a temporary basis, restrict the parking area this season. If successful, this would be included in the Masterplan with various, sustainable and green, options: if not, then Council would know not to include it and look at other options. Councillor raised the issue of consulting with residents and the Chairman of the Council clarified that there would be a consultation, of the Masterplan, in due course: however, this was a temporary measure for this summer, with the emphasis on **temporary** as Council's decision was not to make improvements piecemeal. Question was raised about moving the second gate – this is needed to allow access by fishermen at all times during their season and clarified that where the gate would be placed was approx. 100 yards from its current position. And the distance between the new position to Marlcliff was approx 250 yards. The gate would be permanently closed except when there are events. There was confirmation that the idea is to restrict the area where parking is allowed. A counter proposal to delay the decision until more information, such as maps, photos etc. were provided, was made and received 4 votes. The original recommendation to approve the temporary measures was then submitted for a vote and received 5 in favour **RESOLVED** by Full Council, by 5 votes in favour and 4 against to approve the temporary measures

- BBQ – again, this was an issue that needed a temporary agreement for Summer 2024. A longer term proposal will form part of the Leaves of Green Masterplan  
FWG Consensus was that BBQs should continue to be allowed on the Big Meadow – they have always been allowed and helps the enjoyment of people who have no gardens and come to enjoy a day out with family. In order to reduce risk, disposable BBQs to be banned. Special bins for “ASH ONLY” have been installed for this purpose  
**Recommendation** to continue to allow BBQs but ban disposable ones  
After a discussion, during which the Chairman of the Council stated that there were voices in the village against BBQs but, similarly, there were also many wanting them to remain and that BBQs have been on Big Meadow for decades and banning them would be a great change and

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Council is not making any major decision about the Big Meadow until the Masterplan is consulted on and then approved.

**RESOLVED** by Full Council to continue to allow BBQs, on a temporary basis, by the Chairman's casting vote – the vote having been 4 in favour, 4 against and 1 abstention

- Play Area – consider whether the current site is the best or whether there are alternatives
- Vehicular Access – alternatives?
- Street furniture
- Other enhancements

It was agreed that another site visit should take place within the next 15/21 days

**RESOLVED** to note these update

Item 10ii) Report

## **Perkins Educational Foundation charity no. 528678**

### **Serving Salford Priors, Harvington, Cleeve Prior, Bidford-on-Avon and Broom**

#### **History**

The Foundation was established by William Perkins in 1656. It devotes its funds to helping the young people of Salford Priors and the surrounding villages realise their educational goals. This is achieved through the provision of grants, both directly to school leavers and to schools and other youth organisations.

The Foundation as it exists today is a registered charity (528678), administered by a board of voluntary governors, drawn from the parishes of Salford Priors, Harvington, Cleeve Prior, Bidford-on-Avon and Broom, the parishes in which applicants must live. This was one of the stipulations that Perkins himself approved.

Every year the Foundation helps young people under the age of 25 mainly with their expenses in courses of further and higher education, or in apprenticeships. Grants are also available to local schools and youth organisations to help fund projects which benefit children and young people of the parishes.

#### **2023 Grant Applications**

The following educational institutions benefited from grants in this year of 2023, Salford Priors Nursery and Salford Priors Guides.

The following schools, Cleeve Prior, Dunnington, Harvington and Bidford all received grants.

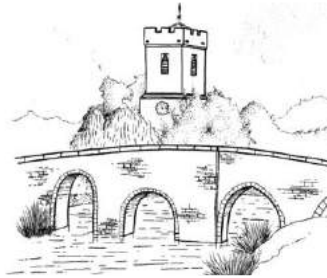
The grant for Bidford School was to help with their project to improve playground facilities for the children. The school had already raised  $\frac{3}{5}$  of the total project cost.

Student Educational Grants (applicants must be over 18 and under 25 to receive a grant)

There were over 50 grant applications from young adults for this year in 2023, with a total of 44 being successful in receiving grants. Of these, 35 applicants were from Bidford-on-Avon & Broom with a collective grant value of £14,350.

# BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

## In the County of Warwickshire



### Item 8 - CLERKS REPORT – February 2024

#### 1. FINANCE

- i. Transferred £25,000 in January from investment account at CCLA to cover costs
- ii. Transferred £50,000 in February from investment account at CCLA to cover cost
- iii. Renewed The Purple Guide subscription at £10 + VAT
- iv. Purchased 2 noticeboards to be temporarily installed at the Big Meadow (hut) and St Laurence POS where updates on these 2 projects can be posted for residents to see.  
**Cost £63.62**

#### 2. PARISH COUNCILLORS EMAIL ADDRESS

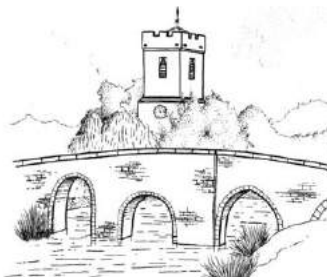
Following advice from WALC, the Local Council Association regarding changing councillors email address to a gov.uk one, I will be attending a webinar to get more information and will report back to council with a recommendation on this issue

#### 3. UPDATES

- i. **Marlcliff** – new defibrillator installed
- ii. **Bidford Community Fridge** – bank account open
- iii. **Entrance banners** - installed on B439 east and west entrance
- iv. **Noticeboards** these temporary noticeboards for the Big Meadow and St Laurence POS are for the Parish Council to post updates on these 2 projects for residents to see what progress is being made.  
Installed on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb.

# **BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **In the County of Warwickshire**



### **Item 9i) COMMUNITIES WG REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FEBRUARY 2024**

Meeting took place at the Parish Council Meeting Room on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 @ 12.00pm

Attendants: Cllrs Barry, Cullum (Chairman) and Ho  
Cllrs Taylor (N) and Taylor (P) sent their apologies

Also present: Mrs E Uggerloese, Clerk

#### **1. MARKET**

Update on **Easter Market 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

- i. Barrel Organ has been booked
- ii. Bidford Community Fridge will be the monthly charity
- iii. Easter Egg Hunt – this will be run as a fund raising activity in support of Bidford community Fridge

**Recommendation** to note the updates

#### **2. STREETLIGHT BANNERS**

The agreed banners are now installed and have been welcomed by residents. Clerk posted photos on social media and the Parish Council Facebook page reached 7872 – it was also shared on The Bidford Forum

**Recommendation** to note

#### **3. ST LAURENCE WAY PUBLIC OPEN SPACE (POS)**

- i. Area to the west of the POS, where the brambles have been removed, to be grassed

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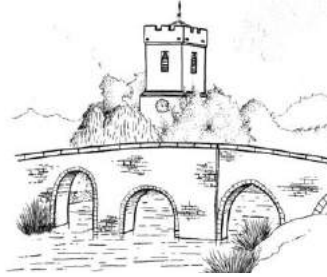


- ii. Area to the north of the POS, where the fence is now visible following removal of brambles and scrub: looking at planting of fruit trees and easy to maintain shrubs.  
Residents to be consulted
- iii. Noticeboard – temporary lockable noticeboard to be installed to keep residents updated

**RECOMMENDATION** to note

# **BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **In the County of Warwickshire**



### **Item 9ii) FACILITIES WG (FWG) REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FEBRUARY 2024**

Members met ON Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024 @ 3.30 pm at the Parish Council Meeting Room

Attendants: Cllrs Hiscock (Chairman), Moore, Taylor (N) and Williams

Cllr Haberton was absent

Cllr Taylor (P) Chairman of the Council had sent her apologies. and

Mrs E Uggerloese, Clerk

#### **1. BIG MEADOW**

- i. Leaves of Green – update following site visit  
Progress is being made with a number of ideas being incorporated by Guy Redmond for the outline under Stage 1 to present to Council

**Recommendation** to note

- ii. Toilet – Update

This is a major project involving:

- Drawings of plans
- Ensuring plans fulfil “permitted development” (check with SDC planning)
- In the event they do not, submit planning application once council has approved plans
- Prepare the Specification Document for Contracts Finder Platform
- Go to Tender – agree return date
- Consider tenders received
- Council to approve the preferred tender

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- Advise the successful party

As the 2024 Summer season is imminent, it will not be possible to carry out all the above in time: the aim is for work to commence in September 2024.

In the meantime, to ensure there is enough toilet capacity, portaloos will be hired as in 2023. The approved budget reflects this cost.

**Recommendation** to note

iii. Recycling

As the current bins for both recycling and normal litter are not being used correctly, taking advice from Bidford Climate Action, it is proposed to set up a “Recycling Area” by the hut at the exit to encourage those that wish to recycle to do so correctly.

There will be separate bins for

- Bottles
- Cans
- Plastic
- Paper/cardboard

**Cost:** £2,621.04

**Recommendation** Council to approve the proposal and the cost of the 4 recycling bins

iv. Bins for Ashes

The current bins, which have lids, make it difficult for people to safely and cleanly dispose of ashes.

It is proposed to purchase 2 x Luna bins with cover: these have larger apertures that will allow safe disposal of ashes (metal liner) and the arched cover will protect the ashes in the event of rains to prevent them getting wet, soggy and turning into cement.

They will be strategically placed in 2 areas by the river front to prevent vehicles parking too close to the river.

**Cost £250.02**

**Recommendation** to approve the purchase and installation of 2 x Luna bins with metal liners and arched cover

**2. MARCLIFF**

Consider dog bin as it is 6 months since decision made to install and “some” residents were unhappy.

Dog bin is emptied fortnightly and is 1/2 to 3/4 full every time – same pattern as the dog bin in Mill Lane, Broom

Following the 6 month rule, members reviewed this based on the above

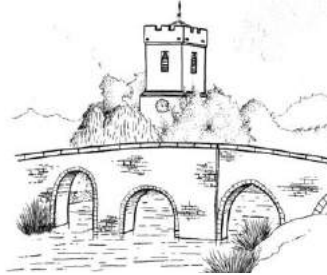
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information. It is noted that it is well used and it will be reviewed in 6 months' time to see if it continues to be used.

**Recommendation** that the bin remain and that the situation is reviewed again in September.

# **BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **In the County of Warwickshire**



### **Item 9iii) GRANT WG – REPORT & RECOMMENDATIONS FEBRUARY 2024**

Grant application was sent by email to and considered by:

Cllrs Taylor (P) Chairman, Cllr Cullum, Chairman of the CWG; Cllr Hiscocks, Chairman of the FWG and Cllr Moore, Chairman of YVYV

#### **1. MARLCLIFF RESIDENTS GROUP**

During the recent floods at the start of 2024, a leak to the outlet hose and joint to a pump was noted and needs replacing with a lock on joint and solid hosing.

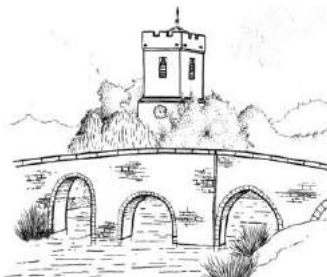
**Cost: £265.82**

**Grant request: £265.82**

**Recommendation** to award the grant

# **BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **In the County of Warwickshire**



### **Item 11) INCREASE IN NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS**

The number of Parish Councillors was increased from 10 to 11 at the May 2023 Elections.

However, only 10 candidates came forward so the 11<sup>th</sup> seat was never taken. Advice from SDC was that Council did not have to advertise said vacancy.

In addition to the above, the Parish Council considered requesting an increase in its numbers, due to the increase in the village population, in June 2022 – at that meeting Council voted against this proposal by 6 votes, with 1 vote in favour and 1 abstention.

20 months after the original decision not to increase the numbers and 9 months after the May 2023 Elections, Council is being asked to consider whether to advertise a Parish Council Vacancy.