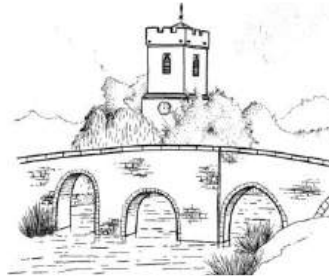


BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

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 **Broom Village Hall, High street, Broom** on Monday 25th November 2024 @ 7.30 pm to transact the following business

20th November 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 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 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Monday 28th October 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.

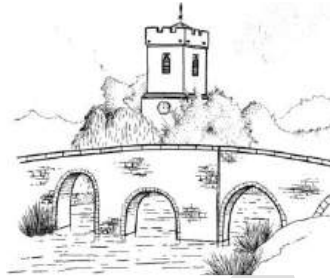
(Public Participation at Council Meeting Guidance Notes apply). Please note that this is the **only** opportunity members of the public have to raise issues as, once the meeting has started, all discussions are limited to the Council and Officers.

5. **To receive** report from County Councillor
6. **To receive** report from District Councillor
7. **To receive** Clerk's Report
8. **To consider** Update Reports from the Parish Council's Working Groups
 - i. **Communications Strategy WG** – Report & Recommendations circulated
 - ii. **Communities WG** – Report & Recommendations circulated
 - iii. **Facilities WG** – Report & Recommendations circulated
 - iv. **Grants WG** -Up date Report – circulated
 - v. **YVYV WG** - Report & Recommendations circulated
9. **To nominate** a second Councillor to carry out the quarterly accounts review
10. **To consider** the following planning applications
 - i. **24/02509/FUL 24/02510/LBC Mr Martin Homer, 47 High Street B50 4BQ**
4no. replacement windows
An amendment has been received "*windows amended to hardwood casement windows painted white with black cils*"
Link to applications
<https://apps.stratford.gov.uk/eplanning/AppDetail.aspx?appkey=SKS3QUPM0GL00>
<https://apps.stratford.gov.uk/eplanning/AppDetail.aspx?appkey=SKS4J8PM0GL00>
 - ii. **24/02527/LBC Mr David Rushton, The Old Vicarage, 13 High Street, B50 4BQ**
Install battery storage system in garage, install back up gateway in utility room, install multi split heating and cooling system in dining room and kitchen, install compressor unit to side elevation, install secondary glazing in drawing room and master bedroom
Link to application
<https://apps.stratford.gov.uk/eplanning/AppDetail.aspx?appkey=SKZ4VXPMLMS00>
 - iii. **24/02738/TREE Ian Warwick, Waters Edge, High Street, B40 4BQ**
T1 – conifer – remove selected branches as per annotated photographs
Link to application
<https://apps.stratford.gov.uk/eplanning/AppDetail.aspx?appkey=SM2EPAPMLG300>
11. **To approve**
 - i. October 2024 accounts - circulated
 - ii. November 2024 payments – circulated

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 28th October 2024 @ 7.30 pm at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Bramley Way B50 4QG

PRESENT

Chairman Cllr. Williams

Cllrs. Barry, Cullum, Haberton, Ho, Hopcraft, Paterson and Taylor

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

Also present District Cllr Fleming
3 members of the public

1. TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES

Cllr Moore had sent her apologies which was accepted

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 MONDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Cllr Cullum proposed they be signed as being accurate

RESOLVED to approve the Minutes as being accurate and signed by the Chairman

Standing Orders were suspended for the Public Forum

4. PUBLIC FORUM

Standing Orders were reintroduced

5. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Not present

6. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

i. **Winter Fuel Allowance** motion put forward at full council. However, due to amendments to the original proposal, this was withdrawn and will be represented at the next meeting

ii. **Climate Change funding** – requesting full details as to where the £1.3 m allocated by the previous administration, is being used.

RESOLVED to note

7. RECEIVE CLERK'S REPORT

There is a written report attached to these Minutes of which it forms an integral part

RESOLVED to note

8. TO CONSIDER THE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL'S WORKING GROUPS

i. **Communications Strategy WG** – Report & Resolutions are attached to these Minutes of which they form an integral part.

ii. **Communities WG – Report & Resolutions** are attached to these Minutes of which they form an integral part.

iii. **Facilities WG – Report & Resolutions** are attached to these Minutes of which they form an integral part.

iv. **YVYV WG - Report & Resolutions** are attached to these Minutes of which they form an integral part.

1. TO CONSIDER AMENDING THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR YOUR VILLAGE YOUR VOICE WG (YVYV WG)

(<https://bidfordonavon-pc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Your-Village-Your-Voice-Terms-of-Reference-July-2022.pdf>) It currently states the Parish Council membership as being 3 x Councillors. Council to resolve whether to

i. Reduce the number to 2 x Councillors

ii. The number to remain at 3

iii. If ii) is the preferred option, nominate a third Councillor

After a short discussion, when it was highlighted that this is a community led working group, it was

RESOLVED that the Councillor membership should be reduced to 2 x members

9. TO APPROVE

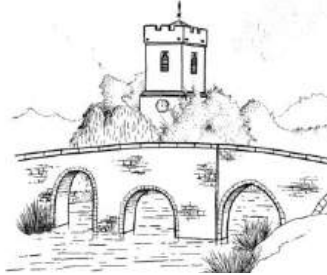
i. September 2024 accounts – circulated

RESOLVED to approve the accounts

- ii. October 2024 payments – list circulated.
Councillor asked what the payment for B A Barlow was. Clerk advised this is the payment for the lease of the Big Meadow: they act on behalf of the Charity of Alice, Duchess Dudley
The total amount payable was £20,420.70
RESOLVED to approve the payment
- iii. The meeting ended at approx 8.45 pm

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Item 8i) COMMUNICATION STRATEGY WG REPORT AND RESOLUTIONS OCTOBER 2024

Meeting took place on Wednesday 16th October 2024 @ 10.30 am at Bidford Community Library

Attendants: Cllrs Haberton (Chairman) Barry, Paterson, Taylor and Mrs E Uggerloese (Clerk)

After welcoming Cllr Paterson, as a new member to the WG.

1. Terms of Reference

It was felt that the WG needed additional Terms of Reference.

Proposed: *how the Council communicates; why it communicates and what does it want to communicate as a strategy – not about day to day communication*

These to be approved after the Breakthrough Communications Wo

Recommendation Council notes the additional draft terms of reference of this WG

RESOLVED by Full Council to approve and note the additional draft terms for this WG

2. Internal Communications Poll

This had been circulated to all Councillors – 7 replies received.

There was some useful information and it was agreed that these should be sent to Breakthrough Communications, which had asked for this to prepare for the workshop on Monday 4th November – 6.00 – 8.30 pm (refreshments will be provided)

RESOLVED to note

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3. External Communications Study

It was agreed that this was all part of the Breakthrough Communications Workshop approved by full Council at its September meeting. The package also includes access to the Hub which helps councils communicate better with their local communities using different platforms.

Recommendation to note

RESOLVED to note

4. Meeting dates

Dates for the next 3 x meetings were agreed

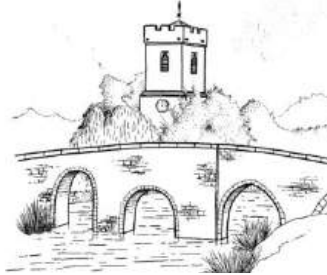
- i. Thursday 7th November @ 10.30 am
- ii. Thursday 5th December @ 10.30am
- iii. Thursday 9th January 2025 @ 10.30 am

Recommendation to note

RESOLVED to note

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Item 8ii) COMMUNITIES WG REPORT AND RESOLUTIONS OCTOBER 2024

Meeting took place on Thursday 17th October 2024 @ 12.00 am at the Parish Council Reception

Attendants: Cllrs Cullum (Chairman, Barry, Ho and Paterson

Also present: Hilary Wren Admin. Assistant

1. Market Update

It was agreed that the stallholders should be asked if they intend to continue attending the market in 2025, and if they want 11 (Feb-Dec) or 9 (Apr – Dec) markets.

New rates for the 2025 market were discussed and a recommendation will be made at the next CWG meeting.

Recommendation to note

RESOLVED to note

2. Christmas Market

20 stalls are already booked in, that entertainment will be on all morning (school choir, ASVB, Morris Men & BACC), and the costs are within budget.

Face Painter would also be present all morning, and Alcester & Bidford Rotary Club will be present serving hot chocolate and mince pies. (It was agreed that the Village Café should be advised of their presence before the event). They will also 'bring' Santa who will walk up and down the High Street a few times giving out free gifts to the children.

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Hilary Wren is going to request the Sports Association if parking can be made available that Saturday in their parking area.

Recommendation to note

RESOLVED to note

3. Storage

Quotation for containers have been received and one still awaited.

Written permission to site the container on school grounds has been sent, and whilst verbal indications that it will be ok has been received, written confirmation is awaited before going ahead with the purchase of the container.

Recommendation Council allocate £6,000 to the purchase an installation of a storage container with members of CWG to have delegated powers to determine which container is bought.

RESOLVED to approve the expenditure of up to £6,000 and to delegate to the CWG to power to determine which storage container should be bought and installed

4. S LAURENCE PUBLIC OPEN SPACES (POS)

i. POS 1

It was noted a quote for the works requested is still awaited.

Fields in Trust are looking at our request, and requested a video of the area. Cllr Cullum volunteered to do this and send it to them.

Recommendation to note update

RESOLVED to note

ii. POS 2 & PO3

Limebridges recommendations were discussed and it was agreed that a revised recommendation and forward it to the CWG by email for approval before getting a revised quote.

Recommendation to note

RESOLVED to note

iii. Tree Council 'Branching out Fund' Grant

The trees for POS 1 could be covered by the Tree Council's 'branching out fund'. A price for these trees has been requested so that an application can be made before the deadline of 1.12.24.

Recommendation to note

RESOLVED to note

5. NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS NIGHT

It is understood that the Sports Council will be running the event, as per last year. The Parish Council have approved payment for the firework display

Recommendation to note

RESOLVED to note

6. ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB)

The current spate of ASB was discussed, and it was noted that all councillors were aware of the problem. It was noted the Clerk has been in discussion with the Police and a meeting is being arranged. A leaflet has been put together to be posted to properties in the area affected. It was agreed that an update would be sought before the next meeting as the CWG would like to be kept apprised of the current situation.

Recommendation to note

The Clerk added that, as proposed by a Councillor, an invitation has been sent to the Police Crime Commissioner to attend a meeting, similar to that held last December in connection with the WFRS consultation

RESOLVED to note

7. METHODIST CHURCH

The Parish Council have been offered a lease on the Methodist Church. Initial figures were discussed and various uses for the hall were discussed, and it was agreed that Hilary Wren should speak to Cllr Moore, Chair of YVYV, regarding ventures that they are currently looking at, to see if the hall would be a suitable venue for them.

The Local Councillor Grant is still available until 3rd Nov and it was suggested that an application should be made for a grant to carry out a feasibility study of some of the suggestions. It was agreed that this should also be discussed with Cllr Moore.

Recommendation to note

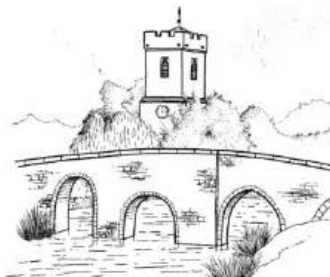
RESOLVED to note

8. CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

The Parish Council has never entered this annual competition. It was proposed that, as the Primary School prepare a number of trees with the winner entering the competition representing the school, that the Parish Council vote for what it considers the best tree and sponsor its entry as the parish Council chosen tree **RESOLVED** to approve the proposal

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Item 8iii) REPORT & RESOLUTIONS – FACILITIES WG OCTOBER 2024

A meeting took place on Tuesday 15th October 2024 @ 4.00 pm at Bidford Community Library.

Attendants: Cllrs Hiscocks (Chairman) Haberton, Hopcraft, Moore and Taylor
Mrs E Uggerloese – Clerk to the parish Council
Cllr Barry also attended

1. DUGDALE SPORTS FIELD

- i. Update on changing rooms facilities.
Suitable container has been identified and, as the quote for its purchase, interior fittings and installation are within the approved allocation of £12k, the Facilities WG will be proceeding with this as it is required urgently
Recommendation to note
RESOLVED to note
- ii. Replacing dead trees – reply from WCC Forestry Dept. regarding using the trees as per the requirements of the “Branching Out Grant” – enclosed Reply states that the recommendation is for more mature trees, with an “incorporated watering system” which does not come under the Branching Out Grant requirements.

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This was accepted and approved and, as Council has approved the original expenditure of £1,500, this will proceed

- iii. **Recommendation** to note
RESOLVED to note

iv. **SOLAR LIGHTS**

Quotation from Prolectric for purchase and installation of 1 solar light £2.6k – querying this.

Cllr Paterson looking at movement activated lights to be installed on the toilet roof as an alternative.

Looking at alternatives

Recommendation to note “work in progress”

RESOLVED to note

2. **BIG MEADOW**

Guy Redmond, Leaves of Green attended this section of the meeting

To consider masterplan as submitted by Leaves of Green – enclosed

It was agreed to concentrate on the important, immediate issues such as

- i. Parking area – after some discussion, it was agreed to make the following **Recommendations**

- The area to extend slightly ahead of the Severn Trent Sewer block – this is to ensure there are no impediments to the construction of the proposed roundabout

- By 3 votes in favour and 2 against, the **Recommendation** is for 1 x roundabout ca. 50 metres along the track with a diameter of ca. 20 metres. The road may require widening to 6 metres in width (needs consultation with the Duchess Dudley Charity and EA)

RESOLVED to approve

- To mark out the car park spaces

- To the north (riverside)

Recommendation to reuse the logs already in place in the Big Meadow

RESOLVED to approve

➤ To the south (play area)

There are 3 x options

- Sleepers
- Post and rail fence (2 bars)
- Small one bar rail fence

Recommendation Council to vote for its preference

Following a discussion, it was proposed to obtain costs for the different options and council to decide once these have been obtained

RESOLVED to postpone decision until costs have been received

ii. Area by the bridge

This has been identified as a risk area by the Avon Navigation Trust- people are diving in to swim in this area which is too close to the arch used by narrowboats. It is proposed to extend the hedging with osier willows and nettles to prevent people getting into the river. An alternative area to be made available on the bank, a little to the west, reducing the risk of a collision between swimmer and narrowboat

Recommendation to note

RESOLVED to note

iii. Riverside Area

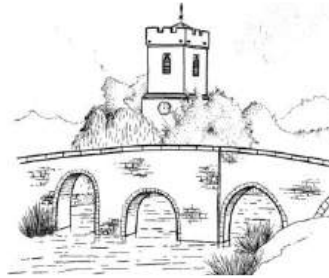
Various options considered – this is currently work in progress

Recommendation to note

RESOLVED to note

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ITEM 8iv) YOUR, VILLAGE, YOUR VOICE (YVYV) WG REPORT & RESOLUTIONS – OCTOBER 2024

The YVYV Group, comprising local community groups, met on Thursday 17TH October 2024 at 6.00 pm at Bidford Community Library – it was a hybrid meeting

Attendants: Cllrs Moore (Chairman) and Ho
Mrs E Uggerlose – Clerk to the Parish Council

Representatives of :

- Arty Avon
- B50 4CN
- Bidford Climate Action
- Bidford WI
- Twinning Ass.
- Community Speed Watch (CSW)

Apologies received from representative of Walking & Cycling

1. BIDFORD SHOWCASE

Date confirmed: Saturday 22nd March 2025 at the Parish Council Meeting Room/School Hall 1.00 pm – 4.00 pm and invite both the Crafts and Community Groups.

Invitation emails to be sent out week commencing 21st October giving 14 days to reply. This is to gauge interest.

RECOMMENDATION to note

2. BANNERS for the event – work in progress to take into account the new updates. It was agreed that 2 x designs are required for each of the events. However, the banners to be reusable for future years/events

RECOMMENDATION to note

3. CSW

Going well and speeds are reducing

4. BIODIVERSITY

This is a new group. It will be spearheaded by Cllrs Haberton & Ho. It was agreed they would meet with Bidford Climate Action Group to see how best to promote this project and identify potential members, such as

- i. Gardening Society
- ii. Freedom Forest
- iii. Local farmers
- iv. School/youngsters

5. TWINNING ASSOCIATION

School has initiated a Pen Pal with the potential of a visit in the future. This news was well received

6. ARTY AVON

Celebrated its second year at the Church Hall recently

7. BIDFORD COMMUNITY FRIDGE

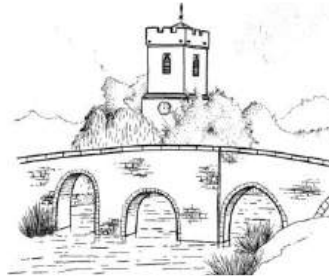
They have been successful in obtaining a grant of £5,000 toward the setting up and running a café

All the above is for council to note

RESOLVED by full Council to note the updates

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Item 7 - CLERKS REPORT – NOVEMBER 2024

1. FINANCE

Regrettably, the Twinning Association has agreed to disband. They have returned £500 grant money the Parish Council had awarded them and this has been banked.

2. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

Two applications had been received for the single vacancy. However, one of the applicants has withdrawn.

Council welcomes Huw Lewis as its new Councillor

3. HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY – UPDATE

Hope to be able to give a verbal update on the recent survey in time for the Parish Council meeting.

4. ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE

It held its AGM on Monday 18th November 2024.

Chairman and other Officers were re-elected and a new Committee member nominated and accepted.

They are in the process of reviewing/updating their policies to ensure they are fit for purpose.

5. PLANNING APPEAL

23/02977/FUL Land off Queen Elizabeth Way - Erection of 3 detached dwellings with associated access, parking and landscaping

The Parish Council objected to this application and Stratford on Avon DC, the Local Planning Authority, refused permission. It has now gone to appeal and

is being dealt with by way of Written Representation, to be received by the appointed Inspector no later than 12th December.

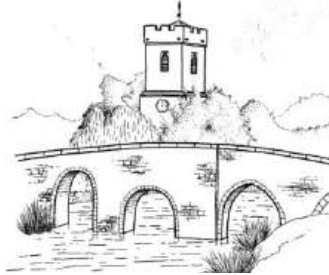
6. RESCUE EQUIPMENT AND SIGNAGE

The Clerk met with Bidford Fire Station members to agree the best site for the equipment to be installed. This will be by the defibrillator – too close to the bank could result in problems due to flooding and the water getting into the cabinet.

Waiting for the funds to be transferred and instalment carried out.

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Item 8i) COMMUNICATION STRATEGY WG REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OCTOBER 2024

Meeting took place on Thursday 7th November 2024 @ 10.30 am at Bidford Community Library

Attendants: Cllrs Barry, Paterson, Taylor and Mrs E Uggerloese (Clerk)

Apologies received from Cllr Haberton

- 1. Materials for Breakthrough:** What additional documents or materials could we send to Breakthrough to provide a comprehensive view of our communications? Dan, from Breakthrough Communication's had sent a link to the outcome of the workshop that took place on Monday 4th November, asking for further input if required.

Recommendation to await report from Breakthrough Communications (BC) once Cllrs have had the opportunity of giving further points, if any.

- 2. Introductory Piece for the Parish Council:** We briefly mentioned creating an introduction to the council—outlining who we are, our role, and scope of work. It would be valuable to spend some time developing this. This is being done via the Community Directory. Whether this should be followed by a leaflet to be monitored and to take advice from BC. In the meantime, it was agreed that every Councillor should write a piece about why they became Councillors and their vision of Bidford on Avon Parish in the

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future. These to be part of the Parish Council Newsletter in Your Call Magazine
Recommendation to note the information in the Directory and approve waiting to monitor the leaflet situation and take advice from BC. To approve councillor article in the Your Call Magazine

3. **Breakthrough Portal Links:** If the portal links are now available, we should aim to circulate them to the group.

BC have advised that Council Hive Portal is for officers only. Councillors will be able to access on demand contents. Link to this has been circulated to Councillors

Recommendation to note

4. **Review of Recent Communications:** It may be helpful to assess recent posts and messages, noting what worked well and identifying any areas for improvement based on feedback.

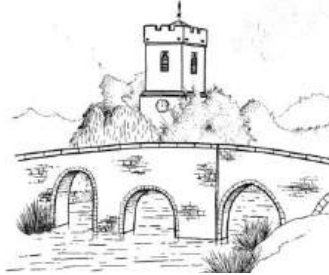
Following a short discussion it was agreed that much of this is already covered by the Civility and Respect Pledge, which the Parish Council has taken.

Considering arranging a Civility and Respect workshop for all Councillors

Recommendation to note and await update on possible workshop details.

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Item 8ii) COMMUNITIES WG REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS NOVEMBER 2024

Meeting took place on Thursday 7TH November 2024 @ 12.00 am at Bidford Community Library

Attendants: Cllrs Cullum (Chairman, Barry, Ho and Paterson

Also present: Hilary Wren Admin. Assistant

1. MARKET

- i. **Parish Council Monthly Surgery** - It had been suggested that the Parish Council Monthly Surgery should coincide with, and take place at, the Market. The Chair of the Parish Council's comments, which referred to a lack of privacy and a potential risk of confrontation, were noted.
Recommendation Full Council to consider this request and make a resolution
- ii. **2025 Market** - it was agreed that the CWG would recommend to Full Council that we would offer 11 markets next year, from February to December inclusive. However, the February and March markets would only go ahead if a minimum of 10 stalls booked in.
Recommendation to note.

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- iii. **2025 Fee Structure** - it was agreed that the CWG would recommend to Full Council the following fee structure for 2025 (all prices to include a Gazebo and table):
Individual bookings: £22 per market
Block booking fee of 6 markets £115, additional markets at £19ea
Block booking fee for all 11 markets £190
Recommendation to agree the proposed fee structure

2. STORAGE

- i. Following a visit to the current storage area at the barn, it was noted that there were bins and fencing poles which could be incorporated in the restyling of the big meadow.
It was noted that the Jubilee Bench is still in storage and the CWG would like to recommend it should be sited in Jubilee Close
Recommendation to approve the installation of the Jubilee Memorial Bench in Jubilee Close. However, Council could consider other, potential sites.
- ii. Container – school have given permission for a storage container to be installed on the grounds – exact site to be agreed
Recommendation to note

3. ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB)

Despite this being covered by Full Council, the CWG agreed that updates were required monthly at their meeting, as this is strongly a community issue.
Recommendation to note

4. METHODIST CHURCH

Following a meeting between HW and Cllr Moore, Chair of YVYV, it was suggested that a letter should be circulated (with the Village Directory) to gauge what projects the public might like and be prepared to run, under the YVYV umbrella. Cllr Moore advised there were funds available in YVYV to pay for this.
Recommendation to note

5. St LAURENCE'S CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

It was noted that Full Council had agreed that the Parish Council would submit a tree in this year's festival. Confirmation that, as resolved at the October Parish Council meeting, the school is delighted to present a tree on behalf of the Parish Council

Recommendation to note

6. VE DAY CELEBRATIONS

VE day celebrations were discussed – 8th May 2025 is the 80th Celebration of VE Day. It was agreed that the following be recommended to Full Council:

- i. Swap out 4 x banners for the lampposts coming into the village
- ii. Purchase 4 x VE day flags to go on the flagpoles around the parish
- iii. Agree a figure to financially support events being planned within the parish
- iv. Purchase a new beacon head, if possible or if not a new beacon,
- v. Consider a 'lighting the beacon' ceremony on the big meadow

Recommendation to approve the above 5 x proposal

7. PLANTERS AT THE WAR MEMORIAL

It was suggested that the plastic planters at the War Memorial should be updated to stone ones in keeping with the area. A site has been arranged with Cllrs Barry, Ho, Paterson and Hilary Wren

Recommendation to note: work in progress

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Item 8iii) REPORT & RECOMMENDATIONS – FACILITIES WG NOVEMBER 2024

A hybrid meeting took place on Thursday 7th November 2024 @ 3.30 pm at Bidford Community Library.

Attendants: Cllrs Hiscocks (Chairman) Haberton, Hopcraft, Moore and Taylor
Mrs E Uggerloese – Clerk to the parish Council
Cllrs Barry & Ho also attended Point 1 – Big Meadow

1. BIG MEADOW

- i. Consider any updates
A meeting is being arranged by Leaves of Green, with a specialist, so that a proper specification can be drawn up and costed.
It was confirmed that the areas to be included in Phase 1 are
 - Parking
 - Road/roundabout
 - The riverbank close to the archway, which has been identified as a risk for swimmers
- ii. Toilets – plans and costs enclosed
The plan and costs sent were for a full extension which is not deemed necessary.
Request for a plan to include
 - Changing facilities to be made available in the disabled toilet as this would cover both parents

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- Small extension to allow an increase in the number of toilets for the ladies
- All fixtures to be steel to ensure they are vandal proof

Recommendation to note work in progress

2. DUGDALE SPORTS FIELD

Update on changing rooms facilities.

This has now been agreed. The preferred container to be ordered and sited on the car park and then re-sited in the correct area when the weather is dry. This is because it is not possible to deliver onto grass in the wet, winter months.

Recommendation to note

3. SOLAR LIGHTS

Updates

Revised price from Prolectric had still not been received. However, following conversations with them, it would appear the prices have increased quite dramatically.

It was agreed to look at other companies though, in this instance, if Council were to agree to another column, it was thought better to order from the same company to ensure continuity.

Also agreed to see whether it was possible to have lighting on the roof as part of the toilet refurbishment

Recommendation to note

4. PADEL TENNIS

Should Council consider this or shelve it.

It was agreed that this should be keep on the agenda and look at other outdoor activities for youngsters

Recommendation to note

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Item 8iv) GRANT WG - REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS NOVEMBER 2024

A hybrid meeting was held on Wednesday 13th November 2024 @ 3.30 pm

Attendants: Cllrs Cullum, Hiscocks, Moore and Williams

Also attending: Elisabeth Uggerloese, Clerk

1. BARTON VILLAGE FUND

Grant request towards

- i. Purchase of the Village Christmas tree
- ii. Repair/replacement of Christmas lights and decorations
- iii. Costs of holding the annual Carol Singing Evening

Total cost: £500

Grant request: £400

Recommendation to award the full amount

2. BIDFORD FIRE STATION

Grant for a Drive Through Father Christmas Experience at Bidford Fire Station on Saturday 21st December – free of charge with donations for the Firefighters charity. Grotto and Christmas Lights. Father Christmas/elves will be giving out small gifts to children.

Total cost £218.49

Item 8iv) Grant WG Report & Recommendations November 2024

Grant request : £218.49 (if awarded, Council to purchase direct)

Following a short discussion during which members acknowledged the good community work carried out by Bidford Fire Station, particularly the use of the Community Room for free and, based on this the

Recommendation is to award the full amount and, as the Fire Station do not have a bank account, the Parish Council to purchase direct.

3. BROOM CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Grant request to

- i. Erect a Village Christmas Tree with lights and decorations
- ii. Hold a Lights Switch on event in the village

Total cost : £611.12

Grant request 450 (to cover tree and insurance)

Recommendation to award the full amount

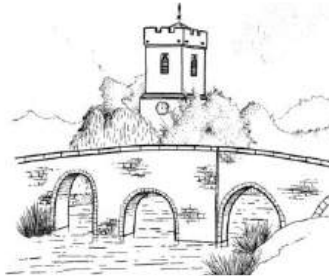
4. CHRISTMAS GRANT ALLOCATION

The WG discussed the possibility of allocating a sum of money to allow all 4 parish settlements to request funding for Christmas events.

Recommendation to allocate the sum of £3,000 for Christmas Grants for the next financial year.

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ITEM 8v) YOUR, VILLAGE, YOUR VOICE (YVYV) WG REPORT & RECOMMENDATIONS – NOVEMBER 2024

A virtual meeting was held on Thursday 14th November 2024 @ 12.30 pm to receive an update from the Two Shires Greenway Project.

Attendants:

Cllrs Cullum (Chairman of Planning Committee)and Ho (YVYV)
John Cashmore (Chairman of the Walking & Cycling Group),
Joe Harvey (Chairman of the Two Shires Greenway Project)
Elisabeth Uggerloese Clerk

Cllr Moore (Chairman of YVYV) had sent her apologies

1. TWO SHIREWS GREENWAY PROJECT

Joe Harvey gave a presentation of how things stand at present, specially with regards to the Broom to Bidford and Bidford to Greenway stretches.

Both require a lot of funding available from central government – so political support is needed at all levels.

The Two Shires Greenway Project have applied for a grant that will enable them to employ a person dedicated to finding both funds as well as the needed political support.

With the help of the Parish Council, they also hope to reapply for some CIL money for the Broom to Bidford stretch. This was not successful last time but there is hope it may be this time round.

At present, they are asking for continuous support from the Parish Council to ensure the project remains alive.

2. TWINNING ASSOCIATION

On Monday 18th November the Parish Council was advised that the Twinning Association has decided to disband. They have advised Ebsdorfergrund of their decision and it would appear they may be closing theirs down too as their committee members are getting old.

They have returned a £500 grant award which has been duly deposited.

Recommendation is to note both updates