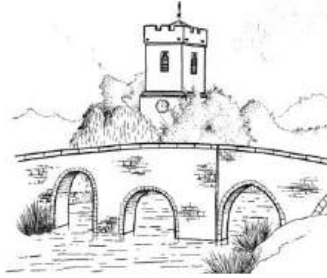


BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

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, on Monday 31st March 2025 @ 7.30 pm to transact the following business

26th March 2025

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 20th January 2025
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.

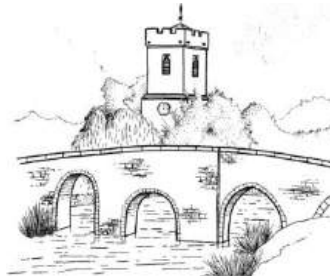
5. **To receive** report from County Councillor
6. **To receive** report from District Councillor
7. **To receive** Clerk's Verbal Report
8. **To consider** Update Reports from the Parish Council's Working Groups
 - i. **Communications Strategy WG** – Verbal update report
 - ii. **Communities WG** – Report & Recommendations circulated
 - iii. **Facilities WG** – Report & Recommendations circulated
 - iv. **Grants WG** – Report & Recommendation – circulated
 - v. **YVYV WG** – Report & Recommendations – circulated
9. **To consider and approve** updated Risk Assessment schedule
10. **To consider** the following planning applications
 - i. **25/00533/FUL Mr and Mrs R Winsper, 2 High Street, Broom B50 4HJ**
Proposed replacement outbuilding as an annexe to the existing dwelling
Link to application
<https://apps.stratford.gov.uk/eplanningv2/AppDetail/Index/5be0333a-2823-c6e3-8875-08dd5d4ec4b0?route=/Home>
 - ii. **25/00607/TREE McCaslin, Victoria House, 27 Victoria Road, B50 4AS**
T1 – London plane – reduce crown by 2m to previous pruning points,
Reduce height from 12m to 10m to reduce the chance of branch failure
Link to application
<https://apps.stratford.gov.uk/eplanningv2/AppDetail/Index/6b17fba0-818a-c895-8768-08dd62067604?route=/Home>
 - iii. **25/00634/TREE Mr Jim Price, 10 High Street, B50 4BU**
T1 – Acer Negundo – Fell
Link to application
<https://apps.stratford.gov.uk/eplanningv2/AppDetail/Index/e9efb4ae-0925-c9c5-c571-08dd65439643?route=/Home>
 - iv. **25/00572/FUL and 00573/LBC Mr R Mills, 9 High Street, Broom B50 4HU**
Proposed replacement of C20 rear single storey extension and outbuilding
Link to application
<https://apps.stratford.gov.uk/eplanningv2/AppDetail/Index/3c982c86-4719-ca9f-c1f8-08dd608c9559?route=/Home> and
<https://apps.stratford.gov.uk/eplanningv2/AppDetail/Index/3fcaa0de-3158-c8ab-2bc6-08dd608c955c?route=/Home>
11. **To approve**
 - i. February 2025 accounts - circulated
 - ii. March 2025 payments – circulated

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** bid for the Big Meadow Toilet refurbishment

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 24th February 2025 @ 7.30 pm at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Bramley Way.

PRESENT

Chairman Cllr. Williams

Cllrs. Barry, Cullum, Hiscocks, Ho, Hopcraft, Lewis, Moore
Paterson and Taylor

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

Also present County/District Cllr Pemberton
District Cllr Fleming
7 members of the public

1. TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES

Cllr Haberton's apologies were 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.
 - Cllrs Cullum and Williams declared an interest in Item 8iv) Grants WG as they are members of the Broom Village Hall Management Committee
 - Cllr Ho declared an interest in Item 8iv) Grants WG as she works for The Shakespeare Hospice

- 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 16TH DECEMBER 2024

Cllr Hopcraft 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 reinstated

5. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Pemberton made a presentation regarding the proposed change from the current 3 tier system to a Unitary Authority as per the English Devolution White Paper.

Warwickshire County Council had applied to be in the first wave but had not been successful. This means County Council elections will take place this May.

At District level, there was more interest in a North Warwickshire/South Warwickshire solution but this would have to be considered under “special circumstances” as it does not fulfil the required population number.

Whatever the final solution, it would mean more challenge for parish and town councils who would be expected to take on more devolved services.

6. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

There had been a full council meeting in the afternoon, to consider the budget for 2025/26. Opposition raised concerns in respect of

- i. The Stratford centric allocation of the budget: it requested that this be more spread out to other settlements
- ii. Support for solar panels on open countryside instead of using brownfields, car park roofs etc
- iii. South Western Relief Road – with the proposed increase in the number of dwellings at Long Marston, there is concern about the number of vehicles over Bidford and Welford Bridges. It is, therefore, essential, this road be built.
- iv. Council tax – there will be the maximum increase of 3% which is £5 per Band D dwelling

7. RECEIVE CLERK'S REPORT

The Parish Council had been contacted regarding Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) in the village. This had been reported to the Police. The Clerk also contacted both Police and Stratford on Avon DC's ASB – it should be noted that Council works closely with both this partners.

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

- i. **Communications Strategy WG** – no report
- ii. **Communities WG – Report & Resolutions** are attached to these Minutes of which they form and integral part.
- iii. **Facilities WG – Report & Resolutions** are attached to these Minutes of which they form and integral part.
- iv. **Grants WG – Report & Resolutions** are attached to these Minutes of which they form and integral part.
- v. **Your Village Your Voice WG – Report & Resolutions** are attached to these Minutes of which they form and integral part.

9. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING EXPENDITURE

- i. **Village Directory**
Total cost, including delivery to all households: £2,510
Grant provided (has to be spent by end February)£1,875
Council to approve balance of £635
RESOLVED to approve
- ii. **Survey for possible use of Methodist Church**
Cost, including delivery to all households £520
It was proposed that the existing groups be approached and that an online survey be considered
RESOLVED to consider less expensive alternatives

10. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- i. **25/00196/LDP Ms Louise O'Sullivan, Retirement Lease HA (RLHA), 1 Icknield Court, B50 4AZ**
the application is seeking confirmation whether the proposed use of the Wardens accommodation as sheltered residential accommodation, in line with the rest of the wider development, is lawful. No building works are proposed nor are there any changes to the layout or external appearance of the property
Link to application
<https://apps.stratford.gov.uk/eplanningv2/AppDetail/Index/bc255c50-7c99-c1bd-b9fa-08dd3f72790a?route=/Home>
Concern was raised about the wishes of the current residents to be left without a Warden
RESOLVED to object as there was insufficient information regarding the wishes of the residents. The withdrawal of a Warden will change the set up of the site
- ii. **25/00265/FUL Robert and Jacqueline Smallwood, Old Apple Barn, Welford Road, Barton**
Erection of agricultural barn
Link to application
<https://apps.stratford.gov.uk/eplanningv2/AppDetail/Index/5358bb87-1c02-ca3d-7a1d-08dd45cc90fa?route=/Home>
RESOLVED No objection

11. TO APPROVE

- i. January 2025 accounts – circulated
RESOLVED to approve the accounts
- ii. February 2025 payments – list circulated
RESOLVED to approve the payment.

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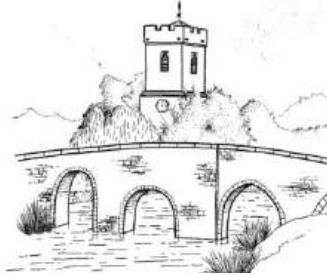
12. TO CONSIDER THE MAINTENANCE BIDS FOR GRANGE ROAD AND SLAFORD ROAD CEMETERIES

There was only one applicant, MGS Services, who was allocated the maintenance of the 2 x cemeteries for a period of 3 years.

The meeting ended at approx 9.20 pm

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Item 8ii) COMMUNITIES WG REPORT AND RESOLUTIONS FEBRUARY 2025

A meeting was held on Thursday 6th February 2025 @ 12.00pm at Bidford Community Library

Attendants: Cllrs Barry, Cullum (Chairman), Lewis and Paterson.

Cllr Williams, Chairman of the Parish Council, was also present

Cllr Ho had sent her apologies

In attendance – Miss Hilary Wren, Admin Ass.

1. VE CELEBRATIONS

- i. Flags for the flagpoles x 4 and bollard banners x 25, have been ordered and delivered.
- ii. 5 x Tommy streetlamp banners have been ordered to be displayed from April to November – this includes VE and VJ Day as well as Remembrance Sunday.

Recommendation to note

RESOLVED by Full Council to note

- iii. If an event is to take place to commemorate VE Day, a separate VE Day Celebration WG to set up to organise it.

Further information had been circulated with a request to approve the event, the setting up of a working group and a budget of £3,000

Recommendation to approve the setting up of a VE Day Celebration WG should Council consider having an event

RESOLVED by Full Council to approve the event in the village centre, the setting up of Working Group to organise it and a budget of £3,000

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2. ST LAURENCE PUBLIC OPEN SPACES (POS)

- i. Work has been carried out on POS 2 and 3
- ii. Clearing work has been carried out at POS1
Recommendation by Full Council to note
RESOLVED to note
- iii. Council has 30 Woodland Trust Hedge Saplings, originally intended for POS 1. However, it has been advised that this area will not be suitable at present as the brambles will take a couple of years to come under control. Having taken advise, it is proposed that these saplings be planted on the north side of the balancing pond area at Russet Way POS
Recommendation to approve this site
RESOLVED by Full Council to approve the site

3. PLANTERS AT THE WAR MEMORIAL

Design, in the same stone as the war memorial.

Recommendation to approve a budget of £10,000 from the Brighter Bidford budget

After some discussion where concern regarding the cost was rased, it was **RESOLVED** by Full Council to postpone the decision until more investigation was carried out regarding alternatives

4. NEW YEARS EVE FIREWORKS

Concern as to who is liable for the event was raised. The Parish Council purchases the firework display and the Sports Association organise the refreshments.

The liability should be either entirely the Parish council, who is then responsible for organising it, or the Sports Association, who should then pay fo rthe fireworks display – a grant to cover this to be sought.

Recommendation to consider and come to a resolution

After a short discussion, it was stressed that this was a Parish Council event and should, therefore, be organised by it, it was

RESOLVED by 9 votes in favour and 1 against, that the event should be organised and managed by the Parish Council

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5. ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

This must take place between 1st March and 1st June annually.
it is proposed it is held on Monday 14th April 2025 6.00 – 7.30 pm to be followed by the monthly Parish Council Planning Meeting.

Recommendation Council to consider and come to a resolution

There was a discussion regarding the holding it on the same evening as a Planning Committee meeting as this could curtail the event. It was proposed that, if this date was approved for the Annual Parish Assembly, to cancel the Planning Committee meeting

RESOLVED by 9 votes in favour and 1 against, to approve 14th April as the Annual Parish Assembly date and to cancel the Planning Committee meeting

6. HIGH STREET HANGING BASKETS

The CWG considered hanging baskets to be installed in the village centre. The costs of inputting the posts would be approx. £15k and there would be annual cost of £5k to plant and maintain them. The costs could be covered from the Brighter Bidford budget

It was noted that concerns were raised last time this was discussed, regarding the width of the roads/pavements and damage by buses and other vehicles. It was agreed to get professional advice as to where the stands could go.

Recommendation to agree the budget of £15,000 for original installation and £5,000 annually thereafter

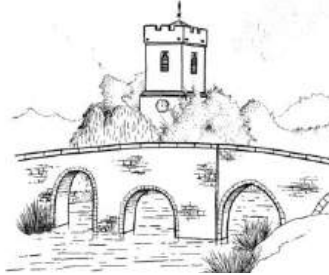
Members considered the cost as well as the narrowness of the pavement on the High Street and how baskets could be accommodated safely.

It was proposed that, before a final decision is made, professional advice should be taken

RESOLVED by 9 votes in favour and 1 against to postpone the decision until professional advice is taken and reported to Council

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Item 8iii) – FACILITIES WG - REPORT & RESOLUTIONS FEBRUARY 2025

A hybrid meeting took place on Tuesday 18th February 2025 @ 4.00 pm at Bidford Community Library.

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

1. BIG MEADOW

- i. **Toilets** – information regarding fitting the refurbishment circulated. It was agreed to note the comments made in respect of not replacing the hand basins, as these were custom made and their dismantling could result in damaging floor and wall.
Recommendation to approve the refurbishment, as per the enclosed, at a cost of £14k
RESOLVED by full Council to approve the refurbishment at a cost of £14k
- ii. **Turning circle**
Trustees have given their approval. However, still waiting to hear back from the Environment Agency (EA). this cannot go ahead without its approval
RESOLVED by Full Council to note still waiting form EA approval/comments

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- iii. Logs – 1.8 M in length.
 28 available from Ragley
 Cost £1682 plus transport to be arranged by Council
 It was clarified the logs would be fixed to the ground, so not moveable.
Recommendation to approve the purchase of 28 logs @ a cost of £1,682
 Clerk requested a decision be made regarding whether the exiting logs be placed on the riverside or play area side.
RESOLVED by full Council to approve the purchase of the logs. The exiting logs, which are larger, to be placed on the play area side and the new, smaller logs, on the riverside
- iv. **Risk area by bridge**
 Unsuitable for planting due to surface. Have asked for EA and the Avon Navigation Trust (ANT) , who originally raised the risk concerns, to advise alternative.
 Clerk had an extensive walk along the bank with a representative of ANT and, it would appear, the only solution to minimise the risk of canoeists and paddlers launching and people swimming, by the bridge, is a fence 1.2 metres (similar to the fence round the play area).
 Regarding an alternative launching area for canoes and/or paddlers, the area that had been identified by the Council was considered too close to the bridge and, therefore, was still a risk. Possible sites close to the launching pad (owned by ANT) to be considered.
Recommendation to approve the purchase and installation of fence at a maximum cost of £2,500. Once installed, planting to camouflage the fence to be considered.
 There was a lengthy discussion, during which the issue of access by the emergency services was raised and whether it was necessary, bearing in mind there have been no incidents.
 The Clerk reminded Councillors that the ANT had written to it advising them of this risk and, if nothing was done and an incident did occur, Council would be liable.
RESOLVED by 9 votes in favour and 1 against to approve the purchase and installation of the fence subject to no objection from the Fire Service
- v. **Plaques** to be installed on picnic benches saying *“NO BBQS NO FIRES Open Flames are not permitted. Help protect our green spaces for all visitors. Thank you for your cooperation”*
 Quote being obtained
 There was some discussion in respect of the wording and it was agreed to delete “in the meadow”

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RESOLVED by Full Council to approve the purchase and installation of the plaques

2. SOLAR LIGHT

Have discussed the idea of a movement activated light, or similar, on the roof.

The advice is that it will be easily vandalised.

In view of the above, this WG considered the installation of a further 2 column at a cost of £5k – to be allocated to S106

Recommendation to approve the purchase and installation of 2 x further solar lights

there was a lengthy discussion as to whether additional lights were necessary, especially due to the increased cost of them.

It was proposed that, if the roof was considered vulnerable to vandalism, then perhaps installing it on the nearby tree was an option

RESOLVED by 8 votes in favour and 2 against, to look at the possibility of a movement activated light to be installed on the tree

3. GYM EQUIPMENT

As resolved by Council, have requested the company to send the spare parts – to date no positive response. They do not carry out maintenance but have given the name of 2 contractors

Before considering removal of equipment, to be replaced by another facility, Clerk to contact the recommended contractors and obtain costs.

Recommendation to note

There was some discussion as to whether this should be removed and it was

RESOLVED by full Council to note

4. WEEKLY PLAY EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

As requested, contacted the insurance company who confirm this is recommended as it helps in the event of a claim.

The Parish Council is responsible for the following play areas

- i. Big Meadow
- ii. Damson Way (Miller Home)
- iii. Jacksons Meadow
- iv. Jubilee Close
- v. Kings Lane, Broom
- vi. Marleigh Park
- vii. Russet Way
- viii. Wards Lane

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Inspection once a fortnight during the winter months is acceptable.

Inspection by a councillor, completing and signing a form after every inspection and reporting to Council every month, also acceptable.

Council must be assured that the inspection of every piece of equipment is carried out fortnightly October to March and weekly April to September. In the event of a claim, one of the first things that is asked is “has the play equipment been inspected. If so when. Where there any issues at the time of inspection and were these reported”

It was agreed that it is a lot of equipment to be inspected and that the current contract should continue albeit reduced to fortnightly inspections in the months October to March

Recommendation to continue with the current contract but reduced inspection in the winter months

After a short discussion it was

RESOLVED by full Council to approve the recommendation

5. PARKING TARIFF

- i. Have advised Smartparking. There may be an issue regarding the penalty charge of £100. Current guidelines are for £100 fine reduced to £60 if paid within a certain period.

The realise the Council’s reasoning and are looking at the possibility of the fine being £150 reduced to £100 if paid within a certain period.

- ii. They will be able to let us have details of numbers of vehicle etc.
- iii. Discussion was held regarding how to advise visitors that the Big Meadow parking is full, thus reducing the risk of traffic congestion. It was agreed that some sort of “light signalling” at the approach to the roundabout would be the best solution. Clerk to enquire from Smartparking if this is possible, as it would have to link to the cameras and, if so, check with WCC Highways that there are no objections

Recommendation to note the update

RESOLVED by full Council to note

6. DUGDALE CONTAINER

This has been slightly delayed as it was waiting for approval by Bidford Juniors FC. This has now been reached, payment has been made, and container arrived and was installed on Friday 21st February

The Clerk advised that, due to the very wet ground, it had not been possible to install the container which would be stored until the ground was firmer.

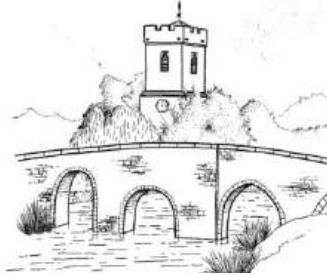
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RESOLVED by full Council to note

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Item 8iv) GRANT WG - REPORT & RESOLUTIONS FEBRUARY 2025

A meeting was held on Wednesday 12th February 2025 @ 4.00 pm at Bidford Community Library

Attendants : Cllrs Cullum, Hiscocks, and Williams
In attendance _ Mrs E Uggerloese, Clerk

1. BIDFORD ON AVON BOWLING CLUB

- i. Replacement of flooring in ladies and gents toilets
£1,425
 - ii. Replacement of the security alarm system
£800
 - iii. Installation of roller shutter on the bar area
£700
- Total Cost £2,825**
Grant request : £1,462.50

Set of accounts provided

It was acknowledged that they hold regular events to raise funds.

RECOMMENDATION to award £1,462.50

RESOLVED by full Council to approve the£1,462.50

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2. BROOM VILLAGE HALL

Full Hall refurbishment = main hall, meeting room, kitchen, toilets and lobby

Total cost : £5,200

Grant request : £1,700

Cllrs Cullum and Williams declared an interest as they are members of the Management Committee

It was noted that other grants had been requested so

RECOMMENDATION is to award £1,700

Cllrs Cullum and Williams had declared an interest and did not participate in either discussion or decision

RESOLVED by full Council to award £1,700

3. SHAKESPEARE HOSPICE

Request for funding for **Hospice at Home Service**

The hospice is seeking a grant towards the costs of their Hospice at Home Service to ensure patients and families, including those in Bidford on Avon, can access expert palliative and end of life nursing care and support, in their own home. In the last year they have received 22 new referrals from Bidford and, in addition, an estimated 44 family members were also supported by this service.

Total cost of service for South Warwickshire £471,057

Grant application : £5,000

Accounts supplied

This is a worthy cause which has the capacity to help many, local residents, to remain at home as long as possible.

RECOMMENDATION to award £5,000

Cllr Ho had declared an interest and did not participate in either the discussion or decision

Concern was expressed that this was not a local group. However, after a lengthy discussion, it was recognised that it was a Stratford upon Avon charity and that it did cover Bidford and, on balance, it was benefiting the community.

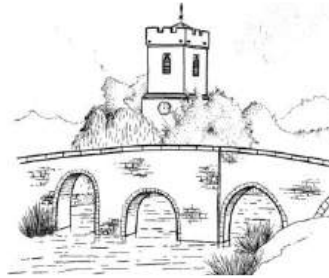
RESOLVED by 6 votes in favour, 1 against and 2 abstentions, to award £5,000 as the application did mention the number of Bidford residents being helped.

If a further application is to be made in the future, more information regarding the local help would be required.

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ITEM 8v) YOUR, VILLAGE, YOUR VOICE (YVYV) WG REPORT & RESOLUTIONS – FEBRUARY 2025

A virtual meeting was held on Thursday 13th February 2025 @ 5.30 pm

Attendants:

Cllrs Ho and Moore (Chairman)

Representatives from : Arty Avon; B50, Bidford WI and Community Speed Watch

In attendance Elisabeth Uggerloese Clerk

The aim of the meeting was receive an update on the Community Event Day, scheduled fro Saturday 22nd March 2025 at the Parish Council Meeting Room/School Hall.

Email asking for a “show of interest” had been sent and sufficient numbers have replied thus confirming the event will go ahead.

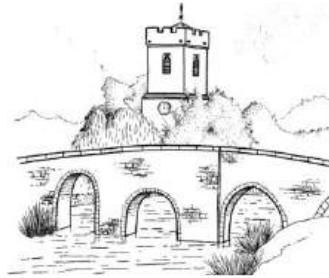
It will be advertised on the Parish Council website, and Q Code will be made available.

Cost of 7 x banners is £139.52

Recommendation to note the update and to approve the cost of the banners
RESOLVED by full Council to approve the cost of the banners

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Item 7 - CLERKS REPORT - MARCH 2025

INTEGRATED CARE SYSTEM (ICS) - update

Following Council's decision to participate in this pilot scheme, supported by Warwickshire and West Midlands Association of Local Councils (WALC), Coventry & Warwickshire Integrated Care System and CAVA, Council representatives have been attending regular online meetings, organised by WALC, to progress this important service that aims to help the decision makers understand the health and social care needs of our community.

This will require residents to complete a survey and hard copies are being delivered to each household for completion and return by **30th April 2025**. To ensure privacy, secure boxes will be made available for this purpose, at the Parish Council Office, Bramley Way.

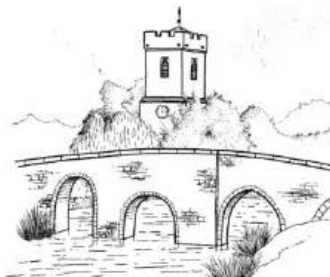
Information, and an online survey, is also available on the Parish Council Website at <https://bidfordonavon-pc.gov.uk/coventry-and-warwickshire-integrated-care-system-survey/>

Cost of printing and delivering was £634.00 of which £200 will be reimbursed by WALC.

Posters have been posted on the Noticeboards, at the Bidford Showcase on Saturday 22nd March, social media and Council representatives will be attending community group meetings to hear residents' views.

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Item 8ii) COMMUNITIES WG REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS MARCH 2025

A meeting was held on Thursday 6th February 2025 @ 12.00pm at Bidford on Avon Parish Council Reception Area

Attendants: Cllrs Barry, Cullum (Chairman)Ho and Lewis .

Cllr Paterson had sent his apologies

In attendance – Miss Hilary Wren, Admin Ass.

1. VE CELEBRATIONS

It was noted that Council had approved a budget of £3,000.

A Working Group, led by Cllr Barry, has been set up to manage this event.

Cllr Lewis is dealing with the replacement of the “beacon neck”

Recommendation to note

2. NEW YEARS EVE FIREWORKS

Council’s resolution was noted and consideration is being given to bringing a manager for the event and setting up a separate working group. This to be discussed further and a recommendation be presented to Council

Recommendation to await update

3. BIDFORD VILLAGE MARKET

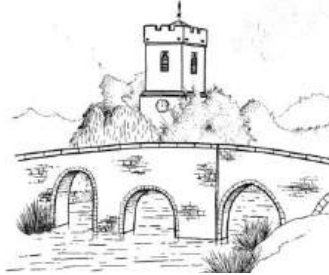
In view of the growing market, more gazebos and tables are required at a cost of £3,000

Recommendation that Council approve the purchase of further gazebos/tables to accommodate more stall

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Item 8iii) – FACILITIES WG - REPORT & RECOMMENDATIONS MARCH 2025

1. A hybrid meeting took place on Monday 24th March 2025 @ 4.00 pm at Bidford Community Library.

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

BIG MEADOW

- i. **Toilets** – update
The tender has been posted on various social media, including the Bidford Business Forum.
Clerk recommended using the ESPO platform as well – and this was agreed.
- ii. **Logs** – these have been bought and the layout discussed and agreed.
Brackets also bought
It has become apparent that more logs maybe required at a cost of £60 each.
Recommendation to approve the cost of the purchase of further logs as required.
- iii. **Risk area by bridge**
Following site visit with ANT officer, fence has been erected and ANT are working on signage
Regarding a launching area, the preferred site, which was a fisherman's

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peg is, regrettably one of the best fishing spots. In view of this, a floating pontoon is being considered, in partnership with ANT. Waiting for design and cost. Canoeists and paddlers will be directed to this area

Recommendation to note

- iv. **Turning point** – requirements from the EA have made it impossible to carry this out before the 2025 Summer opening.
Recommendation is to use this summer as a “trial” to see if, following the BBQ ban and the restriction in the number of vehicles able to access the Big Meadow, this is required.
Recommendation to note
- v. **Entrance sign/banner** – this needs to be updated as the closing time has changed from 8.00 to 9.00 and the fine from £60 to £100.
To be considered: are security guards required, specially at the start and/or during summer holidays – to help with parking and BBQ ban
Recommendation to note this has gone ahead
- vi. **Electronic signage** – have discussed this with Smartparking and it should be possible.
Updates will follow when available
Recommendation to note

2. GYM EQUIPMENT

Have found a company, which deals in maintenance, that has inspected it, seen the repairs required and is obtaining quotation for the spare parts. The same company has also looked at Jacksons Meadow play area and has made a proposal of how to repair/replace the rotten logs. Waiting for design and quote for this

Recommendation to note

3. DUGDALE CONTAINER

In collaboration with Bidford Juniors, the site has been identified and, once the area is cleared and the foundation pits installed, weather permitting, the container can be placed. Cost for this is £950
Closest neighbour has been advised of site.

Recommendation to note

It has also been noted that the car park facilities are too small to cope with current attendance. The proposal is to extend the existing car park – approx doubling in size – and the estimated cost of this is £14k

Recommendation that Council approve the extension and that it go out to tender

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4. **MONIE MEADOW**

Have requested quote for screening Topiary Park caravans from the Monie Meadow ar park.

In order to effectively screen this area, it would require 15 mature trees 4 -5 metres in height: the cost, to be confirmed closer to planting time in the autumn, is £4,500

Concern was raised about the trees, potentially, blocking the light

Recommendation not to proceed

5. **BURIAL FEES**

These are reviewed annually and the new fees are effective from 1st April.

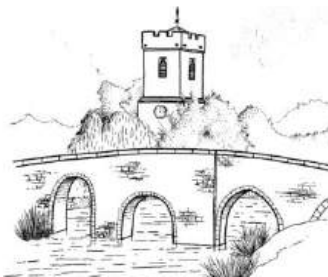
Current fees available at <https://bidfordonavon-pc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Burial-Charges-April-2024.pdf>

It was agreed to increase the fees in line with the increase in the maintenance costs i.e. 5%.

Recommendation to increase the burial costs by 5% approx.

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Item 8 iv) GRANTS WG – REPORT & RECOMMENDATIONS MARCH 2025

Members : Cllrs: Cullum, Hiscocks, Moore and Williams

The requestes were considered via email.

1. BIDFORD ON AVON DARBY & JOAN

Party to celebrate 70 years of existence – date to coincide with VE Day 8th May 2025

Total cost £1,200

Grant request £500

Recommendation to award the full grant requested

2. ARTY AVON

Due to circumstances, they have asked for a variation on the expenditure of the grant of 1,193.51 awarded December 2023.

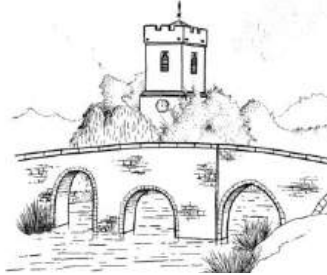
Members have considered this and, in view of the excellent work done by this group and the way they keep the Parish Council of their progress the

Recommendation to grant the requested variation

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Item 8v) YOUR VILLAGE YOUR VOICE WG – REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS MARCH 2025

A meeting took place on Tuesday 25th March 2025 @ 4.30 pm at Bidford Community Library

Attendants; Cllrs Ho, Moore (Chairman) and Mrs. E Uggerloese
Also present: Cllr Williams, Chairman of the Council and Mr S Haberton, leader of Community Speed Watch (CSW)

1. SPEEDING

The main item discussed was the concern from residents regarding speeding, whether real or perceived, in parts of Bidford and Broom.

It was felt that the best way forward is to ask Warwickshire County Council Road Safety to carry out a road safety audit in Bidford and Broom, with a view to identifying where “soft” engineering measures could be installed to help reduce speed. Audit to also look at the possibility of reducing the speed of Bidford High Street to 20mph.

Cost of the audit is a non refundable £500 – this will be credited to any work carried out as a consequence of the audit.

Recommendation that Council request a Road Safety Audit of Bidford and Broom to include considering a 20 mph for High Street, Bidford on Avon and approve the expenditure of £500

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2. COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH CAMERA

Council still owns a camera which is no longer accepted by Warwickshire Police and is, therefore, no longer fit for purpose.

Recommendation that Council approves the sale of said camera

3. BIDFORD SHOWCASE

This was organised by the Your Village Your Voice Groups, facilitated by the Parish Council.

On Saturday 22nd March 2025 1.30 – 4.00 pm they “showcased” crafts and other community groups at the Primary School – it was a great success, to be repeated in 2026!

There will be a similar event, this time concentrating on the local sports and leisure groups, on **19th July 2025**, at the Crawford Memorial Hall and sports courts/pitches etc.

Recommendation to note and to thank and congratulate the various groups that attended the event that made it such a success