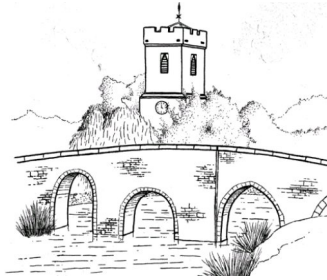


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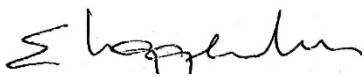
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To all Members of the Communities Committee of the Council:
Cllrs. Ho (Chair), Barry, Cullum, Haberton and Lewis

You are hereby summoned to attend a Communities Committee Meeting Committee to be held in the Library, Bramley Way, on Wednesday 19th November 2025 at 10:30am, to transact the following business.

14th November 2025


Elisabeth Uggerløse
Clerk to the Parish Council

AGENDA

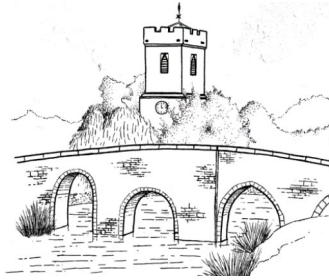
- 1. To receive** and accept apologies
- 2. To receive** declaration of Interest on Items on the Agenda
 - i. All members of the Council are respectfully reminded that in order to comply with the Code of Conduct adopted by the Parish Council on 28th February 2022, effective from 1st May 2022, if any 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 later than 24 hours prior to the meeting.
Dispensations will be granted as appropriate.

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3. **To approve** Minutes of the Communities Committee held on the 17th and 26th September 2025
4. **Public Forum** - questions from members of the public. Please be aware that, although members of the public can raise any question concerning community's issues, 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** an update on the Christmas and 2026 Markets
6. **To consider** how to proceed with Bidford in Bloom. Its remit, as agreed by full council, is for hanging baskets and planters in the village.
7. **To receive** an update on the New Years Firework Display.
8. **To receive** an update on the Parish Council's entry in the Christmas Tree Festival at St Laurence's Church
9. **To consider** Terms of Reference for this committee
10. **To agree** a date for the next meeting.

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COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Communities Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 17th September 2025 @ 10.30 pm at Bidford Community Library

PRESENT Cllrs Cullum, Ho (Chair) and Lewis

Apologies Cllrs Barry, Haberton

In attendance Mrs Gina Miller, Deputy Clerk to the Parish Council
Miss Hilary Wren, Admin. Assistant to the Parish Council

Also present No members of the public present

1. TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES

Cllrs Barry and Haberton sent apologies, which were **accepted**.

2. TO RECEIVE 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.
Councillor Cullen declared an interest in the Market, due to booking stalls for the B50 craft group.
- ii. Written requests for Dispensations for DPI should be received by the Clerk no more than 24 hours prior to the meeting.
Dispensations will be granted as appropriate.
None received

3. PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public present.

4. Memorial Stone Planters

Cllr Ho confirm that the stone planters have been done and were in place for the VJ Day celebrations. She thanked Grant for his excellent workmanship and Limebridge contractors for their assistance in getting these in place and planted up in time for the VJ Day celebrations.

As part of this project the two original planters that were at the war memorial were moved to the edge of the Anglo Saxon car park on a temporary basis. It was **unanimously agreed** that these look really good in their new position and that, with agreement from Full Council, the office should approach Stratford District Council for permission to keep these in place.

RESOLVED by Full Council to note

5. Bidford in Bloom

It was **unanimously agreed** that the office should set up a first meeting of the Bidford in Bloom working group, to ensure protocol is followed in choosing a Chair and inviting stakeholders

RESOLVED by Full Council to note

6. Gazebo's and Tables for the Market

It was **confirmed** that these have been purchased and we await delivery. This item is now completed

RESOLVED by Full Council to note.

7. New Years Firework Display.

It was confirmed that a Working Group has been set up to organise the New Years Firework Display. This consists of Cllr Moore for the Parish Council and representatives of the Bidford Juniors FC who are more than happy to manage this on the day.

RESOLVED by Full Council to note

8. Brass Plaques

It was **confirmed** that the Brass Plaques have been installed in the school grounds and this item is now completed.

RESOLVED by Full Council to note

9. The Market Working Group

As we are not quorate to vote on the Market, it was **agreed** to hold an extraordinary Communities Committee Meeting on Friday 26.9.25 at 10:30am in the Library to discuss this item.

RESOLVED by Full Council to note

10. Christmas Tree Festival

It was **agreed** that the Parish Council would like a tree at the festival, and that Cllr Lewis will take the lead on this project.

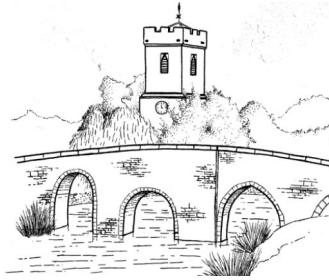
RESOLVED by Full Council to note

11. The next meeting of the Communities Committee was scheduled for Wednesday 19th November at 10:30am in the Library.

RESOLVED by Full Council to note

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COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING

Minutes of the Communities Committee Extraordinary Meeting held on Friday 26th September 2025 @ 10.30 pm at the meeting room at the Fire Station.

PRESENT Cllrs Cullum, Haberton, Ho (Chair) and Lewis

Apologies Cllr Barry

In attendance Mrs Gina Miller, Deputy Clerk to the Parish Council
Miss Hilary Wren, Admin. Assistant to the Parish Council

Also present No members of the public present

1. TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES

Cllr Barry sent apologies, which were **accepted**.

2. TO RECEIVE 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.
Councillor Cullen declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Market.

- ii. Written requests for Dispensations for DPI should be received by the Clerk no more than 24 hours prior to the meeting.

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Dispensations will be granted as appropriate.
None received.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public present.

4. The Minutes of the Communities Committee held on Wednesday 16th July 2025 were **unanimously approved.**

5. The Village Market

A report was circulated before the meeting regarding the many advices we have received regarding road closures and safety measures needed for the Market (attached). This includes Vehicle Mitigation measures and the possible relocation of the market. After some discussion the following was agreed:

- i. It was **unanimously agreed** that the Market should continue in 2026 , from February to December, in the High Street.

RESOLVED by Full Council to note

- ii. It was **unanimously agreed** that the Parish Council Surgery should continue to take place at the market – and Full Council should give consideration to whether the times of the Council Surgery could be increased to the full 4 hours of the Market (9am – 1pm)

RESOLVED by Full Council to approve the continuation if the monthly surgery at the market and to increase the hours

- It was **agreed** by 3 votes to 1, that we should allow shared stall space, but that all bookings should go directly through The Market Manager.

There was a very lengthy discussion which included counter proposals:

Pay full amount for shared with no discount

Only 1 vote in favour

- Shared stall but pay the full amount and one stallholder has the “lead – named person”

2 votes in favour

RESOLVED by Full Council by 5 votes in favour and 3 against, not to allow sharing

- iii. The following Fees for the stalls for 2026 were discussed and agreed:

Individual bookings £25 (currently £22) **agreed 3 votes to 1**

Block book 6 markets £130 (currently £115) **unanimously agreed**

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Block book 11 markets £200 (currently £180) **unanimously agreed**
RESOLVED BY Full Council by 7 votes in favour 1 against and 1
abstention

- iv. The Market Supervisor's contract for 2026 was discussed and it was **unanimously agreed** that the contract should be offered to the current contractor being below the threshold for putting it out for tender. As this is a sensitive issue, to be considered in close session.
- v. Road Closure Barriers were discussed, and following the advice received it was **unanimously agreed** that we should look at vehicles blocking the road. Further investigation will take place regarding liability and insurance and will be reported at the next communities committee meeting.
RESOLVED unanimously by Full Council to approve the use of vehicles as a security barrier

- 6. It was **unanimously agreed** that a plaque, commemorating Ian Warmington ('Fred') who led the Royal British Legion Parades in Bidford on Avon for many years, should be purchased and attached to the benches by the memorial; costs not to exceed £100
RESOLVED unanimously by Full Council to approve the plaque and a cost not able £100