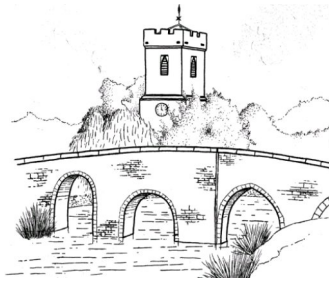


BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

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 23rd February 2026 @ 7.30 pm to transact the following business

18th February 2026

Elisabeth Uggerløse

Clerk to the Parish Council

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.

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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, and reviewed in May 2025, 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**
 - i. Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council held on Monday 12th January 2026
 - ii. Minutes of the Parish Council held on Monday 19th January 2026
- 4. **To receive** report from County Councillor
- 5. **To receive** report from District Councillors
- 6. **To receive** Clerk's Report
- 7. **To consider**
 - i. **Communities Committee – To consider**
 - **Replacement Planters**
It is proposed that the stone planters be installed at the entrance to the village and alternatives found for the other planters
 - ✓ 3 x reclaimed stone planters
£3,100
 - ✓ 3 x sone planters by same stonemason as those by the War Memorial
£5,827.45
 - **Artisan Markets on the Big Meadow**
The proposal is for 3 x markets to run from 10.00 am – 4.00 pm and incorporate food and drink stalls.
 - ✓ **To approve**
 - ✓ A spending budget which, based on past events, the Committee is setting at £15,000 to cover all 3 events. If approved, it will report back on its progress every month
 - ii. **Facilities Committee- to consider/approve**
 - **Advertising for Part Time Park Officers**
 - ✓ June – August
 - ✓ 11.00 am – 6.00 pm
 - ✓ Weekends, Bank Holidays and Event
 - **Increasing the parking fees on the Big Meadow**
These are currently £3.00 for 2 hours and under – to cater for dog walkers: and £6 for a full day.
This fee structure falls within the rates charged by other, similar recreational parks in the area.
The unanimous recommendation is for fees to remain unchanged.
 - **Proposed “one way design* for High Street (West)**
this was circulated and discussed at the meeting, during which it was agreed that it would be of little benefit plus parts of the proposed routes are privately owned.
In view of this, the Committee does not recommend it be taken further.

➤ **Speeding**

Regrettably, due to staff sickness, there was a delay in the setting up of the requested surveys. The results will be circulated once received.

The Committee agreed that this would be a permanent item on its Agenda with any recommendations being put to Council for approval

iii. Youth Provision WG

Verbal update from the Chairman

- 8. To consider** delegating to the Facilities Committee the detailed report on the play areas received from Sports & Play Consulting for its consideration and recommendations to Council
- 9. To receive** an update on the Local Nature Recovery Strategy
Report circulated)
- 10. To adopt** the process of Councillors introducing projects to the Council – report circulated
- 11. To consider** the following planning applications
 - i. 25/03517/OUT Bellway Homes Limited and Andrew John Forrester, Land South of Avon Way**
Outline planning application (with all matter reserved apart from access) for a development comprising up to 90 dwellings (Use Class 3) and associated infrastructure and operations including but not limited to sustainable urban drainage system, public open space, landscaping, habitat creation and internal roads/routes
Link to application
<https://apps.stratford.gov.uk/eplanningv2/AppDetail/Index/f287d1e6-a7c6-c8a6-c26d-08de4e8bf3b4?route=/Home>
 - ii. 26/00142/FUL Mr S Kerry, Brookfields Barn, Stratford Road, B50 4LU**
change of use of land for the siting of 6 mobile homes and 6 hardstanding touring caravans for residential purposes, with associated development of hardstanding, landscaping and bunds (part retrospective)
Link to application
<https://apps.stratford.gov.uk/eplanningv2/AppDetail/Index/d0e9be56-c146-c446-4ad9-08de574aa207?route=/Home>
- 12. To approve**
 - i.** January 2026 accounts - circulated
 - ii.** February 2026 payments – circulated

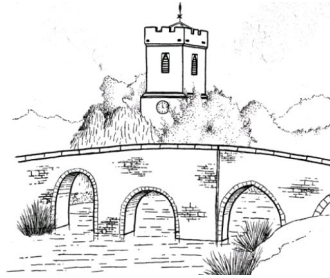
Due to the sensitive nature of this item, the Council may resolve to exclude the public (Public Bodies (Admissions of Meetings Act) 1960 s1(2))

- 13. To receive** report on Parish Council vacancy

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12th January 2026
@ 7.00 pm at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Bramley Way B50 4QG

PRESENT

Chairman Cllr. Williams

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

In attendance: Mrs E. Uggerløse, Clerk to the Parish Council
Mrs Gina Miller, Deputy Clerk
Mr D Kemp – DCK Accounting

Also present 5 members of the public

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.

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See Note after signed Minutes

1. TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES

Cllr Haberton had sent his apologies, which were accepted. However, he did attend albeit a little late.

2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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Cllr Barry advised her sister was attending
Cllr Moore advised her nephew and aunt in law
Cllr Taylor advised her husband was a member of the public
- 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 CONSIDER THE BUDGET/PRECEPT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2026/27 – CIRCULATED

Main issues raised by Councillors:

- Other years, options as to the increase percentage were presented. No options presented this year – was there a reason for this?
In previous years, the increase required was minimal, so options as to how minimal to keep it were available. This year, the increase required is significant, hence no options though Council is not obliged to accept the required increase. This is due to 2 main factors; increase in staff to cater for the retirement of the current Clerk and the decision to ban BBQs from the Big Meadow.
- If security on the Big Meadow is withdrawn, would this make a difference to the precept demand. Alternatives could be considered?
The precept demand would reduce if the security cost is withdrawn and potential, part time, employment of local people as Information Officers at weekends could be funded from the surplus reserves
- Rolling Capital – clarification of this fund required
The concept of this fund is for Council to have a 5 year business plan that identifies projects and has the necessary funds allocated from said fund. This will then inform the amount of capital required for the Rolling Capital Fund. Currently £50k are added every year.
- How can the increase be reduced further. Following the deletion of the cost for security guards?
The amount allocated to the Capital Fund could be reduced from £50k to, say, £20k or £25k for this year
- Is there a specific amount to be held in the Rolling Fund?
No: it should be the amount required to cover the Council's identified future projects.

- Committees/Working Groups should start identifying projected plans of what they would like to achieve, with approximate costs.
These to be presented to Council for approval and, once started, regular reports to be made.

Following final discussion regarding the increase, it was proposed there should be a 4% increase.

The issue of the Council taking on extra services once Unitary Government is in place was considered – this will not be financed by the Principal Authorities. However, this would not take place until 2028 and, therefore not directly affect this financial year,

Counter proposal for 5% was made.,

Voting for a 5% increase resulted in 2 in favour
Voting for a 4% increase resulted in 8 in favour

RESOLVED to increase the Precept by 4% - budget to be adjusted accordingly by reducing the amount for the Rolling Capital Fund and deleting the costs for security on the Big Meadow.

The meeting ended at approx. 7.40 pm

Chairman

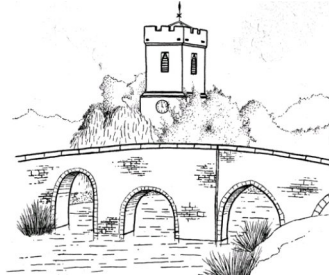
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Notes from the Public Forum

- Queries regarding the cost of administration
Staffing and administration is normally the largest cost of any organisation
- Query regarding the 2 types of S106
S106 can apply to funds transferred to the Council by the developer to improve parts of the settlement, mainly Public Open Spaces/Play Areas and to commuted sums to be used for the maintenance of the Public Open Spaces of the development itself.
- Lack of information as to where the monies raised by the Precept are actually used.

BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

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Meeting held on Monday 19th January 2026 @ 7.30 pm at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Bramley Way.

PRESENT

Chairman Cllr. Williams

Cllrs Barry, Cullum, Haberton, Hiscocks, Ho, Hopcraft, Lewis , Moore
and
 Paterson

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

Also present District Cllr Fleming
 2 members of the public

Public Forum - questions from members of the public.

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1. TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES

None

2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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which they have declared an Interest, which could be personal or prejudicial, they should declare so and leave the room.

None declared

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

None requested

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15TH DECEMBER 2025

Cllr Cullum proposed they be approved and signed as accurate

RESOLVED by Full Council that they be signed by the Chairman

The Chairman proposed that Item 10 – Planning Applications be brought forward.

RESOLVED to agree to this

4. ATO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- i. **25/03047/FUL Mr Ian and Mrs Ian Forbes, 7 Owlets End, Barton**

Subdivision of the existing dwelling into two separate dwellings with operational development limited to the erection of a boundary fence separating the garden areas and the construction of a porch canopy

Link to application

<https://apps.stratford.gov.uk/eplanningv2/AppDetail/Index/4adeb6bc-c103-c803-f91e-08de38a5262e?route=/Home>

Also, please refer to Planning Application

<https://apps.stratford.gov.uk/EPlanningv2/AppDetail/Index/4773abaa-6f0b-cba4-370a-08d727baf1ca?route=/Home> for further information.

As this application was to revert to the original 2 dwellings, it was

RESOLVED No objection

- ii. **26/00093/TREE Ms Cherry Hamson, 42 High Street, B50 4AA**

T1 – silver birch – Fell

Link to application

<https://apps.stratford.gov.uk/EPlanningv2/AppDetail/Index/4c51c201-ab89-c460-3de6-08de53546d21?route=/Home>

The application was unclear: it refers to felling a silver birch but the description was of a willow/. There was also no accompanying letter from tree expert explaining the need for felling

RESOLVED to object subject to clarification and further information

5. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Brown was not present

6. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

- i. Budget is being considered with the Conservatives sending an “alternative” budget for consideration by the administration
- ii. Planning applications:
 - Garage – still waiting for some missing information
 - North of Salford Road - s=extension until end January to provide further information

- South of Salford Road – no further progress

7. RECEIVE CLERK'S REPORT

Verbal report

- Bidford Bridge** work will start mid February. Permission has been requested, and granted by the Parish Council, to use the bays adjacent to the parapet on the Winter Carpark for the duration of the workm estimated to last until end August
- Dugdale Trees** – due to the extreme dry weather, these trees, as many more across the county, died this summer. Quotation for replacement trees to follow for consideration by the Facilities Committee, If replacements approved, they need to be watered from 1st April.

RESOLVED to note

8. TO CONSIDER

- Communications WG**

Verbal update made by the Chairman.

Work in progress

RESOLVED to note

- Communities Committee – To consider**

- Replacement of flower boxes. Options
 - Wooden as now - £240 each longevity between 5/10 years
 - Stone, as in War Memorial – cost tba
 Currently 3 boxes need replacing

RESOLVED to approve replacement with stone version. Options and quotes to be considered by the Committee

- Streetlight Banners – change 2 of the Soldier banners with existing stock. Cost of installation to be approved.

Change of banners by existing has no cost.

Cost of 2 x new banners £399 each.

RESOLVED to approve the cost for 2 x new banners at a cost of £798

- Easter Market entertainment – costs not to exceed £400

RESOLVED to approve a cost of no more than £400

- Facilities Committee- to consider** delegating the following to the Committee, with accompanying budget

- Defibrillator lighting

To note this work in progress. Solar lights to be considered

RESOLVED to note
- Signage (disclaimer notice on Big Meadow and updated sign for Dugdale, as examples)

RESOLVED Clerk to obtain proofs and cost to be approved via email
- Big Meadow Monitors – trained volunteers or paid employed park guard(s)

RESOLVED Committee to look into this in depth and report

- iv. YVYV – verbal update
Bidford Showcase taking place on 21st March
RESOLVED to note

9. TO CONSIDER THE SDC COMMUNITY CHAMPION (BIDFORD, SHACKLETON MEON VALLEY) PROGRAMME

Report circulated and a Councillor had sent a link to a current programme, which showed the benefits of the scheme.

Following a lengthy discussion as to the benefits, or not, of an extra day, the motion to approve was put to the vote:

RESOLVED by 5 votes in favour and 5 against, with the casting vote of the Chairman, to approve the £10k for an extra day for a period of 1 year.

10. TO CONSIDER SETTING UP A FINANCE AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE

Following a detailed discussion during which Councillors were reminded that all financial information is sent every month. If any Councillor requires clarification, they can ask the Clerk, the motion was voted on

RESOLVED by 4 votes in favour, 4 against and 2 abstentions, by the casting vote of the Chairman not to proceed with the setting up of a Finance and Strategy Committee

11. TO APPROVE

- i. Deember 2025 accounts – circulated
RESOLVED to approve
- ii. December 2025 payments – circulated
There was an additional payments:
- SLCC – training £36
- Total payment 7226.55
RESOLVED to approve payment

The meeting closed at approx. 9.05 pm

Chairman

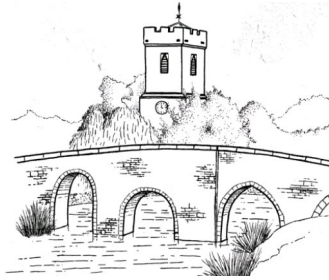
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Notes on the Public Forum

- Planning Application – applicants explained what they were asking for and why
- Big Meadow – dead tree needs to be felled as it is dangerous. Could it be replaced with an Oak tree. Plant for free if its supplied.

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Item 8) One Way System on High Street (West)

Below is a concept one-way system for the Lower High Street, Bidford-on-Avon, matching your brief: vehicles enter by Balti Hot / The Bridge Restaurant (around 55–80 High Street) and exit by 90 High Street (Chadwick Accountants).

1) The one-way route (what drivers do)

Direction: Bridge/Balti end → Chadwick (90 High Street) end (i.e., all general traffic flows *one way* along Lower High Street, from the river/restaurant end toward 90 High Street).

Entry control (by Balti Hot / Bridge Restaurant)

- Create a clear “ENTRY ONLY” gateway at the Bridge/Balti end:
- One-Way (blue arrow) signs at the start of the section.
- Road marking ONE WAY on the carriageway.
- Optional build-outs / pinch point to slow speeds as drivers enter the village centre.

Exit control (by 90 High Street / Chadwick Accountants)

- At/near Avon View Offices, 90 High Street:
- Signposted “ALL TRAFFIC” exit (directional sign to roundabout / fire station).
- No-Entry signing on the “wrong way” approach to prevent rat-running back into the one-way.

2) Parking + servicing (so the High Street still works)

On-street (Lower High Street)

- Convert existing kerbside space into a tidy mix of:
- Short-stay bays (retail support)
- Timed loading bay (AM deliveries / refuse access)
- Blue Badge bay(s) close to shops/venues
- Use kerb build-outs at crossing points to reduce crossing distance and calm traffic.

Redevelopment parking (old British Legion site)

- Create an internal access point from the one-way street into:
- A small public short-stay car park (retail)
- Residential parking courts (screened/landscaped)
- Service layby for deliveries/refuse *off* the High Street running lane

3) New link to the fire-station roundabout (your “pressure relief valve”)

Your key win is giving the redevelopment a second way out:

- From the British Legion redevelopment, build a new spine street (low speed, 20mph design) that connects out to the roundabout by Bidford Fire Station.
- That spine street becomes:
- The preferred route for residents, car-park egress, and (optionally) delivery vehicles
- A way to stop the High Street becoming the only exit, keeping it calmer and more “place-like”.

4) Safety & “feel” upgrades (to make one-way worth doing)

- Set the whole High Street core to 20mph with:
- Raised tables at key pedestrian desire lines
- Continuous footways across side roads at the redevelopment access (priority feel for pedestrians)
- Cycling: consider allowing two-way cycling (contraflow) if width/visibility allows, signed “Except cycles” (this is common in village one-way streets).

5) Legal / delivery steps (so it can actually be implemented)

To make it real with Warwickshire as highway authority:

- Traffic Regulation Order (TRO): one-way order + any waiting/loading restrictions
- Stage 1/2 Road Safety Audit (especially around the entry/exit gateways)
- Swept-path tracking for:
- Fire appliance access
- Refuse vehicle access
- HGV delivery worst case (or formally restrict with signage and provide alternative routing)

6) Recommended layout summary

- Enter: Bridge Restaurant / Balti Hot end (around 55–80 High Street)
- Flow: one-way along Lower High Street with traffic calming + formalised short-stay parking
- Exit: by [90 High Street](#) (Chadwick Accountants)
- Redevelopment: British Legion site becomes mixed housing + urban retail frontage, with off-street parking and [a new link road](#) out to the fire-station roundabout

Bidford Parish Biodiversity Map of Local Support - Summary

Type/Project Initiative	Info	Action
Tree Council: Branching Out Fund Deadline 14/11/25 Contact: Sue.greenall@stratford-dc.gov.uk Free Trees for Town & Parish Councils climate.emergency@stratford-dc.gov.uk	Grants offer £250-£2,500 Stratford Climate Change Closing date 16.01.26	Expression of interest by 18/08/25 31/07/25 application sent (PC) 20/10/25 Completed purchase of trees form Awaiting grant approval Then, purchase trees
SDC working in partnership with Warwickshire Wildlife Trust WWF Olivia.williams@wkwt.org.uk	To boost biodiversity across the District	31/7/25 contact: Olivia 21/8/25 inspection of sites – Russet Way, Bramley Way School Border Monie Meadow – wildflower lea Nov/Dec Seed sowing/spreading across Monie Meadow (volunteers) Contacted Garden Society for volunteers/input – Nil to date
Types of Trees	Recommended types of trees for Lambourne POS	Ilex Aquifolium – Common Holly Acer Campestre – Field Maple Carpinus Betulus – Common Hornbeam Sorbus commixta – Japanese Rowan Sorbus aucuparia – Rowan Prunus padus - Bird Cherry Prunus avium - Wild Cherry Betula pendula - Silver Birch
WCC Eco-Schools Green Flag Funding Open	Engage with young people in activities that address environmental issues & make a difference to school & community	Advised Bidford Primary School Head Teacher open to more hedging along north railings border on Bramley Way; confirmed
Hedgerow Heroes Part of CPRE Warwickshire Contact office@cprewarwickshire.org.uk	Aim to increase hedgerow network by 40%	Identify suitable sites around/within the Parish
I Dig Trees Link: TCV Tree Library Tree Resource page (pic below)	Free Trees for Communities Across the UK	Free Community Tree Packs Advised 27.11.2025 by email
Woodland Trust Free Trees & Hedges Pack	15 pack of trees 30 pack of hedges	Received and awaiting planting during Jan – March 2026 Land ID – Lambourne/St Laurence & Russet Way Play area
Free Trees – Donation Resident of Bidford Parish	Hazel Trees	A good number ready for collection and planting. Liaise with Limebridge
Stratford-u-A Boat Club Claudine Pearson sustainablesuabc@gmail.com	Old unused scull boats	Stratford Boats Bug Hotels Delivered to MSG storage Identify placement on Monie Meadow
S.W.A.N website Home - SWAN for Wildlife (requires PWord)	Local Groups have own site page	B50 POS-Actives Write about Bidford Parish support on nature and green spaces

Project	Info	ACTION
Community Volunteer Group B50 4 Wildlife	Call out on Social Media & BPC website. Poster in Parish notice cabinets	Arrange 1 st meeting of volunteers Discuss aims and current projects
Bat & Owl Boxes	To place on established Trees in Parish B50	Identify Trees, Areas, POS

Now is the time to **Start a Volunteer Group** for BioDiversity within the Parish

What shall we call it? Some general ideas:

All About Nature
B50 4WildLife (B50 4WL)
Friends of POS
Mother Nature's Friends
Nuts & Bulbs

Bio (diversity) Boffs
Conservation Action Team (CATs)
Habitat Huggers
Nature Gatekeepers
Wildlife Warriors

B50 4Conservation
Friends of Nature
Hedge to Hedge
Nature Nerds
Wild about Nature

I Dig Trees - Tree Library



Bird Cherry



Blackthorn



Common Alder



Common Oak



Dog Rose



Dogwood



Downy Birch



Elder



Field Maple



Goat Willow



Green Beech



Grey Willow



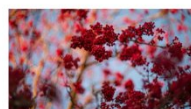
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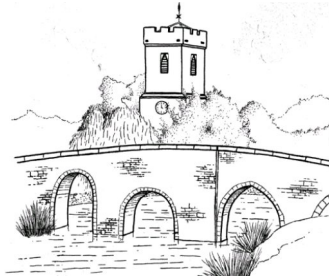
Spindle



Wild Cherry

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ITEM 10) – INTRODUCING PROJECTS TO COUNCIL

Introducing the process by which Councillors can introduce projects that will feed into the 5 year forward view

Each Councillor is in a committee that is charged with certain areas of responsibility, it would be useful if each committee could map out what it wants to achieve in the short- mid- and longer term to inform the Council's 5 year plan.

Every Councillor has ideas and thoughts on what the Parish needs or could benefit from.

Send an email, with a precis of what you would like to see done and a brief ballpark figure of cost, to the Clerks, who will pass it on to the appropriate Committee Chairman, for inclusion on the next agenda. A note on the expected outcome/benefit would also be welcome.

The committee would then look at the proposal and discuss it – the proposer could attend and speak if they are not a member of the committee.

The committee would then accept or amend the proposal and pass it to full council to approve.

This item would then form part of the 5 year plan and inform RPF requirements going forward and be funded from future budgets.