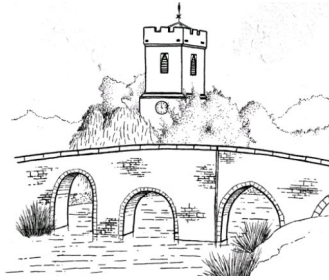


BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

In the County of Warwickshire



Minutes of the Facilities Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 14th April 2026 @ 5.00 pm at Bidford Community Library

PRESENT Cllrs Hopcraft, Hiscocks (Chairman), and Paterson.

In attendance Mrs Elisabeth Uggerloese, Clerk to the Parish Council

Also present 12 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 concerning any issues, the Committee 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.

1. TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Moore

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.
None declared

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- 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. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12th FEBRUARY 2026

Cllr Paterson proposed they be accepted as accurate and signed by the Chairman
RESOLVED to accept the Minutes which were signed by the Chairman

4. TO CONSIDER THE RESULTS OF THE SPEEDING SURVEYS

These have been sent to the approved adviser., Graham Stanley and are circulated.

Additional information regarding speeding on Victoria Road had also been forwarding, showing speeds did not reach the threshold for either Police or engineering intervention.

The traffic surveys, carried out on High Street, Salford Road, Tower Hill, Victoria Road and Waterloo Road showed that speeding thresholds were only exceeded on Salford Road. It was further noted that the daily vehicle movements along this site were in excess of 10,500.

The survey also noted that the speeds along the High Street were around 20 mph thus fulfilling the requirement to consider a 20 mph limit.

After some discussion regarding the survey results, it was

RESOLVED to send the details of

- i. Salford Road to road Safety with a view to carry out some “soft engineering” to slow traffic down
- ii. High Street – to look into the possibility and cost of imposing a 20 mph limit
- iii. To publish the speeding survey details to ensure residents are aware of the results.

5. TO CONSIDER THE PLAY AREA/EQUIPMENT REPORTS PREPARED BY SPORTS & PLAY CONSULTING LIMITED

The detailed report had been circulated to members with the proposed cost. Members considered both the contents of the report and the proposed cost and, in view of the amount suggested to improve the 4 play areas directly managed by the Council, it was

RESOLVED to carry out an online survey of youngsters 2 – 16 years to establish which areas needed upgrading and what they would like to have installed

6. TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED EXIT FROM HIGH STREET (TOWER HILL) AND THE COST INVOLVE

The plans, drawn up in 2021, had been circulated and the estimated cost was between £60 and £550k

Members considered the cost high bearing in mind the current splay of the site and the fact busses already use it.

RESOLVED to invite the engineer to meet on site and go over the proposed plans and consider revising the cost involved for the proposed plan

7. TO CONSIDER REDUCING, OR WAIVING, CAR PARKING FEES FOR THE BIG MEADOW EVENTS

Proposal is for the fee to be either reduced to £1 , or waived, until the end of the event, when fees revert to normal price (1 event finishes at 2.00 pm and 2 events @ 4.00 pm

The issue of visitors to the Big Meadow but not be attending the events, having free parking was raised as was the concern of people attending the events but staying on the Big Meadow once they were finished.

Taking into account that most of the attendees would be locals and they have free parking, it was

RESOLVED to recommend Full Council approve a flat fee of £3 for the days when there are Parish Council organised events on the Big Meadow

8. TO RECEIVE UPDATES

i. Kings Lane Broom

Vegetation has been cut back and post being installed, to prevent vehicle access

ii. Pontoon access

Have heard back from P & D Marine Group (pontoon company) who advised that any work that would impact the bank would be refused by the Environment Agency.

It was proposed that replacing the existing stairs with a wider version with a slide for the canoes/paddles could be a viable alternative as the structure was already in place. This is supported by both P & D Marine Group and the Avon Navigation Trust who will prepare a quote

RESOLVED to note the updates

The meeting closed at approx. 5. 50 pm

Chairman

Date

Notes on the Public Forum

- Resident raised concerns about the number of vehicles exiting the Co op car park making a right hand despite this being contrary to the mandatory left had turn.
Members accepted this is happening but it is a Police not council issue.
- Item 6 – proposed exit from the High Street – hope that this item be given serious consideration and perhaps look at carrying out a public survey to establish whether the local community supports this.

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Meeting closed at approx 5.45 pm