



onto to area. Regarding the access road from Kings Lane, this was a matter for District Council as landowners.

- A resident who has put his name down for an allotment asked what the Parish Council was going to do about tenants who did not keep their allotments tidy. He was advised that the Allotment and Burial Working Group had met earlier in the month and would be making a report during the meeting where this issue was addressed. He was also advised that, by statute, the Parish Council must give 12 months notice.

### **REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Cllr. Barnes sent his apologies.

### **REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

- A written report had been sent and is attached to these Minutes
- Ward members thanked the Parish Council for hosting the Drop In meeting on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August for victims of the flood, and for their attendance. There was a good attendance by residents, the majority as expected from Broom and a number of new issues for the future had been suggested. A more detailed report regarding this Drop In session would follow. The Chairman stated that the Parish Council had on many occasions pointed out the problems new developments could cause. But it is not the planning authority and no-one appears to want to listen to the local opinion.

The Chairman thanked the District Councillors and opened the Meeting.

#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were none

#### **2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

All members of the Council are reminded that in order to comply with the Code of Conduct adopted by the Parish Council on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2002, if any matter arises during the meeting in which they have Declared an Interest which could be prejudicial, they should withdraw from the room and not seek to improperly influence a decision about that matter.

*None declared*

#### **3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2007 AND 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2007**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> June were proposed by Cllr. Langston as being accurate and signed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> July were proposed by Cllr., Hiscocks as being accurate and signed by the Chairman

#### **4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PUBLIC FORUM AND REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL**

- As discussed during the District Councillors Report, the Parish Council agreed to look into the possibility of a joint project between Bidford-on-Avon PC, Salford Priors PC and Wixfod PC to employ a lengthman – it was considered this would be very beneficial to the area.
- Housing – again this was discussed during the District Councillors Report. The lack of affordable housing for young people is considered to be one of the main reason why there is so much unrest amongst them. A change of approach is needed. It was proposed that Bidford-on-Avon PC, together with Salford Priors and Wixford should meet and put together a series of proposals they could present to SDC as the housing authority of the area. This was unanimously agreed.

#### **5. CLERKS REPORT**

This was read out and a copy is attached to these Minutes.

#### **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

##### a) WALC – Newsletter (circulated)

The clerk was instructed to:

- 1) *Obtain copy of the Draft Protocol for the Greater Involvement of Parish Councils as members would like to act on this*
- 2) *WCC and Parish and Town Council Focus Group – advise WALC it would like to participate and attend the meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> October*
- 3) *Regional Briefing from Quality and Aspiring Quality Parishes – would like to attend meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> November*
- 4) *Purchase Community Matters new toolkit “Engaging Young People”*

##### b) Riverside Shooting – dates (circulated)

*It was agreed to attend on 1<sup>st</sup> September and to visit Marlcliff as well to ascertain the level of noise*

##### c) Letter from Alcester resident re Big Meadow car park fees

*The Council reiterated the policy that only residents of the parish are eligible for free passes. The clerk to reply accordingly*

##### d) Thank you letter from Vitalise - *Noted*

#### **7. ADOPTION OF THE NEW CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Model Code of Conduct for Parish and Town Councils had been given to all councillors, and all have attended a training presentation arranged by the monitoring Officer at SDC and been given the handouts of this meeting.

In view of the above, it was proposed the Parish Council adopt the Model Code of Conduct for Parish and Town Councils, including Paragraph 12(2) which is optional. The proposal was carried unanimously.

## **8. REPORT FROM THE ALLOTMENTS AND BURIAL WORKING GROUP**

The report is attached hereto.

The Chairman of the Working Group proposed a letter be sent out to all allotment tenants together with the payment request in September, advising them that it has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that many tenants are not fulfilling their obligations as per the tenancy agreement and giving them 12 months notice – as it is obliged by statute. If the allotments continue to be in breach of the agreement in September 2008, the agreement will not be renewed. The Chairman explained that there is a long list of residents waiting for an allotment and the Working Group feels something must be done to ensure they have an opportunity, especially as a number of allotments are looking untidy and unkempt. The proposal was carried and the clerk instructed to write the letters.

## **9. PARISH COUNCIL SURGERY**

The venue of Broom Village Hall was confirmed, and the date set for Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October, between 10.00 – 11.30 am

## **10. REPLACEMENT OF CLLR. SMITH ON WORKING GROUPS**

The Chairman had received a letter from Cllr. Smith advising that due to new and more onerous commitments at work he was unable to fulfill his duty as a Parish Councillor in the way he would like, and was therefore tendering his resignation. In view of the above, it was resolved that Cllr. Ms. Deacon and Langston would replace him on the Marsh Farm Liaison Committee. The other working group of which he formed part was Amenities, Play Areas, Youth Shelters and Environment and it was felt this group had enough members to fulfill its duty and no replacement was, therefore required

## **11. ACCOUNTS**

Purchases :	£12,876.98
Wages:	1,988.47

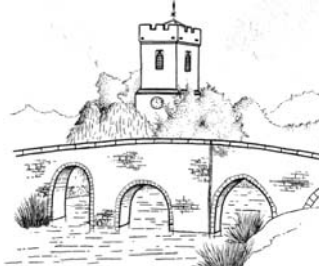
Payments received:	
Car Parking	£657.00

It was agreed Cllrs. Mrs. Keeley and Hiscocks sign the cheques

The meeting closed at 09.00 pm

# **BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **In the County of Warwickshire**



### **CLERKS REPORT AUGUST 2007**

- Purchase order has been placed for 2 x Pathway finders for Broom railway bridge
- I am still waiting to hear from SDC regarding financial assistance for the installation of extra street lights on the High Street to improve the CCTV images
- As instructed, I have written to various parties at WCC regarding the land to the rear of the Fire Station, which has been identified as the optimum site for something for the youngsters. Copies of all correspondence sent to Cllr. Barnes  
I have received two replies: from Steve Smith, Head of Property which I would consider to be on the positive side and from Marion Davies, Strategic Director of the Children, Young People and Families Directorate advising that she will make enquiries within her own Directorate and from her colleagues at the Adult, Health and Community Directorate before giving us a fuller response.
- I have received a reply from WCC's Human Resources to the Parish Council's enquiry about recruiting retained fire fighters.
- John Maples MP contacted me after the floods and, together with the Parish Council's Chairman Cllr. Mrs. Keeley he toured the areas affected by the floods. He was particularly concerned by the flooding in Millers Bank, Broom which affected all residents of the development.
- A Drop in Meeting for residents who suffered damages during the recent floods was arranged for Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon at the Parish Council Meeting Room in Bramley Way.

Residents of Bidford-on-Avon, Salford Priors and Wixford Parish Councils were invited and representatives from County, District and Parish Council were present.

Some 20/25 residents attended. The Ward members, who talked to them at length, will be compiling a report. I was asked to enquire from the Environment Agency when the Arrow sluice was opened at Alcester as well as details of the sequence of events regarding sluices on the Arrow and Alne from Thursday to Sunday. This has been done. Details of meetings with the Environment Agency were passed on to residents.

- ICT Award – this is being presented at Hampton Lucy on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October – representatives to attend.
- Annual Accounts have been sent to the External Auditor
- Planning application 07/01888/FUL – following a site visit, the following reply was sent:
  - The Parish Council object due to:
    - There is concern that the access to the new parking area is nearly opposite the sole entrance into Midsummer Gardens via St. Laurence – and directly opposite a “keep left” sign.
    - In the event permission is granted, particular care and attention should be given to environmental issues such as:
      - The material used for the parking area – which should be porous to prevent the run off of water into Waterloo Road.
      - The additional drain system – there is already a considerable load on the system as it is, resulting in low water pressure at various times of the day.