

BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

In the County of Warwickshire



NEWSLETTER

At a recent public meeting, in fact the Annual Parish Meeting, that was announced for Tuesday 3rd May, but which now has been rescheduled for Tuesday 7th June at 7.30 p.m at the Parish Meeting Room, certain accusations were made against Members of the Council that the Council believes should be redressed immediately, and a number of issues raised which require clarification.

- No Councillor on the Bidford-on-Avon Parish Council receives any remuneration, not even reimbursements for costs incurred.
There is a provision for such reimbursements to be made, up to £500 a year in the case of the Chairman and £250 a year for the other members, but the councillors have chosen **not** to claim for this.
- All members of the council stood for election and were voted in by residents of the parish
- All members of the council are contactable, their details freely available.
However, please note that, apart from their duties as Parish Councillors, many also work and will, therefore, not be available at certain times.
- The Parish Office, which is situated next to the library, is open daily Monday to Friday from 10.00 - 12.30. If you are unable to attend the office during these times, you can call on 778653 and make an appointment for a time that suits you. However, the clerk is usually there until 5.30 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and until 3.30 pm on Tuesdays and Fridays. If she is not in the office when you call, you can always leave a message or contact her on her mobile 07718 628925.

- All Parish Council information is posted on the Parish Council's Notice Boards
 1. By the bus stop in Bidford High Street
 2. Just outside the school on Bramley Way
 3. On the board by the library
 4. Opposite the Cottage of Content in Barton
 5. Marlcliff
 5. By the Village Hall in Broom

As it appears that more and more residents now have access to the internet, the clerk will endeavour to ensure the same information is posted on the Council's website – www.bidfordonavon-pc.gov.uk

- Parish Council Meetings are open to the public. However, these meetings are for the Parish Council to conduct its business and are not open to public participation. However, the Council is aware that sometimes residents have certain issues they would like to bring to its attention, and to this end there is a 15 minute forum at the start of each meeting for public participation. But it must be clearly understood that the public must not take part at any other time. The Council would also like to encourage youngsters to participate and has recently introduced a 15 minute forum for the young to have their say. If there is an issue that a resident believes should be brought to the attention of the Council for discussion, they are welcome to contact the clerk either by phone, e.mail or letter and ask for the item to be included in the Agenda.
- Agendas are published on **all** the notice boards at least 3 days prior to the meeting. Minutes are published on the website after they have been approved, normally at the next monthly meeting, and on the notice board next the library. A copy can also be requested from the clerk.
- The Council is aware that certain planning issues have raised concern in the village and have issued a newsletter which is available on the website and on all the notice boards explaining the situation. It is important that residents realise that the Parish Council **is not the planning authority; this is the responsibility of District Council.** It is also important that any resident who has an objection let the Council know and send it a copy of any letter written to the Planning Authority.

At the request of the residents of Bidford-on-Avon a Parish Poll has been called regarding the proposed sand and gravel extraction at Broom Court Farm. This will take place on Thursday 19th May between 4.00 and 9.00 pm at the Crawford Hall and Broom Village Hall. Regrettably, the Council has been informed by District Council that there are no provision for postal or proxy votes in a Parish Poll, so it is essential that as many people as possible go to the Crawford Hall and Broom Village Hall to vote on May 19th

