

# BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

## In the County of Warwickshire



### NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

- **BIDFORD FIRE STATION** – The possible closure of Bidford Fire Station was discussed at the last parish Council meeting, which took place on 22<sup>nd</sup> May, and it was agreed that the Parish Council should write to Cllrs. Richard Hobbs and Richard Chattaway of County Council as well as to Fire Chief Officer William Brown, giving their full support to the extremely good work carried out by the local fire station, which includes a very successful Young Fire Fighters team, and pointing out that Bidford is a rapidly growing village and is, therefore, in need of a Fire and Rescue Service.

The Parish Council is happy to advise that, following its letters, it has received a reply from Cllr. Richard Hobbs, Cabinet Member for Community Protection, in which he states that *"I should like to assure you that the closure of Bidford Fire Station has not been discussed at any meeting. I have no idea where the rumours of a possible closure came from"* He further adds that *"If at any time we need to change the standard of fire cover in any part of the County no proposals will be considered without a thorough consultation process in the community"*

Cllr. Richard Chattaway from the \overview and Scrutiny Committee has also written to advise that *"I am not aware of any plans to close Bidford Fire Station"*.

The Council will continue to keep an eye on future developments and should like to take this opportunity to thank all residents who have written to express their support of the local Fire Station.

- **SPEED AWARE** – Free assistance to help communities tackle speeding traffic. Warwickshire County Council is offering a temporary service for areas where there is continuous speeding. It is important to note that it is targeted at highways, not private or roads within housing estates. If you feel that cars are speeding along a highway, main road etc. please contact the clerk on 778653d or by email [info@bidfordonavon-pc.gov.uk](mailto:info@bidfordonavon-pc.gov.uk). A log will be held in the Parish Office to monitor the situation and if there is an area of significant speeding, the Parish Council will consider requesting County Council for a temporary sign to be set up.

- **MINERALS DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK** – Warwickshire County Council has been holding a number of consultation workshops regarding the new Minerals Development Framework, which will form the guidelines for future mineral extraction throughout the county. Members of the Parish Council have been attending these meetings and putting its input. The final Consultation Paper will be presented to the Cabinet on 13<sup>th</sup> July before it is published for a 6 week consultation period when ALL can make their comments known. I
- **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES** – Next meeting dates are
  - Parish Council Meeting on Monday 26th June @ 7.30
  - Planning Committee Meeting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July @ 7.30
  - Parish Council Meeting on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July @ 7.30

Don't forget that you can always contact the Parish Office on 778653 should you have a query, require information, want to look at plans etc.

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