

BARFORD, SHERBOURNE AND WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 27 August 2002 at Wasperton Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr J V Murphy (Chairman of the Council)
Cllrs M P Byerley, Mrs A Gordon, Mrs M Hayward, K S Hope, D H Hunt,
Mrs J Jackson, R G Mulgrue, A Roberts, W Worrall, J T Wright.

In attendance: Cllrs R G Butler (WDC), Mrs J Compton (WCC).

58. Apologies for absence
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs R Clay, G P Grima, Mrs M B Haywood (WCC), G G Morris, M Peters, R Tamlin (WDC).
59. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests
No interests were declared..
60. Environment Agency – Warwickshire Avon Catchment Abstraction Management Strategy
The Environment Agency had advised that they were reviewing how the water resources of the Avon Catchment are managed and had provided a leaflet stating how this would be achieved and the timetable.
- The Agency stated that it would like the Council to contribute to this consultation and would welcome any comments or suggestions to enable them to be taken into account during the early development of the strategy.
- At this stage they said that they would be particularly interested to hear about issues that are important to the Council in relation to management of water resources on the Avon Catchment.
- Resolved: That the Environment Agency be informed:
- a) The leaflet provided does not contain sufficient information on the issues to enable proper consultation;
 - b). The Council considers the main issue should be to maintain the quality of the environment and to ensure that no detrimental action is taken to damage it by over extraction or pollution. For example at certain times the Avon at Barford is very shallow. The Sherbourne Brook which flows into the Avon is also in poor condition as a result of pollution.
 - c) The Council notes that a 'Stakeholder' group is being set up and would be interested in participating.
61. Warwickshire County Council – Passenger Information Strategy (Consultation Draft)
It was reported that Sections 139 and 140 of the Transport Act 2000 required the County Council to decide what local bus information should be made available to the public and the way it should be made available.

Before setting minimum standards the County Council was required to consult with representatives of the users and the Traffic Commissioner.

The County Council had provided a consultation draft of its Passenger Information Strategy and stated that it was consulting with all interested parties including bus operators, Parish and District Councils, and the Traffic Commissioner.

Resolved: The County Council be informed the Council welcomes the strategy and has the following comments on the consultation draft:

- a) There should be a full time table posted at each bus stop of the services operating on that route.
- b) Lack of information available to members of the public is considered a limiting factor on use of public transport.
- c) All bus stops should be managed by one body to ensure consistent standards.
- d) Paragraph 3.2(a) 9th 'bullet point' regarding display of notices – is not currently adhered to.
- e) Paragraph 3.6(d) Electronic Information – no text provided.
- f) Appendix 1 re the Stratford - Warwick - Leamington Quality Bus Corridor -The paper circulated does not specify the exact route of this proposed corridor. There are two bus services serving these places: the X16 and the X18. They take very different routes: the X16 is the more direct but as a result misses the main centres of population and thus of potential passengers; the X18 goes via Tiddington, Wellesbourne, Barford, the Shakespeare Avenue Estate, Cape Road and the Hospital, whereas the X16 misses out all of these. The Quality Bus Corridor should thus follow the X18 route.

62. Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2002 – Annual Return

The Responsible Financial Officer reported that under the new audit arrangements the Council was required to submit an Annual Return to external Auditors appointed by the Audit Commission (Clement Keys) This return was in three parts:

Section 1 set out information related to the accounts

Section 2 was a Statement of Assurance acknowledging Members responsibility for the preparation of accounts and compliance with laws, regulations and codes of practice etc.

Section 3 was the External Auditors Certificate and Opinion (to be completed by Clement Keys the Auditors appointed by the Audit Commission and to whom the Annual Return must be sent)

Section 4 Annual Return by Internal Auditor.

The Responsible Financial Officer reported that Mr Roger Wyton who was appointed to provide an independent internal audit service had completed his examination and signed the Annual Return. He made no recommendations for the attention of the Council.

Mr Wyton had submitted a fee account in the sum of £60.00 for which payment approval was requested

It was noted the Council had approved the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2002 at its meeting held on 29 July 2002.

Resolved:

- a) To note that Mr Wyton had completed his examination of the accounts and made no recommendations for the attention of the Council.
- b) That payment of Mr Wytons fee account in the sum of £60.00 be approved;
- c) That Members note the requirement to submit an annual return and confirm the matters set out in Section2 – Statement of Assurance items 1 to 8.

63. Planning Application -W1031/02CMO014 Land at Longbridge Farm, - Composting of organic, horticultural and landscaping materials.

Cllr Mrs Compton reported that whilst the applicants – TJ Composting – had withdrawn the above application they had indicated that they intended to resubmit it in the near future once they had resolved a number of issues related to their application.

64. Wellesbourne Parish Council – Dene Valley Community and Sports Centre

It was reported that a team of people supported by Wellesbourne Parish Council and Stratford District Council have been working on a proposal to build a new leisure and community centre for the people of Wellesbourne and surrounding settlements.

The centre would provide facilities for a number of indoor sports as well as a swimming pool and community centre with youth club etc.

As part of the development of a feasibility study views were being sought from surrounding settlements. The Joint Parish Council were asked if they were willing to write a letter expressing support for the project.

Resolved: That the Council write a letter expressing their support for the project.