

BARFORD SHERBOURNE AND WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Parish Council held at Barford Memorial Hall on Monday 6th September 2004.

Present: Cllr J V Murphy (Chairman)
Cllr M P Byerley, Cllr R Clay, Cllr Mrs A Gordon, Cllr G P Grima, Cllr Mrs M A Hayward, Cllr K S Hope, Cllr Mrs J A Jackson, Cllr Dr M J Metcalfe, Cllr R G Mulgrue, Cllr S G Starkey, Cllr W Worrall

In Attendance: Cllr R G Butler

Apologies: Cllr Mrs J Compton, Cllr Mrs S G Dean, Cllr G G Morris, Cllr Mrs C Sawdon, Cllr J T Wright

Visitors

88 The Chairman introduced from the floor Theresa Chalcraft and Liz Tomkins who are detached youth workers for Warwickshire County Council.

89 Ms Chalcraft briefed members on the nature and scope of their work and answered their questions.

Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

90 Declarations of personal interest as members of the Barford Parish Plan Steering Group concerning land on Wellesbourne Road Barford were received from:

Cllr Mrs M A Hayward
Cllr R G Mulgrue
Cllr J V Murphy

Representations by Members of the Public

91 Mr Paul Hunt congratulated the Council on the effectiveness of the changes to the traffic calming measures in Barford by the removal of the paved, raised areas. He said that he and his wife had had an immeasurable improvement to the quality of their lives through this.

Matters for the Constabulary

92 In the absence of the CBO no report was received.

Minutes of the Meeting of Council 19th July 2004

93 The minutes were approved as a true record subject to the following amendments:
a Minute 68. Under "Minute 50", delete "consider further", insert "support".
b Minute 76. Third paragraph, delete "approval from", insert "approach". [Afternote: Approval has been withheld.]

Matters Arising

94 Minute 68: (under "Minute 58")
a Cllr Butler briefed members on the recent thorough survey and cleansing of the surface water drainage system in Barford. All gullies and manholes had been cleared and the intervening culverts and pipes had been traced and jetted.
b Attention would be paid to three manholes for which the outfalls could not be located. They were thought to be soakaways, but if this proved not the case further remedial work might be required.
c Members were greatly impressed by the quality of this work and instructed the clerk to write a letter of appreciation to Mr David Elliston at Warwick County Council.

- d In response to the information that the road cleaning had revealed deep defects prone to silting at the edge of some roads, for example the High Street, Cllr Butler undertook to raise this matter with Warwick District Council.

95 Minute 68: (under "Minute 59") It was reported that the war memorial refurbishment was complete.

96 Minute 68: (under "Minute 63") During the general discussion on the progress of this work the question arose as to how members would be kept abreast of progress on outstanding matters which previously had been appended to the agenda. The Clerk explained that he had adopted a different system whereby he had consolidated into a single file all the papers relating to outstanding matters and organized them in such a way that he would be able automatically to know if unnecessary delays were being experienced. He would then take the necessary action and report it to members at their next meeting. He craved members' indulgence for this trial.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 19th July 2004

97 The minutes were approved as a true record. There were no matters arising.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 12th August 2004

98 The minutes were approved as a true record. There were no matters arising.

Reports from Representatives Appointed to Serve on Other Bodies

99 Barford Memorial Hall Committee. Cllr Hope reported that the decoration of the hall was complete.

100 Warwick District Council. Cllr Butler reported that a depression in the road surface opposite the Granville Arms had been repaired.

Land on Wellesbourne Road Barford

101 Further to Minute 73. The advice received from Warwick District Council reads:

- a With regard to the potential planning gain arising from any development of the land in Barford, it would be legitimate for the Parish Council to discuss the possibilities, in broad terms, with the developer. This would be in the interests of the local residents and it would be a fact finding exercise to discover how the parish could benefit from any development.
- b However, the Parish Council should not discuss the details of the housing which the developer would wish to build, as this could compromise their position if a planning application is subsequently sent to them under the consultation process.
- c I would add that, if and when the Parish Council is consulted on any planning application, it would be a good idea to state *in* the response that a discussion has been held previously with the developer regarding planning gain issues.

102 Acting upon this it was RESOLVED to enter into discussion with the developer on the terms stated, and that a special meeting of the Council should be arranged as soon as conveniently possible.

Enmainment of Sherbourne Brook

103 A special meeting of the Joint Parish Council will be convened for Thursday 23rd September 2004 at 7:30 pm in Sherbourne Village Hall to consider the enmainment of Sherbourne Brook.

104 The format of the meeting will be:

- a A presentation by a representative of the Environment Agency to explain the implications of the proposal.
- b A question and answer session for members of the public.
- c A question and answer session for members of the Council
- d Deliberation by the Council to decide, in the light of this evidence, whether to retract the objection to the proposal which had previously lodged.

- 105 All residents of Sherbourne have received advance publicity of the meeting and an invitation to attend to express their views.

Meeting with Chair of Warwick District Council

- 106 Cllr Chris Davis will attend the next meeting of the Council on Monday 18th October 2004.
Council took note.

Licensing Act 2003

- 107 Warwick District Council's consultation paper on the implementation of the Act was reviewed by members who offered the following detailed comments:
- a Clause 1.6 - 2nd Bullet. Disquiet was expressed that to consider an individual application in isolation without reference to its cumulative effect with similar applications was a lacuna in the drafting.
 - b Clause 3.5. "Slowing their dispersal" is an ambiguous phrase. It should be replaced by one to make it clear that the aim is to spread the impact of people leaving licensed premises over a longer period.
 - c Clause 5.2.1 – 1st Bullet. Add to this list "Parish Councils".
- 108 The overarching criticism was however the total lack of any reference to occasional licences which is of great significance in a village environment.

Bus Service Changes

- 109 Council considered the details of further bus service changes for Barford, Sherbourne and Wasperton and it quickly became apparent that Cllr Mulgrue was the best informed about their implications. He was therefore invited to draft the Council's response to Warwickshire County Council.

- 110 In his submission he made the following points:

"Council welcomes the increase in frequency for the 18 service and the later time of the last bus back from Leamington and Warwick. It is regretted however that the last bus back from Stratford and Wellesbourne was now to be earlier than at present. Whilst there will be two later services (at 19.00 and 20.00) from Stratford to Warwick and Leamington, they will both follow the 16 route directly down the A46, thus bypassing our three villages (and Tiddington, Alveston and Wellesbourne). Council wonders whether one at least of these journeys could take the 18 route rather than the 16, so giving a later service back from Stratford.

Whilst the route to be taken by the 18 between Warwick and Leamington (via the hospital, railway station and Emscote Road) will be convenient for people visiting the hospital or wishing to change to a train, the use of the 18 service number for this routing on Sundays may be confusing, since on weekdays the 18 travels via Myton Road and the few journeys which go via Emscote Road, the railway station and hospital carry route number 17. If buses on Sundays display number 18, passengers familiar with the weekday service might be confused, not realise the different routing and think that they will need to change buses in Warwick to access the hospital and station, as they have to do on most weekday services.

Finally, the Council wishes to emphasise the need to change all timetables displayed at stops promptly on commencement of the revised services. It appreciates that at the time of the last changes, in April, most timetables for which the County Council is responsible were changed by the morning the new times came into force. One in Bridge Street Barford northbound however still shows the old pre-April times and one also northbound in Wellesbourne Road Barford for which Stagecoach is responsible also still displays the old times."

Barford Relief in Need Charity

- 111 The governing document of the charity states:
"The object of the Charity shall be to relieve either generally or individually persons resident in the Parish of Barford who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress." and the Charity is sufficiently endowed to discharge this obligation

- 112 The charity has a board comprising four nominative trustees and three cooptative trustees. The nominative trustees "shall be appointed by the Parish Council of Barford".
- 113 The Council considered a request by the board to appoint four nominative trustees, but in the ensuing discussion a strong body of opinion held that the Council should not be precipitate in meeting this remit but rather should allow sufficient time for the works of the charity to be given wider publicity in the local community in the hope that volunteers for appointment to the board might present themselves.
- 114 It was therefore RESOLVED that the Council should make the appointments at its November meeting, guided by the outcome of its publicity campaign.

Changes in Representation

- 115 Council has considered in the past a change in its composition more properly to reflect the relative size of each constituent parish but without giving Barford an overwhelming influence or reducing the representation of the other two parishes to an insignificant rump. To meet these criteria the ratio for Barford:Sherbourne:Wasperton was set at 10:3:3.
- 116 It having been made clear by Warwick District Council that such a change is in the gift of the Council, it was RESOLVED to invite Warwick District Council to create a Parish Order to bring the change into effect.
- 117 Pursuant to Standing Order 10, the following members require their dissent from this decision to be recorded:
Cllr Mrs A Gordon,
Cllr G P Grima
Cllr Mrs J A Jackson,
Cllr Dr M J Metcalfe

Coventry Airport

- 118 There was presented a copy of the Warwick District Council's enforcement appeal notification. Council took note.

Disability Discrimination Act 1995

- 119 In the light of NALC's Legal Topic Note 58 Council considered whether any further action by it is appropriate. It was decided that, whilst Council must remain constantly aware of the ramifications of the Act, for the moment no further action is required.

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- 120 Council invited Cllr Mrs Jackson and Cllr Murphy to represent it at the AGM and delegated authority to them to vote on its behalf.
- 121 It declined the invitation to nominate representatives to serve on the WALC County Committee.

Employment Update

- 122 Under the national salary award for clerks, from 1st April 2004 the Clerk's salary is £7,406.76. Council took note.

Cash Balances

- 123 It was reported that cash balances stood at:
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| a | HSBC Current Account | £ 1,682.47 |
| b | Halifax Savings Account | £29,298.76 |

Payment of Accounts

124	Council approved the payments of:	
	• T Offiler - Clerk's remuneration July	£292.62
	• MFM Services - Mowing contract July	£165.00
	• Roger Wyton - Accountancy	£ 60.00
	• Sherbourne Village Hall - Hiring fees	£ 35.00
	• JV Murphy (vice VT Engineering)	£351.75
	• G Worrall Engineering - Play area	£184.30
	• Prontaprint - Photocopying July	£ 71.12

Any Other Business

- 125 Cllr Butler updated the Council on street lighting for Barford proposals.
- 126 Cllr Mulgrue presented a favourable report on the effectiveness of the noise-reduction measures in the skate board area which had shown a reduction of 17dB on the standard test applied before and after the work.
- 127 The Chairman informed Council of an invitation for any interested person to help to establish the Stratford and Warwick Waterway Trust. There were no volunteers.
- 128 A copy of the Warwick District Council Community Plan consultation paper was given to each member for individual responses.
- 129 The Warwickshire County Council consultation paper on Warwickshire Countryside Access was tabled. It was agreed that a copy should be supplied to each parish for completion and submission.
- 130 Copies of the Community Emergency Plan were distributed to members. [Note an amendment is required on Page 5 for the Air Ambulance Landing Site in Wasperton. Vide Minute 93 b]
- 131 Cllr Hope described his personal efforts to expedite the provision of the new bus shelter in Barford and promised to continue to pursue the matter until a successful outcome was achieved.
- 132 Cllr Byerley reported defaced road signs in Barford.
- 133 Cllr Mulgrue reporting on the Barford Parish Plan informed Council:
- a Of the appointment of Mr John Barrott as Secretary.
 - b That the questionnaire would be distributed by autumn.
- 134 A copy of a pamphlet on Warwickshire District Council's Heritage Open Days 9th – 13th September was distributed to members.