

# BARFORD SHERBOURNE AND WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Parish Council held at Wasperton Village Hall on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2004

**Present:** Cllr J V Murphy (Chairman)  
Cllr M P Byerley, Cllr R Clay, Cllr Mrs S Dean, Cllr Mrs A Gordon, Cllr G P Grima, ,  
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 Mrs J Compton, Cllr Mrs M B Haywood

**Apologies:** Cllr Mrs M A Hayward, Cllr G G Morris, Cllr J T Wright, Cllr R G Butler, Cllr Mrs C  
Sawdon

## **Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests**

184 The following declarations of personal or prejudicial interest were made in respect of the agenda items indicated:

- Cllr W Worrall – Personal and prejudicial - Contribution to Barford St Peter's School
- Cllr M P Byerley – Personal - Contribution to Barford St Peter's School
- Cllr R Clay – Personal and prejudicial - Extending the River Avon Navigation

## **Representations by Members of the Public**

185 None was made.

## **Matters for the Constabulary**

186 In the absence of the CBO, no report was given.

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Council 18<sup>th</sup> October 2004**

187 The minutes were approved as a true record subject to:

- Minute 159 to include the words "and at its own risk".
- Minute 163 to have all reference to a site meeting removed.

## **Matters Arising**

- 188 Minute 149. Cllr Mrs J Compton briefed members on the progress of the resurfacing of the 40 and saw no reason why Barford and Sherbourne should not be added to those villages planned to benefit from it. The Chairman informed the meeting that a copy of a relevant letter from James Plaskitt MP was held.
- 189 Minute 158. Cllr R G Mulgrue reported that Stagecoach had replaced the timetable.
- 190 Minute 171. The Clerk reported a conversation with the Clerk to Snitterfield Parish Council in which the latter had stated that Snitterfield had suffered significant flooding some five years ago and that the parish council warmly endorsed the proposal to maintain Bell Brook believing this placed the problem of future flood defences in the hands of a competent agency. Members required this opinion to be delivered in writing and the matter to be entered on the January agenda for further consideration of withdrawal of the objection.
- 191 Minute 177. It was agreed that the photographs should be taken at the January meeting of Council. Members were reminded by the Chairman of the requirement for a brief pen picture of each to be submitted.

## **Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council 25<sup>th</sup> October 2004**

192 The minutes were approved as a true record.

### **Matters Arising**

- 193 No further correspondence with Hawkesford had taken place. It had been agreed that, once determined, the parish plan should be forwarded.
- 194 The Warwickshire Rural Housing Association plans would be passed to Hawkesford. The Chairman called for the return of one of the three copies in circulation.

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 18<sup>th</sup> October 2004**

- 195 Subject to the correction of one typographical error, the minutes were approved as a true record.

### **Matters Arising**

- 196 Minute 23. Planning Application W04/1762 (Upper Rowley). Members were disappointed to learn that the application had been recommended by officers for approval by Warwick District Council and sought clarification on the option to list the building to afford it protection from this proposal.

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 4<sup>th</sup> November 2004**

- 197 The minutes were approved as a true record.

### **Matters Arising**

- 198 Minute 26. Planning Application W04/1865 (Oldhams site). Members were keen to preserve their speaking rights in future dealings with this application.

### **Reports from Representatives Appointed to Serve on Other Bodies**

- 199 Cllr Mrs J A Jackson reported on the Annual General Meeting of the Warwickshire Association of Local councils held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2004 at Myton School.

### **Barford Relief in Need Charity**

- 200 Cllr R G Mulgrue absented himself from the meeting for this entire agenda item.
- 201 Council elected the following Nominative Trustees to the Charity:
- Cllr R G Mulgrue (tenure four years)
  - Mr Peter Webb (tenure four years)
  - Rev David Jessett (tenure two years)
  - Mr Gerard Veness (tenure two years)

### **Contribution to Barford St Peter's School**

- 202 Cllr W Worrall absented himself from the meeting for this entire agenda item
- 203 Council confirmed its earlier decision to contribute £1,700.00 to the school.

### **Annual Return 2003-4**

- 204 The Clerk explained that the Auditors could not reconcile the figures. This was because no account had been taken of an unrepresented cheque. Once this omission was rectified the accounts were reconciled and the Auditor presented an unqualified report. Council took note.

### **Extending the River Avon Navigation**

- 205 Council took note of the minute from the WCC Cabinet meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2004. The Cabinet felt that the weight of opposition to the proposal had been considerable and supported the conclusions of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and therefore resolved that the County Council does not support the principle of opening up the River Avon between Stratford-upon-Avon and the Grand Union Canal at Warwick or Leamington Spa to navigation.

### **Land Adjacent to River Avon at Wasperton**

- 206 Council took note of the detailed appeal decision by HM Inspector dismissing the appeal against refusal of planning permission for development of fishing ponds.

### **Sherbourne Fruit Farm**

- 207 Council took note of the letter from the Planning and Enforcement department of Warwick District Council but was totally dissatisfied with the progress being achieved to enforce the refusal of planning permission. Members regard the continued use of the land for proscribed purposes as provocative, and urge Warwick District Council to use all the powers it commands to bring this matter to a swift conclusion.

### **Estimates 2005-6**

- 208 The formation of a working party to prepare the estimates for 2005-6 was agreed with a composition of:
- Cllr J V Murphy
  - Cllr G G Morris
  - Cllr J T Wright
  - The Clerk/RFO

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

- 209 It was agreed that should Warwick District Council be required to disclose information from records it holds on behalf of the Joint Parish Council then it would respond directly to the requisition having first consulted the Joint Parish Council.

### **Cash Balances as at 1<sup>st</sup> November 2004**

- 210 Cash balances at 1<sup>st</sup> November stood at:
- HSBC Current Account £ 3,333.05
  - Halifax Savings Account £29,298.76

### **Payment of Accounts**

- 211 Council approved the payments of:
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| • WDC (Street lights)                     | £2,554.51 |
| • Green (welding skateboard ramps)        | £ 50.00   |
| • Leisuremark (Skateboard ramp materials) | £ 90.66   |
| • RoSPA (Inspection)                      | £ 150.40  |
| • Complete Tree Services (Tree Surgeon)   | £ 352.50  |
| • Macemain + Amstad (Bus shelter)         | £ 62.86   |
| • MFM Services (Mowing September)         | £ 165.00  |
| • Clement Keys (Auditors)                 | £ 293.75  |
| • Inland Revenue PAYE September           | £ 135.79  |
| • Clerk's office allowance                | £ 41.67   |
| • Clerk's remuneration September          | £ 481.44  |
| • Clerk's expenses September              | £ 56.53   |
| • Inland Revenue PAYE October             | £ 135.79  |
| • Clerk's office allowance                | £ 41.67   |
| • Clerk's remuneration October            | £ 481.44  |
| • Clerk's expenses October                | £ 22.64   |

### **Any Other Business**

- 212 ODPM consultation on Section 106 agreements and affordable housing will be discussed at the January meeting of Council. Copies of the consultation document will be made available to members either electronically or in hard copy.

- 213 Cllr M P Byerley promised to coordinate further action on the fences and saplings at the unused allotments once written permission from the WDC Arboricultural Officer had been received.
- 214 Cllr K S Hope reported that the northbound bus shelter at the southern end of Wellesbourne road would be erected on 19<sup>th</sup> November. Discussion ensued on the need for a cleaning rota and the advisability of obtaining a quotation for window cleaning for all of the shelters.
- 215 Cllr R Clay entered a plea for better observation of the rules of debate by members, to desist from private conversations during discussion and to direct any remarks through the chair for the benefit of all members.
- 216 Cllr S G Starkey noted that a 20mph limit had been imposed on some roads in certain villages and wondered whether this was feasible in Barford.
- 216 Cllr S G Starkey reported that he had not received a copy of the government issued leaflet on emergencies. A straw poll revealed that few other members had.
- 217 Cllr Mrs A Gordon reported a prompt solution to the recently reported problem of mud on roads in Sherbourne but remarked on the continuation of it more widely and urged that this be brought to the attention of Warwick County Council.
- 218 Cllr R G Mulgrue drew attention to the infrequent emptying of dog bins in Barford; a matter to be taken up with Warwick District Council.
- 219 Cllr Mrs M B Haywood updated members on the Barford Bypass reporting that the estimated cost had now risen to £9.5m.

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

- 220 The next ordinary meeting of Council is on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2005 at 7:30 pm in Barford Memorial Hall.