

BARFORD SHERBOURNE AND WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Parish Council
held at Wasperton Village Hall on Monday 10th March 2008

Present: Cllr J V Murphy, (Chairman)
Cllrs: M P Byerley, R Clay, Mrs D S Cobb, Mrs M A Hayward, R G Mulgrue, A B
Rhead, S G Starkey, W Worrall, Mrs A Gordon, Mrs P L Johnston, Mrs P W
Wilkinson, Dr M J Metcalfe, N F J Thurley, J T Wright,
Apologies: Cllr Mrs W Barlow,

Opening

- 359 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm
360 One member of the public was present.

Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

361 The following declarations were made:

- 361.1 Allotments:
- Cllr Byerley, Personal
- 361.2 Trustee of Barford Memorial Hall:
- Cllr Worrall, Personal

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- 362 Minute 317: Some members contended that, the divided vote notwithstanding, the revised minute did not reflect the lack of unanimity on the issue without the inclusion of "some members contended that...", and it was therefore RESOLVED on a vote of 8:5 to preface the revised minute with "Some members contended that..."
- 363 Otherwise the minutes were approved as a true record.

Matters Arising

- 364 Minute 319.1: Cllr Byerley reported that of houses intended for shared ownership in the Barford Burrows Affordable Housing project, five had been released for renting.
- 365 Minute 319.2: There had still been no response from WDC to the JPC's request to be furnished with details of the case law which, it had been claimed, prevented the implementation of some of the Section 106 planning agreement for the allocation of affordable housing. This would be raised again with Cllr Doody and Mrs Simmons when they attended the June meeting of the JPC
- 366 Minute 319.3: Cllr Clay reported further deterioration in the Barford House boundary wall.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 11th February 2008

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

Safer Neighbourhoods

- 368 Cllr Worrall reported that he had made a survey of all street lighting in Barford and made a submission to the Safer Neighbourhoods Scheme for funding for improvements.

Reports from Representatives Appointed to Serve on Other Bodies

- 369 The Chairman reported that he, Cllr Mulgrue and the Clerk had attended the WALC Annual Briefing Day on 8th March and gave a summary of the day's proceedings which particularly related to workings of committees, public participation, interests and the Power of Well being.
- 370 The Chairman had attended the public meeting on the M40/A46 Junction 15 Bypass on 27th February and reported the planned schedule for the works.
- 370.1 The designer of the scheme had been invited to the June meeting of the JPC to discuss landscaping.
- 370.2 An exhibition to explain the project was planned for 4th and 5th April in Sherbourne Village Hall.
- 371 Cllr Clay had attended the Warwick Town Centre Forum on 3rd March and gave a progress report.

Cash Balances as at 26th February 2008

- 372 Members took note of the following cash balances:

HSBC	£ 4,743.87
Alliance & Leicester	£33,522.85
TOTAL	£38,266.72

Receipts and Payments

- 373 Members endorsed the following:

Date	Payee	Category	Sum
1 Feb 08	HSBC	Bank Interest	0.38
1 Feb 08	J F Johnson	Postage	(23.86)
1 Feb 08	J F Johnson	Travel Expenses	(42.97)
1 Feb 08	Prontaprint	Printing and Stationery	(62.71)
1 Feb 08	Alliance & Leicester	Bank Interest	82.92
1 Feb 08	Information Commissioner	Subs: Information Commissioner	(35.00)
16 Feb 08	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(458.19)
25 Feb 08	WALC	Training and Seminar Expenses	(105.00)
29 Feb 08	J F Johnson	Employment Expenses	(673.23)
29 Feb 08	J F Johnson	Office Accommodation	(46.25)

Proceedings of the Committee of Council held on 7th February 2008

- 374 In accordance with Minute 309, the Committee assembled at a public meeting in Wasperton Village Hall on 7th February 2008 at 7:30pm.
- 375 It comprised:
- Cllr Murphy (Chairman)
 - Cllr Clay
 - Cllr Mulgrue
- 376 Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Gordon.

- 377 Two members of the public were present.
- 378 The Committee first examined the ground lease to be let by the JPC to the Barford Village Shop CIC and RESOLVED: That, under the delegated authority of the JPC, the execution of the document be approved.
- 379 Next the Committee examined the lease of rights to be let by the JPC, in its capacity as Trustee of the Barford Memorial Hall, to the Barford Village Shop CIC and RESOLVED: That, under the delegated authority of the JPC, the execution of the document be approved.
- 380 There being no further business the meeting was closed.

Appointment of Trustee of the Barford Memorial Hall

- 381 The JPC approved the appointment of Cllr Worrall as a Trustee of the Barford Memorial Hall.

Rights of Way in Wasperton

- 382 Cllr Dr Metcalfe, having taken advice from WCC, recommended that the JPC declares that “the JPC does not wish to pursue the claim at this time”, which recommendation was accepted.

Speed Limit in Wasperton

- 383 Cllr Dr Metcalfe presented a paper making the case for a 20mph speed limit in Wasperton. This was adopted as JPC policy for transmission to WCC.

Barford Relief in Need Charity

- 384 Cllr Mulgrue presented a report on the working of the charity.
- 385 Two points dominated the discussion:
- The need for the charity to obtain permission from the Charity Commissioners to widen the scope of its charitable objectives in order to distribute its benefits to a larger client group.
 - The need to make plain that the charity was empowered in appropriate circumstances to give support to schoolchildren and students.

Children’s Play Equipment

- 386 Cllr Mrs Cobb made a verbal presentation to the JPC on a proposal for security and safety fencing around the Village Green in Barford, referring to a meeting with Mr Nigel Bishop of WDC Parks department who supported the view that a risk of fall from the Green did exist. The JPC supported the recommendations made in principle and requested that Mrs Cobb investigated the options further and provide costed specifications to be drawn up for presentation to the JPC.
- 387 Cllr Mrs Cobb thanked the JPC for its support and asked if any members would be prepared to help her to progress this matter. Volunteering their services for this study were:
- Cllr Mrs Cobb
 - Cllr Mr Murphy
 - Cllr Mr Rhead
 - Cllr Mr Clay
 - Cllr Mr Worrall (agreed to join to bring relevant expertise after the meeting)
- 388 A wide-ranging discussion ensued encompassing railings vs hedging and different areas which might be enclosed. Members were keen that whatever the scheme, it should not clash with or detract from the surroundings. Cllr Mrs Johnstone articulated the view that nothing should be done which would change the area’s role from "village green", open to all, to that of "secure

children's play area", excluding adults. Mrs Cobb said that the working party would ensure that these considerations were reflected in their recommendations on the matter

389 There then arose the question of what to do with the existing play equipment which had to be removed from the village green to allow the construction of the shop (to be replaced later with new). The consensus was that it should be relocated on the Barford Playing Fields but difficulties arose on how to fund this work. Finally a resolution was passed that the equipment should be relocated at the playing fields but at no cost. The Chairman added a rider that if the condition of "no cost" could not be met he would undertake to have the items stored at no charge pending funding or resolution. It was envisaged that after relocation expense might be incurred to provide adequate safety surfacing under the relocated equipment.

390 Cllr Rhead spoke for several when he urged his colleagues not to miss this opportunity. He feared that if the items went into storage, they would never be used usefully again.

391 The Chairman undertook to obtain RoSPA advice on the location and installation of both old and new play equipment.

Consultation

392 An invitation from WCC to comment on a proposal to amalgamate Woodloes Infant School and Woodloes Junior School, Warwick was accepted. The JPC supported the change.

Arrangements for the Management of the Barford Allotments

393 The JPC debated the creation of a management structure for the future running of the allotments.

394 Some members favoured a single manager (acknowledging this placed a considerable burden on him), whilst others were in favour of management by committee. The lack of a volunteer to fill the former role drove the JPC to accept the latter and, after further discussion, Cllr Clay shouldered the responsibility of leading this group and promised to lobby others, possibly including non-councillors, to join it.

Any Other Business

395 Neighbourhood Working Proposals: The Chairman reported on an initiative by WDC, but its aim and mode of operation was uncertain. Cllr Rhead undertook to investigate.

396 Affordable Housing: The Chairman reported receiving a letter of appreciation from Mr Rudge for the efforts of Cllr Byerley in helping him to obtain affordable housing.

397 Traffic Survey: Cllr Mrs Barlow and Cllr Worrall conducted a traffic survey of Hareway Lane and Wasperton Lane on 3rd and 4th March. These data will be presented to the Area Committee meeting on 11th March by Cllr Mulgrue.

398 Cedar Tree at Glebe Hotel, Barford:

398.1 Cllr Mrs Hayward (obeying the remit placed on her by Minute 347.3) read the excellently-phrased letter she had sent to the Glebe Hotel drawing attention to the distressed state of the tree. It had been well received by the manager, but the owner was yet to respond.

398.2 Her research had shown that compaction of soil under specimen trees is recognized as harmful and that it has been used as a contributory factor in the refusal of a planning application.

399 Footpath Barford Church to Hareway Lane: Cllr Rhead expressed continued concern over the condition of this footpath which had deteriorated due to a recently erupted spring draining onto the path. With no action apparently having been taken after several contacts being made with WCC he is to take up the matter with WCC on behalf of the JPC.

- 400 Chairman WCC At Home 29th March 2008. Invitations to this event were distributed to:
- Cllr Clay
 - Cllr Mrs Hayward
 - Cllr Starkey
- 401 Memorial Tree: A request had been received for permission to plant a magnolia tree in memoriam on the Barford Playing Fields. This was granted subject to location and a position between the Coronation Oak and the cemetery was suggested.
- 402 Dog Fouling: Cllr Worrall reported the concern expressed to him by residents in Barford about the unacceptable degree of dog fouling in the cemetery. This will be relayed to the PCC
- 403 Green Bins: Cllr Mrs Gordon reported that residents in Church Road, Sherbourne have not received the correct allocation of the new green recycling bins.
- 404 Sherbourne Telephone Box: Cllr Starkey drew attention to the removal of the telephone box at Sherbourne after it had been knocked over in a traffic accident.

Closure

- 405 There being no other business the meeting closed at 9:45 pm.

Date of Next Meeting

- 406 The next meeting of Council is the Annual Meeting on Monday 12th May 2008 at 7:30 pm in Barford Memorial Hall.