

BARFORD SHERBOURNE AND WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Parish Council held at Sherbourne Village Hall on Monday 9th June 2008

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

* Late arrival by arrangement

Opening

- 44 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm
- 45 One member of the public was present.
- 46 Apologies for absence were noted.

Presentation by WDC Housing Department on Affordable Housing Allocation

- 47 Ms Alison Simmons (AS) and Cllr Michael Doody (MD) attended the meeting to discuss the allocation of affordable housing in Barford in the light of the Section 106 Planning Agreement drawn up at the time of construction of Barford Burrows
- 48 AS detailed and discussion ranged over:
 - 48.1 The allocation results for Barford Burrows (BB) specifying the local connections for each property
 - 48.2 The allocation results for WDC properties vacated as a result of moves into Barford Burrows
- 49 A temporary local lettings policy (LLP) had been operated for the above WDC housing based on the old informal agreement made with Derek Dyass, although WDC held no record of the agreement and were reliant on a copy of the letter provided by the JPC
- 50 Such a LLP for Barford was not currently official WDC policy but could become such provided a new Housing Needs Survey (HNS) indicated appropriate need, and AS was keen to follow this route to ensure future priority for applicants with local Barford connections, when applying for WDC properties.
- 51 As AS is relatively new to post and WDC Affordable Housing (AH) policy is seen to be in need of revision the WDC is keen to prepare a "Guide to Affordable Housing" and would like two JPC members to agree to assist them in formulating the document.
- 52 The WDC would also like the JPC to assist in the production of a generic s.106 agreement, based on the Barford model, for use in other schemes which may come forward, designed to avoid the problems experienced in Barford and to take priority over all other policies.
- 53 There remained the conflict that WDC policy (based on need) over-rode the Barford s.106 categorisation by local connection which had influenced the balance of successful applicants in a manner neither expected by, nor accepted by, JPC members who had not been advised that such would be the case. The JPC was assured that whilst the existing s.106 could not be replaced legal advice would be taken on applying "a variation" to achieve the same effect.

- 54 It was accepted that the procedures for applicants was unacceptable and online/telephone applicants had been classed by the system "as non-qualifying" and may have been denied access to the BB houses despite setting up an informal work around procedure.
- 55 The arrangement that couples could not apply for "houses" (when only "houses", as opposed to flats/maisonettes/bungalows were built) was accepted as unreasonable and would be rectified within the new policy.
- 56 There was discussion about accommodation for the elderly (which was in oversupply across the WDC area) and clarification was made between the needs of older families downsizing and any need for sheltered/warden accommodation; this to be specifically drawn out of any HNS.
- 57 It was stated that HNSs were possibly to be undertaken in future by WRHA, which is an AH provider, and AS believed that the function was better left with the independent WRCC which had undertaken the role to date and asked that the JPC supported WDC in maintaining the status quo. This was agreed.
- 58 AS is also involved in promoting Parish Plans and asked that Barford PP could be used as a role model. This was agreed and she was further advised to make contact with the BPP group.
- 59 Following the discussions Cllrs Murphy and Mulgrue agreed to liaise with WDC as needed.

Presentation on Landscaping of M40/J15

- 60 Morrison Construction (the contractor for the A46 Bypass) attended the meeting to brief the JPC on landscaping proposals. It was represented by:
- James Dessain
 - Tim Carter
 - Ivan Zorlutuna
 - John McInally
- 61 The presentation outlined plans for some tree planting, hay meadows, fencing to deter travelers and amenity open spaces. This was not at all to the liking of the JPC for which the ruling criterion was the mitigation of the adverse effects of traffic upon Sherbourne by cover from view and noise attenuation which, the JPC was convinced, was best provided by dense planting of both deciduous and ever-green trees.
- 62 Also subject to criticism were the perceived shortcomings of the provision of bus stops in the vicinity.
- 63 With the Morrison plan so firmly rejected the contractor sought guidance on how the needs of the community could be identified and met. To that end the JPC agreed to set up a liaison group to provide that input.
- 64 Later in the meeting the composition of the liaison group was agreed to be:
- Cllr Mrs Gordon
 - Cllr Mrs Johnston
 - Cllr Mrs Wilkinson
 - Cllr Murphy
 - Cllr Thurley
 - Cllr Mulgrue (as the JPC's "bus expert")

Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

- 65 None was declared.

Minutes of the Meeting of Council 12th May 2008

- 66 The minutes were approved as a true record.

Matters Arising

- 67 Minute 8 The Joseph Arch public house is now under new management.
- 68 Minute 13. Cllr Clay reported that an up-to-date plan of the allotments had been drawn and that another inspection of untended plots was planned.
- 69 Minute 24. The Chairman reported that the selection of children's play equipment for Barford Village Green was ongoing.
- 70 Minute 29.2. Cllr Caborn informed the meeting that the cycleway was out to tender.
- 71 Minute 29.3. Cllr Mrs Gordon undertook to provide photographs of those signs which were considered unsightly.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 12th May 2008

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

Reports on Contact with Other Bodies

- 73 Cllr Mulgrue had attended a presentation entitled "Neighbourhood Working" on 21st May 2008 and learned of plans to extend the remit of Safer Neighbourhoods to other forums. A joint WDC/WCC team had been formed to support this initiative, the proposal for which would be put to WDC in September.
- 74 Cllr Mrs Gordon informed the meeting that the WDC Standards Committee had become so busy that an increase in the number of its members had been found necessary. These had been recruited from those who had been nominated as candidates at the election but had failed to win sufficient votes on that ballot.
- 75 Cllr Caborn broke the news that the composition of the Safer Neighbourhoods team was to be changed again with the exchange of sergeants seeing the return of Sgt Holtby.

Cash Balances as at 30th May 2008

- 76 Members took note of the following cash balances:
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| HSBC | £ 2,792.78 |
| Alliance & Leicester | £40,541.34 |

Receipts and Payments

- 77 Members endorsed the following:

Date	Payee	Category	Total
1 May 08	Moore & Tibbits	Barford Village Shop	(2,408.75)
1 May 08	J F Johnson	Postage	(9.30)
1 May 08	J F Johnson	Travel Expenses	(61.71)
1 May 08	MFM Services	Mowing Charges	(198.00)
1 May 08	WDC	Precept	13,987.00
1 May 08	WDC	Concurrent Services Contribution	1,820.00
2 May 08	A&L	Bank Interest	90.16
7 May 08	Allotment Tenants	Allotments Rents	45.00
7 May 08	Allotment Tenants	Allotments Water Charges	21.00
12 May 08	Allianz Insurance	Insurance	(963.11)
12 May 08	WALC	Subs: WALC	(390.00)
12 May 08	Regent	Printing and Stationery	(14.10)
13 May 08	WALC	Training and Seminar Expenses	(30.00)
13 May 08	Transfer	Transfer	0.00

13 May 08	S&D Window Cleaners	Bus Shelters Maintenance	(60.00)
13 May 08	BVSCIC	Barford Village Shop	1,734.25
16 May 08	R Smith-Ryland	Barford Village Shop	(4,350.00)
21 May 08	HSBC	Bank Interest	0.98
30 May 08	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(467.38)
30 May 08	J F Johnson	Employment Expenses	(597.07)
30 May 08	J F Johnson	Office Accommodation	(48.25)
12 May 08	Louise Best	Audit Fees	(60.00)
31 May 08	M J Giddings	Open Spaces Maintenance	(343.57)
31 May 08	MFM Services	Mowing Charges	(198.00)
31 May 08	Regent	Printing and Stationery	(73.88)
31 May 08	BMHMC	Barford Post Office	(350.00)
31 May 08	J F Johnson	Postage	(36.17)
31 May 08	J F Johnson	Travel Expenses	(46.43)
31 May 08	A&L	Bank Interest	101.18

78 At this point Cllr Mrs Johnston left the meeting.

Report by the Barford Village Green Working Party

79 The Chairman reported that the working party had not yet met but that the next meeting was to take place later in the week.

80 He informed the meeting that in contrast to the dire risk assessment by WDC of the consequences of children falling from the wall bordering Barford Village Green onto the road, RoSPA had placed it at the low end of the low to medium band. This information would be considered in the working party's future deliberations.

Warwick District Core Strategy - Options

81 Having considered the publication "Options for Growth" the JPC concluded that a generic position should be formulated and that this task would fall to a working party comprising:

- Cllr Rhead
- Cllr Mrs Wilkinson (or when unavailable Cllr Mrs Gordon)
- A Wasperton councillor to be nominated
- Cllr Murphy (who would arrange the first meeting)

Purchase of Safety Equipment for Children's Play Area

82 The JPC considered three quotations for the provision of safety matting for the children's play area and approved a purchase from Playopolis at the lowest cost of £640 (incl VAT).

Any Other Business

83 Cllr Clay and his wife were thanked for their swift action in discovering and removing the broken glass deliberately spread amongst the bark chippings in the children's play area.

84 Cllr Rhead informed the meeting that the application made to WDC Rural Initiatives for a grant towards the cost of refurbishing the bus shelters had been successful.

85 Youth misbehavior in Barford remained a concern particularly with regard to:

- Use of cars
- Graffiti
- Suspected vandalism of the children's play area.

86 Some natural deterioration of the fort structure was reported and the Chairman undertook to address it.

Closure

87 There being no other business the meeting closed at 9:40 pm.

Date of Next Meeting

88 The next meeting of the JPC is on Monday 14th July 2008 at 7:30 pm in Wasperton Village Hall.