# BARFORD SHERBOURNE AND WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Parish Council held at Barford Memorial Hall on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2008

Present: Cllr J V Murphy (Chairman)

Cllrs: Mrs W Barlow, M P Byerley, Mrs M A Hayward, R G Mulgrue,

W Worrall, Mrs A Gordon Mrs P W Wilkinson, Dr M J Metcalfe, N F J Thurley,

J T Wright,

Apologies: Cllrs: R Clay, Mrs D S Cobb, S G Starkey, Mrs P Johnston, A B Rhead,

In Attendance: Cllr Mrs C Sawdon

#### Opening

145 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm

- 146 Three member of the public were present.
- 147 Apologies for absence were noted.
- 148 Cllr Starkey's indisposition was noted by the JPC and Cllr Mrs Hayward's offer to replace him on a temporary basis on the Planning Committee accepted.

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

149 Cllr Mulgrue declared a personal interest as a trustee of the Barford Relief in Need charity in the item dealing with the appointment of nominative trustees

## Minutes of the Meeting of Council 14<sup>th</sup> July 2008

150 The minutes were approved as a true record.

#### **Matters Arising**

- 151 Minute 101. Locality and Partnership Working.
- 151.1 Uncertainty over this proposal continued with particular regard to structure and terms of reference.
- 151.2 Cllr Worrall undertook to seek further guidance from Chairman SNP WCC Cllr Caborn and Tim Healey (WCC/WDC) in preparation for the next SNP meeting on 2 Oct 08.
- 151.3 The updated views of WALC would also be sought.
- Minute 104. There had been no contact with WDC over the Section 106 agreement. Cllr Mrs Sawdon promised to investigate the matter.
- Minute 105. There had been no response to the sub-committee report on the landscaping of the M40/J15. The Chairman undertook to follow this up.
- Minute 115. There had been no response from WDC on consultation over the boundary between Barford Cemetery and the playing fields. Cllr Mrs Sawdon said she would bring the matter to the attention of the Head of Planning WDC.

Minute 117. There had been no further response from the WCC following the meeting with Mr Graham Stanley on the subject of traffic, signs, parking and the like in Barford since the initial meeting. The Chairman undertook to follow this up.

# Minutes of the Meeting of Council 28th July 2008

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

# Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 14th July 2008

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

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 28th July 2008

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

# Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 18<sup>th</sup> August 2008

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

#### **Barford Village Shop – Application for Grant**

- The JPC considered a request for a grant of up to £7000 from the Barford Village Shop CIC in order that they would have sufficient funding in place to arrange an opening date. Discussion ranged over the excellent accounts presented, possible savings, the limited JPC funds available and the wish expressed particularly by Sherborne and Wasperton members that a consequent increase in precept be avoided. Members approved the following donations under Section 137:
  - An ex gratia payment of £1,500.00 (equivalent to one year's rent currently paid to Barford Memorial Hall which will be saved when the Post Office moves into the new shop.)
  - An immediate discounted refund of the interest expected to be earned on the £15,000.00 donation to the JPC by the Barford Village Shop CIC to fund the consideration to Mr Smith-Ryland for relaxing the restrictive covenants on the Barford Village Green conveyance thus allowing the construction of the shop (repayable over three years) £666.00.

#### **Barford Pre-School – Application for Grant**

This item was held over to the next meeting due to late arrival of financial information.

# **Reports on Contact with Other Bodies**

- 162 Cllr Mrs Barlow reported on a proposed meeting of Friends of Oakley Wood 21-24 Sep 08.
- 163 Cllr Mulgrue reported on a WRHA housing need survey in the three villages which would be circulated in October.
- 164 Cllr Mulgrue reported his attendance at a symposium on parish plans.

# Cash Balances as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008

165 Members took note of the following cash balances:

HSBC £ 1,420.08 Alliance & Leicester £34,485.37

# **Receipts and Payments**

166 Members endorsed the following:

Date	Payee	Category	Total
2 Jul 08	Godfrey Payton	Barford Village Shop	(176.25)
2 Jul 08	MFM Services	Mowing Charges	(198.00)
2 Jul 08	J F Johnson	Postage	(8.04)

2 Jul 08	J F Johnson	Travel Expenses	(23.48)
3 Jul 08	A&L	Bank Interest	106.50
3 Jul 08	NLJFC	Barford Playing Field Lettings	167.00
14 Jul 08	Clement Keys	Audit Fees	(334.88)
31 Jul 08	J F Johnson	Office Accommodation	(48.25)
31 Jul 08	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(467.38)
31 Jul 08	J F Johnson	Employment Expenses	(597.07)
28 Jul 08	S&D Window Cleaners	Bus Shelters Maintenance	(60.00)
1 Aug 08	A&L	Bank Interest	107.53
2 Aug 08	MFM Services	Mowing Charges	(198.00)
2 Aug 08	Playopolis	Open Spaces Maintenance	(650.00)
2 Aug 08	J F Johnson	Postage	(20.76)
2 Aug 08	J F Johnson	Travel Expenses	(32.64)
13 Aug 08	Regent	Printing and Stationery	(41.75)
13 Aug 08	L H Sollis	Bus Shelters Maintenance	(2,270.00)
26 Aug 08	S&D Window Cleaners	Bus Shelters Maintenance	(45.00)
26 Aug 08	Warwick District Council	Dog Bins	(314.71)
31 Aug 08	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(467.38)
31 Aug 08	J F Johnson	Employment Expenses	(597.07)
31 Aug 08	J F Johnson	Office Accommodation	(48.25)

#### **Bus Shelter Maintenance**

167 Concern was expressed that the quality of work by L H Sollis when renovating the bus shelters did not meet the standard set in the specification. It was agreed that a site meeting (Cllrs Byerley, Murphy, Rhead & Thurley) should be convened to draw up a list of remedial works prior to contacting Mr Sollis to instigate resolution of the discrepancies and shortcomings.

#### **Byelaws**

- Following recent issues relating to byelaws particularly with regard to vehicles accessing the track adjacent to the Barford Playing Fields the JPC passed the following resolutions:
- 168.1 To endorse the bylaws and to require the police to enforce them where they were breached.
- 168.2 To deplore the actions of those residents who accost members of the JPC in the performance of their civic duties.

# **Barford Relief in Need Charity**

The Charity Commission Scheme for this charity devolves the appointment of nominative trustees to Barford Parish Council. Two of them reach the end of tenure on 15 Nov 08 and at its November meeting the JPC is invited either to reappoint them or nominate replacements. The Chairman undertook to advertise the vacancies in Chairman's Chatter in Plurality.

#### **Move of Barford Post Office to New Shop**

- 170 Cllr Mulgrue gave a progress report:
  - The Post Office will close in the Barford Memorial Hall on 30 Oct 08 and reopen in the Barford Village Shop on 3 Nov 08.
  - Recruitment of replacement staff is taking place.

# **Any Other Business**

- 171 Adopt a Kiosk.
- 171.1 Both Barford and Wasperton have a traditional Red Telephone Box which are scheduled for demolition; they are however available for adoption by the villages.

- 171.2 Wasperton residents have indicated support to retain its telephone box; the Barford opinion has not been canvassed.
- 171.3 With the Clerk's absence on holiday and time being of the essence, it was agreed that investigations of BT conditions of adoption would be lead by:
  - Cllr Mrs Hayward for Barford.
  - Cllr Dr Metcalfe for Wasperton.
- 172 <u>Section 106 Grant for Bus Stop Improvements.</u> Cllr Mulgrue undertook to investigate the availability of this grant.
- 173 <u>Budget 2009-10 and Precept.</u> The JPC will set the budget and precept at a special meeting to be held on 15 Dec 08 at 7:30pm in Wasperton Village Hall

#### Closure

174 There being no other business the meeting closed at 10:30pm.

## **Date of Next Meeting**

175 The next meeting of the JPC is on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at 7:30 pm in Sherbourne Village Hall