

BARFORD SHERBOURNE AND WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Parish Council held at Sherbourne Village Hall on Monday 8th June 2009

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

* Late arrival by arrangement

Opening

- 57 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm
- 58 One member of the public was present.
- 59 Apologies for absence were noted.

Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

- 60 None was declared.

Representations by Members of the Public

- 61 Mr Pearson (a Barford resident) drew the JPC's notice to the fact that heavy rain made the lollipop crossing opposite Barford School unsafe because the safe haven marked by yellow hatching was flooded and a new crossing point (from between parked cars) had to be established further along the road. He further stated that he had been drawing officials' attention to this matter for some considerable time but their responses to date had achieved little real benefit. The Chairman undertook to bring this to the immediate and urgent attention of the appropriate WCC personnel.

Minutes of the Meeting of Council 11th May 2009

- 62 Subject to the amendment shown below, the minutes were approved as a true record.
- 62.1 Minute 53. Delete "the parish" insert "Sherbourne parish".

Matters Arising

- 63 Minute 28. The Chairman gave a brief update on parking at Barford Burrows and indicated that outcomes of actions to date were awaited.
- 64 Minute 31. Cllr Gordon queried lack of reference to relocation of the Barford telephone kiosk. It was confirmed there are currently no plans to relocate the kiosk although it is acknowledged that a representation requesting such has been received from a nearby resident.
- 65 Minute 33. A letter was being sent to the landowner inviting him to remove the accumulation of rubbish at the Fisherman's Car Park in Barford.

- 66 Minute 39. The Chairman updated the meeting on parking on the Playing Fields Track in Barford and indicated that the potential for future gating of the track had been communicated through Chairman's Chatter, in Plurality:
- 66.1 Some residents had already indicated that they were in favour of a gate.
- 66.2 The reaction of the allotment holders to this was to be ascertained.
- 66.3 A future meeting of the JPC would consider the details and cost of any proposals.
- 67 Minute 47. There appears to have been no effort to trim the hedges in Debden Hollow. Cllr Caborn is to be informed and asked to expedite this matter on safety grounds.
- 68 Minute 48. The Chairman explained a change of policy by WDC which proposes abolishing dog bins replacing them with general purpose litter bins on the grounds that it is much cheaper to empty bins for litter (containing dog faeces) than to empty bins containing only dog faeces. The JPC would consider the implications of this news for current dog waste bin proposals for Wasperton when more detail was available.
- 69 Minute 53. The application for planning permission for gypsy accommodation adjacent to Sherbourne parish in Stratford-on-Avon District Council area (Planning Application 08/02854) has been withdrawn.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 5th May 2009

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

Cash Balances as at 30th April 2009

- 71 The JPC took note of the following cash balances
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| HSBC | £ 1,575.49 |
| Alliance & Leicester | £ 35,227.31 |

Receipts and Payments

- 72 The JPC endorsed the following:

Date	Payee	Category	Total
1 May 09	J F Johnson	Postage	(8.69)
1 May 09	J F Johnson	Travel Expenses	(48.62)
5 May 09	A&L	Bank Interest	1.71
6 May 09	MFM Services	Mowing Charges	(207.00)
7 May 09	Regent	Printing and Stationery	(87.29)
28 May 09	Warwick Printing	Barford Parish Plan	(731.00)
28 May 09	Dr C Hayward	Barford Parish Plan	(25.00)
28 May 09	Ian Findlay	Barford Parish Plan	(36.80)
28 May 09	Allianz	Insurance	(949.50)
28 May 09	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(507.40)
28 May 09	J F Johnson	Employment Expenses	(653.72)
28 May 09	J F Johnson	Office Accommodation	(50.67)

Management Accounts

- 73 The JPC took note of the Management Accounts as at 31 May 09 at Annex A to these minutes.

Accidents on the Barford Village Green Play Area

- 74 The Chairman reported that there had been two accidents on the play area; one of tripping causing a broken arm, the other of entrapment on the A-frame scrambler causing bruising. The latter had been reported to the manufacturer/installer who was content that the equipment conformed to all appropriate standards and suggested monitoring the situation at present.

- 75 There followed a wide-ranging discussion considering the merits of warning notices, modification to the equipment, parental supervision and more, but nothing was clear or could be reasonably agreed.
- 76 It was concluded that the Chairman should seek the advice of RoSPA and act upon it to demonstrate due diligence.

Reports on Contact with Other Bodies

- 77 A46 Bypass Liaison Group. Cllr Mrs Gordon and the Chairman reported on their attendance. Points raised:
- The leaflet distribution to the general public was not working.
 - Night working was causing inconvenience to Sherbourne. A schedule of night working had been promised.
 - A leaflet on closure of the M40 (conditional upon weather) had been published.
 - The location of the bus-stop in Sherbourne had been stated as immediately south of Sherbourne Brook but the link to pedestrian routes was not clear. Further communication/consultation on this matter had been promised
 - The A46 bypass will open in November after which work on the Longbridge roundabout itself would start.
 - The roads will be surfaced with low-noise asphalt, but not porous asphalt.
 - Dust and noise monitors were positioned in Sherbourne.
- 78 Bishop Tachbrook Parish Council Meeting. The Chairman and others had attended meeting to share views on WDC Core Strategy Preferred Options with a view to forming an area-wide consensus for presentation at the “examination in public” to be held in Wolverhampton and attended by BTPC members. All attendees had agreed three core points:
- Maximum allocation for WDC area for 2006-2026 of 10,800 homes including those already granted permissions,
 - Rejection of higher targets suggested by the Nathaniel-Litchfield Report
 - Belief that future planning should be for local needs only, supported by Housing Needs Surveys.

Any Other Business

- 79 Barford Village Design Statement. It was agreed that WDC should be invited to adopt the VDS.
- 80 Joseph Arch Walk. Cllr Mrs Hayward reported that the walk route through to Wasperton was greatly overgrown. Cllr Rhead promised to deal with the matter by liaising with Footpaths Officers.
- 81 Glebe Hotel Cedar Tree. Cllr Mrs Hayward gave a synopsis of the investigation she had made for rescuing this ailing tree. There were several options for assessing the true condition of the tree and for improving its chances of survival, all of which would involve significant expense. Cost was believed to be a significant factor although matched funding via WDC Rural Initiatives might well be available. A long discussion ensued out of which two points emerged:
- 81.1 She should arrange a meeting between Dr Sidhu and representatives of the JPC.
- 81.2 The JPC was not opposed in principle to considering an application for financial assistance for this project.
- 82 Oak Trees on Wellesbourne Road. Cllr Mulgrue spoke of three oak trees between Wellesbourne Road and the service road (opposite The Granville). Two needed their crowns lifting and the third obscured the sight line of traffic entering and leaving the service road. Cllr Rhead said he would deal with this.
- 83 Development on the River Bank. Cllr Clay reported development on the river bank of a dwelling in Barford which he suspected was without planning permission or the special consents issued by the EA for works in the flood plain or the watercourse. He had reported this to the EA and would keep the JPC informed.

84 Business Signs on the Barford Bypass. Cllr Byerley reported a complaint he had received from one trader (who had paid for the sign directing traffic on the bypass to his business in Barford) about the number of illegal signs being placed there. An animated debate ensued in which the conflicting requirements of protecting those who obeyed the rules, ensuring viability of local businesses and the environmental and aesthetic impact of uncontrolled signs were considered. The following actions were agreed:

84.1 Cllr Byerley to speak to the complainant assuring him that his message had been received by the JPC and to advise the complainant that WCC was the enforcing body for such matters.

84.2 The JPC to write to those with illegal signs pointing out the infringement of the rules and the JPC's dilemma; inviting those offenders to review their signs and gauge interest in the possibility of a formal group signage arrangement at the village entrances.

85 "Chairman's Chatter" in Plurality. Cllr Mrs Gordon said that she had received complaints about the tone of the reporting on the Sherbourne Annual Parish Meeting by the Chairman in Plurality. The Chairman said he did not resile from the statement and invited those who wished to complain to write to him.

Closure

86 There being no other business the meeting closed at 8:53 pm.

Date of Next Meeting

87 The next meeting of the JPC is on Monday 13th July 2009 at 7:30 pm in Wasperton Village Hall.

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS AS AT 31 MAY 09

	Budget	YTD	FOO
RECEIPTS			
Allotments Rents	670	16	670
Allotments Water Charges	147	4	147
Bank Interest	350	4	25
Barford Playing Field Lettings	175		175
Concurrent Services Contribution (WDC)	1,870	1,870	1,870
Grants/Donations		690	690
Precept (WDC)	29,272	14,636	29,272
VAT prior year (HMRC)	800	750	750
Wayleave	4		4
TOTAL RECEIPTS	33,288	17,970	33,604
PAYMENTS			
Allotments Hire of Land	(150)		(150)
Allotments Maintenance	(150)		(150)
Allotments Water Charges	(50)		(50)
Audit Fees	(410)	(75)	(410)
Bank Charges	(20)		(20)
Barford Parish Plan		(793)	(793)
Bus Shelters Maintenance	(465)	(60)	(465)
Chairman's Allowance	(398)		(398)
Consideration Covenant Release	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)
Dog Bins	(315)	(321)	(321)
Employment Expenses	(14,249)	(2,322)	(14,249)
Grants: Churchyard Maintenance	(1,169)		(1,169)
Grants: Village Halls	(2,872)		(2,872)
Insurance	(1,011)	(950)	(950)
Mowing Charges	(1,794)	(207)	(1,794)
Office Accommodation	(608)	(135)	(608)
Open Spaces Maintenance	(1,200)		(1,200)
Park Bench		(794)	(794)
Postage	(275)	(9)	(275)
Printing and Stationery	(600)	(106)	(600)
Subs: Information Commissioner	(35)		(35)
Subs: SLCC	(140)		(140)
Subs: WALC	(404)	(444)	(444)
Training and Seminar Expenses	(150)		(150)
Travel Expenses	(413)	(49)	(413)
Venue Hire	(180)		(180)
TOTAL PAYMENTS	(32,057)	(11,263)	(33,628)
NET TOTALS	1,231	6,706	(24)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Opening Balance 1 Apr 09	30,063
Add Excess Income over Expenditure	<u>(24)</u>
Closing Balance 31 Mar 10	<u>30,039</u>
Designated Funds	
Barford Parish Directory (CVS)	83
Barford Telephone Kiosk	500
Barford War Memorial	535
Consideration Covenant Release	5,000
Election expenses (reserve for 2011)	2,000
Section 137	<u>300</u>
Total Designated Funds	<u>8,418</u>
Risk Management Reserve	11,143
Discretionary Reserve	<u>10,478</u>