

BARFORD SHERBOURNE AND WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Parish Council
held at Sherbourne Village Hall
on Mon 13 Feb 12

Present: Cllr J V Murphy,(Chairman)
Cllr: Mrs W Barlow, R Clay, J M Hawkesford, Mrs J L Longfield, S J McVeigh,
P A P Morris, D C Morrow, R A Shotton-Oza, Mrs A Gordon, Mrs R Newsome,
Mrs P K Payne, M J Metcalfe, N F J Thurley, J T Wright

Apologies: Cllr: A B Rhead,

In Attendance: Mr A Clack (Taylor Wimpey)

Opening

- 282 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm
- 283 Thirteen members of the public were present.
- 284 Apologies for absence were noted.

Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

285 The following declarations were made:

Declarer	Item	Type
Cllr Clay	Grants: Village Halls	Personal
Cllr McVeigh	Grants: Village Halls	Personal
Cllr Metcalfe	Grants: Churchyard Maintenance	Personal
Cllr Murphy	Grants: Churchyard Maintenance	Personal
Cllr Murphy	Grants: Village Halls	Prejudicial
Cllr Murphy	Barford War Memorial	Personal
Cllr Mrs Newsome	Grants: Village Halls	Personal
Cllr Thurley	Grants: Village Halls	Prejudicial

Public Participation

- 286 Mr Scott (representing the Barford Residents' Association) informed the meeting of further deliberations by that body, in particular drawing attention to the results of a survey on the Sharba Homes development proposal which yielded:
- For 27
 - Against 103
 - Undecided 3

Sherbourne Nurseries

- 287 Mr Adrian Clack, the Strategic Land Regional Director for the West Midlands of Taylor Wimpey addressed the meeting. He stressed that the purpose of his visit was to allow the JPC to become acquainted with him, not to provide details of Taylor Wimpey's plans for Sherbourne Nurseries, indeed the plans were far too immature to allow this.
- 288 Having provided his over-view he took questions (questioner in brackets) and gave the following answers:
- 288.1 (Cllr Mrs Barlow). It is considered a brown-field site.

- 288.2 (Cllr Mrs Gordon). The plan is to construct some 50-55 dwellings.
- 288.3 (Cllr Mrs Barlow). There has been no decision on the provision of sheltered housing.
- 288.4 (Cllr Hawkesford). The density is about half that for Bremridge Close, this reflects current guidelines, the quality of housing planned and the integral facilities.
- 288.5 (Cllr Morris). Taylor Wimpey's only other interest in the WDC area is a green-field site for 1,700 houses to the north of Leamington Spa.
- 288.6 (Cllr McVeigh). Westham Lane does not afford access to the site. The preferred access joins Wellesbourne Road at a point just north of the bus stop and lay-by, specifically through demolition of the old Police House.
- 288.7 (Cllr McVeigh). A pre-application has not been made to Central Networks.
- 288.8 (Cllr McVeigh). No TPOs are believed to exist on the northern part of the site.

[Mr Clack left the meeting]

Minutes of the Meeting of Council 16 Jan 12

289 The minutes were approved as a true record.

Matters Arising

- 290 Minute 246. Cllr Morris tried to ascertain the exact number of houses in Barford, but the information was not available.
- 291 Minute 246. Cllr Mrs Barlow asked whether the minutes of the Warwick District Council Development Review Forum held on 31 Oct 11 had been circulated. This was confirmed.
- 292 Minute 250. Cllr Mrs Barlow reported a slow start to interest in the celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee but hoped for an increase. She was urged to increase the pace.
- 293 Minute 253. Cllr Mrs Barlow withdrew the application to display one of the animals to be used for horse-logging in Oakley Wood at the Barford playing field for one day in March. Horse logging would start in Oakley Woods on 20 Feb 12 and last for two weeks. Visitors would be welcome to view the site on Sun 26 Feb 12 from 10:30am to 3:00pm.
- 294 Minute 271. The Clerk reported that the JPC's copies of the engrossed licences for the Riverside Land had been lost in the post but that WCC would send substitutes.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 16 Jan 12

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

Cash Balances as at 31 Jan 12

296 The JPC took note of the following cash balances:

- HSBC £ 5,441.78
- Santander £40,578.16

Receipts and Payments

297 The JPC endorsed the following:

Date	Payee	Category	Total
10 Jan 12	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(542.92)
13 Jan 12	TPC	Printing and Stationery	(25.92)
13 Jan 12	Santander	Bank Interest	2.66
27 Jan 12	BS&GSG	Allotments Water Charges	(102.11)

27 Jan 12	WALC	Training and Seminar Expenses	(78.00)
27 Jan 12	Admin	Postage	(11.66)
27 Jan 12	Admin	Travel Expenses	(20.22)
27 Jan 12	Hadley	Allotments Hire of Land	(37.50)
27 Jan 12	Smith	Allotments Hire of Land	(37.50)
28 Jan 12	Salaries	Employment Expenses	(696.92)
28 Jan 12	Admin	Office Accommodation	(52.00)

Grants: Churchyard Maintenance

298 RESOLVED: That the following grants be made:

- Barford £418
- Sherbourne £418
- Wasperton £418

Grants: Village Halls

299 RESOLVED: That the following grants be made:

- Barford £1,043
- Sherbourne £1,043
- Wasperton £1,043

[Cllrs Murphy and Thurley absented themselves from the meeting for the whole of this agenda item.]

Purchase of Grit Bins

300 RESOLVED: That five grit bins be purchased (three for Sherbourne, two for Wasperton) at a unit cost of £113.05 (net of VAT) for placing at locations to be agreed with the WCC Area Surveyor.

Survey of Play and Recreational Facilities

301 The JPC took note of Cllr McVeigh's initial findings but rather than debate this at a full meeting it was agreed to form a working party to research the matter in full and present its findings with recommendations to the JPC at a future meeting.

302 Composition of the Working Party:

- Cllr McVeigh
- Cllr Mrs Barlow
- Cllr Clay
- Cllr Hawkesford
- Cllr Murphy

Allotments - Charges 2013-14

303 The JPC confirmed the charges for a standard 150m² plot for 2012-13 at £21.12.

304 It set the charges for 2013-14 as those for 2012-13 inflated by RPI.

Review of Standing Orders

305 The JPC reviewed its Standing Orders and declared itself content with them.

Review of Financial Regulations

306 The JPC reviewed its Financial Regulations and declared itself content with them, noting the imminence of new model Financial Regulations drawn up by NALC.

Risk Assessment

307 The JPC assessed the significant risks to achieving its objectives and reviewed the adequacy of arrangements to manage these as set out in the document "Risk Management" which it approved.

Barford War Memorial

- 308 The following request received from the Barford Parochial Church Council was approved:
The JPC is custodian of the war memorial which is incorporated into St Peter's churchyard wall at Barford.
Each year three wreaths are laid at the Remembrance Day service and these are of course left in place as a lasting tribute. The light nature of modern wreaths and the windy location often means that the wreaths get blown about and damaged, sometimes even getting onto the carriageway. This is obviously distressing to families, churchgoers and residents alike.
It has been suggested that this issue might be resolved by the installation of small screws or hooks which would secure the wreaths after the ceremony, whilst being inconspicuous when no wreaths were in place.
The PCC would be pleased if the JPC could consider allowing the PCC to arrange such an installation in good time for the 2012 Remembrance Day service.

Housing Needs Survey

- 309 The Working Party had devised a questionnaire.
- 310 Unfortunately the Warwickshire Rural Community Council was unable to undertake a survey using the questionnaire free of charge but offered at a cost of £2,000 to:
- produce the printed survey and covering letter
 - provide freepost envelope for each survey
 - receive completed surveys
 - analyze surveys
 - produce report for Parish Council (ten copies)
- With the whole process being completed within an eight week period.
(The JPC being responsible for the distribution of the survey).
- 311 Opinion ranged from a belief that such a survey is unnecessary to a conviction that not only is it essential but that it might be necessary to spend more than the £2,000 quoted to ensure adequate quality.
- 312 There being no prospect of resolving this matter at the meeting it was decided to task the Working Party (enhanced by the addition of Cllr Mrs Gordon and Cllr Metcalfe) with establishing a cost effective solution for adoption by the JPC.
- 313 For the avoidance of doubt the composition of the Working Party is:
- Cllr Mrs Barlow
 - Cllr Clay
 - Cllr Mrs Gordon
 - Cllr Mrs Longfield
 - Cllr McVeigh
 - Cllr Metcalfe
 - Cllr Morrow
 - Cllr Murphy
- 314 A proposal to give the Working Party discretionary powers to commit up to £2,000 expenditure was defeated on the grounds that there was sufficient time for the Working Party's solution to be examined by the JPC and for it to approve the necessary expenditure.

Any Other Business

- 315 Footpath Barford-Bishops Tachbrook. Cllr Caborn had had little success in persuading the Officers to give this a higher priority and had therefore arranged a meeting with the Portfolio holder next week.
- 316 Minutes of Traffic Meeting 20 Oct 11. Cllr Mrs Gordon complained that the minutes of this meeting had still not been distributed. Cllr Caborn to expedite.

317 Malodorous River. Cllr McVeigh reported perfumed smells emanating from the river in Barford. Since nobody at the meeting could confirm or explain this he undertook to investigate the cause on behalf of the JPC.

318 Community Forum. Cllr Metcalfe gave a résumé of the Community Forum he had attended.

Closure

319 There being no other business the meeting closed at 9:06pm.

Date of Next Meeting

320 The next meeting of the JPC is on Mon 12 Mar 12 at 7:30 pm in Wasperton Village Hall.