

BARFORD SHERBOURNE AND WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Parish Council
held at Wasperton Village Hall
on Mon 12 Mar 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, A B Rhead, R A Shotton-Oza, Mrs A Gordon,
Mrs R Newsome, Mrs P K Payne, M J Metcalfe, N F J Thurley, J T Wright

In Attendance: Cllr L Caborn

Opening

- 321 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm
- 322 Four members of the public were present.

In Memoriam

- 323 The Chairman offered condolences on the death of Mr Graham Morris, a former member of the JPC representing Sherbourne and spoke of the contribution he had made during his time in office.
- 324 Cllr Mrs Gordon added that he was also involved in almost every aspect of the life of Sherbourne and was a pillar of that society.

Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

- 325 None was declared

Public Participation

- 326 Ms Jan Lemon drew attention to the WDC-owned "old people's flats" in Wasperton Lane, Barford where, during the snow earlier this season, some of the residents had had difficulty getting from the building, which is set back, onto the pavements or across the car park.
- 327 Both the Chairman and Cllr Rhead undertook to bring this to the attention of WDC.

Minutes of the Meeting of Council 13 Feb 12

- 328 The minutes were approved as a true record.

Matters Arising

- 329 Minute 316. Cllr Mrs Gordon stated that the minutes of the Traffic Meeting held on 20 Oct 11 had yet to be circulated. Cllr Caborn (at a later part of the meeting) promised to expedite their distribution.
- 330 Minute 317. Cllr McVeigh said that Severn Trent was trying to establish the cause of the malodorous river in Barford.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 13 Feb 12

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

Cash Balances as at 29 Feb 12

332 The JPC took note of the following cash balances:

- HSBC £ 3,908.35
- Santander £35,543.38

Receipts and Payments

333 The JPC endorsed the following:

Date	Payee/er	Category	Sum
6 Feb 12	Santander	Bank Interest	2.76
10 Feb 12	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(542.92)
14 Feb 12	Barford PCC	Grants: Churchyard Maintenance	(418.00)
14 Feb 12	Sherbourne PCC	Grants: Churchyard Maintenance	(418.00)
14 Feb 12	Wasperton PCC	Grants: Churchyard Maintenance	(418.00)
14 Feb 12	Sherbourne Village Hall	Grants: Village Halls	(1,043.00)
14 Feb 12	Wasperton Village Hall	Grants: Village Halls	(1,043.00)
16 Feb 12	WDC	Election Expenses	(654.54)
20 Feb 12	Viking	Printing and Stationery	(241.59)
28 Feb 12	Salaries	Employment Expenses	(696.92)
28 Feb 12	Admin	Office Accommodation	(52.00)

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebration

334 Cllr Shotton-Oza gave a progress report on Barford plans.

335 Firm decisions and actions:

- The celebration is on 4 Jun 12
- Venue: Middle Watchbury Farm
- Beacon: Gas fuelled
- The event had been registered
- Application for funding for the beacon and gas has been made to WRW Community Forum.

336 Other activities being investigated:

- Planting a memorial oak tree on the "Riverside Land" (funded by the Heritage Group)
- A lunchtime picnic on Barford Village Green (with the Memorial Hall open for toilet facilities)
- Entertainment by volunteers playing musical instruments
- A torchlight procession from Barford Church to the Beacon via the playing fields (with children in fancy dress)
- Erecting a permanent flagpole on Barford Village Green at a cost of approximately £600

337 Still to be done:

- Draw up a budget to obtain the JPC's approval of any necessary additional expenditure
- Conduct a risk assessment (required before Public Liability insurance cover is granted to the event)
- Consider the need for security, traffic control and manning road crossings.
- Establish closer liaison with the Church and other interested parties.
- Hold a meeting of the Working Party in April to draw up a final plan
- Arrange publicity in Plurality in May.

338 The JPC endorsed the planning.

Survey of Play and Recreational Facilities

339 Cllr McVeigh stated that for a variety of reasons the Working Party had not been able to meet and it would be necessary to defer his report until the next meeting.

340 He did report however that the Baby & Toddlers' Group had expressed an interest in the survey.

Housing Needs Survey

- 341 Cllr Mrs Barlow gave a progress report on the distribution of the questionnaire:
- The questionnaire was ready for distribution with a separate version for Barford, Sherbourne and Wasperton
 - The plan was to deliver one to every house in each of the three villages by hand using a team of volunteers
 - A number of collection points had been arranged around the villages to which completed questionnaires could be returned
 - She gave indicative costs of printing and stationery
- 342 The JPC endorsed the planning.

[Cllr Caborn joined the meeting]

Barford Allotments - Polytunnel

- 343 Cllr Clay said that the two anxieties about the polytunnel were being dealt with as follows:
- 343.1 Its structural integrity would be analyzed by the supplier.
- 343.2 The allocation of space within it was the subject of a report being compiled by Susan Watts (who had been instrumental in obtaining the grant to purchase it). Cllr Morrow informed the meeting that she had arranged the delivery of building materials to site in anticipation of the report's recommendations.

Parking Restrictions in Barford

- 344 The Chairman announced that the yellow lines had now been painted on the road at Bremridge Close. There the good news ended because:
- Some people were ignoring them
 - Others had moved to the opposite side of the road (with no yellow lines) and thus created a chicane which, as a traffic calming measure, was effective but very frustrating to motorists trying to drive through the village.
- 345 It was acknowledged that the police had little time or inclination to enforce the restriction and no other method of coercion was available.
- 346 Cllr Caborn recommended that this matter be added to the agenda of the Community Forum to encourage the police to greater efforts.

Barford Community Charity

- 347 The Barford Community Charity invited any members of the JPC to volunteer to join its board of Trustees and Cllrs Rhead, McVeigh and Shotton-Oza responded.

Planting of a Jubilee Oak in Wasperton

- 348 The JPC approved funding of £150 for the planting of an oak tree in Wasperton to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Any Other Business

- 349.1 The Chairman alerted the JPC to the fact that several lamp-standards in the Barford Conservation Area needed to be replaced and that, irrespective of its type, each would have to be substituted by a "Conservation Grade" lamp, at the cost of about £3k.
- 349.2 It was an all-or-nothing deal which would cost £15.2k; of this WDC would meet £10k and a Community Forum grant of £3k would be sought. The outstanding balance of £2.2k might be subsidized (but not met totally) by a Rural Initiatives Scheme grant leaving the eventual balance

to be funded from JPC reserves. [Afternote: The Rural Initiatives Scheme does not provided grants for lamp standards.]

349.3 The Chairman stressed this was not an invitation to approve any expenditure but an indication that such a proposal might be in the offing.

350 Cllr Mrs Barlow briefed the JPC on Horse Logging in Oakley Wood:

"The Logging with Bruno the Ardennes Heavy Horse started on 20th February and has proved an even greater attraction than the Friends of Oakley Wood could ever have imagined. Financed by a grant from the Central Warwickshire Villages LEADER programme this project was set up to introduce local people to a more traditional land based industry (Not farm based as is the norm but forestry based.) Bruno has certainly been a hit with wood walkers and children alike.

He has visited the children at St. Peter's Barford and Tachbrook school where his owners Karen and David demonstrated how he works within a wood and what a gentle giant he is . As a result of this a large number of children turned up on the Sunday exhibition day with parents and siblings to watch him working in the wood itself .By talking to Karen and David about him they were learning incidentally about woodland management, the beauty and fragility of a woodland environment and importance of native trees to wildlife .

Bruno has also been captured on BBC Midlands Today TV , in local papers and on BBC Coventry and Warwickshire Radio.

Future events are planned including a Woodland Craft day in April and a number of Woodland Walks."

Closure

351 There being no other business the meeting closed at 8:45pm

Date of Next Meeting

352 Mon 14 May 12 at 7:30 pm in Barford Memorial Hall. (The Annual Meeting)