

BARFORD SHERBOURNE AND WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Parish Council
held at Sherbourne Village Hall
on Mon 11 Jun 12

Present: Cllr J V Murphy, (Chairman)
Cllr: Mrs W Barlow, R Clay, J M Hawkesford, Mrs J L Longfield, 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

Apologies: Cllr S J McVeigh

Opening

44 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm

45 Two members of the public were present.

Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

46 None was declared

Public Participation

47 Ms Rachel Carson (Taylor Wimpey) gave notice of an intention to stage a public exhibition on the proposed development of the Sherbourne Nursery site in Barford on 25 Jun 12.

48 Mr Adrian Clack (Taylor Wimpey) gave a summary of progress since he had briefed the JPC last February:

- Highways and access
- Drainage (surface water and foul)
- Ecology (including bats and reptile studies)
- Archeology (geophysical inspection revealed some Roman remains but not on a scale to impede development)

49 He also said that a project website would be created.

50 The Chairman thanked them both for their information and asked that the JPC be kept fully informed with a view to receiving reports at future JPC meetings.

Minutes of the Meeting of Council 14 May 12

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 10 May 12

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 28 May 12

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

Cash Balances as at 31 May 12

54 The JPC took note of the following cash balances:

- HSBC £ 7,078.00
- Santander £45,915.98

Receipts and Payments

55 The JPC endorsed the following:

Date	Payee/er	Category	Total
1 May 12	J V Murphy	Open Spaces Maintenance	(42.01)
1 May 12	Bullfinch Gas Equipment	Diamond Jubilee	(370.80)
1 May 12	TPC Digital Solutions	Printing and Stationery	(6.00)
1 May 12	Broker Network Ltd	Insurance	(813.26)
3 May 12	MFM Services	Mowing Charges	(225.00)
3 May 12	B&PS Ltd	Open Spaces Maintenance	(5.47)
10 May 12	Allotments	Allotments Rents	28.16
10 May 12	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(551.45)
12 May 12	WDC (Diamond Jubilee)	Grants/Donations	371.00
14 May 12	Louise Best	Audit Fees	(75.00)
17 May 12	S&D Window Cleaners	Bus Shelters Maintenance	(45.00)
18 May 12	Harrison External Display	Flagpole	(746.64)
24 May 12	Barford Community Charity	Diamond Jubilee	622.20
28 May 12	Salaries	Employment Expenses	(711.24)
28 May 12	Administration	Office Accommodation	(54.92)

Code of Conduct

56 From 1 Jul 12 there is a requirement for all parish and town councils to adopt a new Code of Conduct under the Localism Act. A working party comprising WDC councillors and WALC representatives has produced a new model Code of Conduct which will be recommended for adoption by the JPC in due course, but it will not be released until 18 Jun12 and will therefore be unavailable to the JPC until its July meeting which is beyond the 1 Jul 12 deadline.

57 The JPC acted upon the WDC recommendation that, as an interim measure, the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 No 1159 should be readopted for use until it can be superseded by the new Code of Conduct.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebration

58 Cllr Shotton-Oza gave a summary of the celebration of the Jubilee in Barford which all had judged to be a great success.

59 He undertook to write a letter of thanks on behalf of the JPC to the owners of Middle Watchbury Farm for making it available for the celebrations.

60 Cllr Rhead moved a vote of thanks to Cllr Shotton-Oza for his hard work and skill in bringing this about which was heartily endorsed by members.

61 Wasperton had marked the Jubilee with its own celebration, the centerpiece of which was the planting of the commemorative oak.

62 Sherbourne had staged a well-attended luncheon in the village hall.

Survey of Play and Recreational Facilities

- 63 In anticipation of his non-attendance at this meeting, Cllr McVeigh had submitted the following written report:

There was broad consensus at the Recreation Sub Group meeting on 25th April on next steps:

(a) plans are being progressed to provide a birds-eye view of the playing field to be annotated with key measurements (e.g. play area perimeter, pitch dimensions etc)

(b) members of the Sub Group will be attending the Play Fair at Stoneleigh Park on 20th June to view the latest equipment in the market, and to begin assessing options within the physical constraints identified in (a)

(c) the Sub Group will next meet on 27th June to discuss options and a draft strategy to develop the playing field facilities, combining the above information sources, and to agree next steps for consultation and aspirations regarding timeline

(d) we will also seek to resolve in the draft strategy one open topic regarding space constraints and the potential for a functional replacement of the wooden fort, or its retention within the current play area perimeter

- 64 The Chairman reminded the members of the working party (and any other member of the JPC with an interest in this matter) of an exhibition "Playfair" at Stoneleigh Park on 19-20 Jun 12 where the latest in play and recreational equipment would be on view.

Housing Needs Survey

- 65 Cllr Mrs Barlow gave a summary of progress to date:
- 65.1 An honorarium of £200 for the analysis of the data had been agreed.
- 65.2 Data input was complete.
- 65.3 The format of the report would be that of the last housing needs study on affordable housing.
- 65.4 The report would be ready for inspection at the July meeting of the JPC.

Barford Allotments - Polyunnel

- 66 Cllr Clay reported excellent progress with this project leaving only the automatic top vents for completion.
- 67 The plot on which the polyunnel stands will be leased to a single individual who will be responsible for sub-letting areas within the polyunnel to others and for ensuring that all users obey the conditions of the contract.

Purchase of Lifebelts

- 68 In the light of the recent fatal accident on the river in Barford, members were convinced that they should take time to ensure that the provision of lifebelts on riverside land should meet the strictest standards as determined by recognized experts such as the Avon Navigation Trust, RoSPA and the Environment Agency.
- 69 Also to be considered would be the findings in the Coroner's Report on the accident.
- 70 The Chairman suggested therefore (and members agreed) that professional advice should be sought but not acted upon until after the inquest.

Barford School Fête 7 Jul 12 - Car Parking

- 71 Friends of Barford School had requested permission to use Barford Playing Field for car parking for the fête on 7 Jul 12. This was granted subject to an undertaking by Friends of Barford School to indemnify the JPC against all public liability claims arising and to make good any damage to the playing surface and facilities.
- 72 Cllr Morrow was appointed as the Point of Contact with the school.

Closure

- 73 There being no other business the meeting closed at 8:12pm

Date of Next Meeting

- 74 Mon 9 Jul 12 at 7:30 pm in Wasperton Village Hall.