

BARFORD SHERBOURNE AND WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Parish Council
held at Wasperton Village Hall on Mon 10 Mar 14

Present:	Cllr J V Murphy,(Chairman) Cllr: Mrs W Barlow, I Boak, R Clay, J M Hawkesford, Mrs J L Longfield, R A Shotton-Oza, Mrs A Gordon, T Merrygold, Mrs R Newsome, M J Metcalfe, N F J Thurley, J T Wright,
Apologies:	Cllr: A B Rhead, P A P Morris

Opening

242 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm

243 One member of the public was present.

Declarations of Disclosable Interests

244 Gypsy and Travellers Preferred Options:
Cllr Clay declared a personal interest.

Minutes of the Meeting of the JPC 10 Feb 14

245 The minutes were approved as a true record.

Matters Arising

246 Minute 228. Housing Needs Survey December 2013.
Sarah Brooke-Taylor (the author of the survey) had reported that WDC had altered the wording to make it compatible with the New Local Plan. This did not however create any substantive change to the report.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 10 Feb 14

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Matters Arising

248 Application No. W/14/0080, 2 Westham Lane.
Taylor Wimpey had withdrawn its application for the development of the Sherbourne Nurseries site, specifically because agreement could not be reached on the adequacy of the proposed entrance off Wellesbourne Road. It was understood that Mr Peters (the applicant for W/14/0080) had, notwithstanding the approval of his application, offered up his plot to the developers to facilitate the construction of an acceptable entrance.

Cash Book Balances as at 28 Feb 14

249 The JPC took note of the following cash balances

- HSBC £24,264.03
- Santander £37,823.898

Receipts and Payments

250 The JPC endorsed the following:

Date	Payee/er	Category	Total
1 Feb 14	JF & GS Johnson	Postage	(14.70)
1 Feb 14	JF & GS Johnson	Travel Expenses	(44.59)
6 Feb 14	Santander	Bank Interest	2.57
9 Feb 14	S&D Window Cleaners	Bus Shelters Maintenance	(60.00)
9 Feb 14	J V Murphy	Chairman's Allowance	(444.00)
10 Feb 14	WALC	Training and Seminar Expenses	(20.00)
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10 Feb 14	Barford PCC	Grants: Churchyard Maintenance	(430.00)
10 Feb 14	Sherbourne PCC	Grants: Churchyard Maintenance	(430.00)
10 Feb 14	Wasperton PCC	Grants: Churchyard Maintenance	(430.00)
10 Feb 14	SVHMC	Grants: Village Halls	(1,070.00)
10 Feb 14	WVHMC	Grants: Village Halls	(1,070.00)
10 Feb 14	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(581.87)
18 Feb 14	R Scott	Barford Neighbourhood Plan	(7.00)
19 Feb 14	BSGSG	Allotments Water Charges	(180.49)
19 Feb 14	D M Hadley	Allotments Hire of Land	(37.50)
19 Feb 14	R J Smith	Allotments Hire of Land	(37.50)
28 Feb 14	Administration	Office Accommodation	(56.35)
28 Feb 14	Salaries	Employment Expenses	(747.45)

Assets of Community Value

- 251 Cllr Mrs Barlow reported Barford's submission was complete and was being processed by WDC for completion by April. Wasperton is following suit.
- 252 She clarified the rules regarding renewal of listings at the five-year point; it is allowed.
- 253 Cllr Mrs Gordon informed the meeting of a change of heart regarding Sherbourne Village Hall; acting upon advice from WDC it was now thought expedient to list it because if it were to come about at the end of the lease term that a planning application were made for change of use, the fact that it had been listed as a community asset might strengthen the case for its retention as a village hall and at least offer a period of time to mount a community response..
- 254 Essential to the case for the building to remain a village hall was the retention of the fire escape, onto adjacent property, with unimpeded exit.
- 255 It was agreed that the hall should be added to the Barford and Wasperton submissions and Cllr Mrs Gordon undertook to send the necessary details to the Clerk.

Barford Playing Field Proposals

- 256 The Chairman delivered an update on the Open Day held in Barford Memorial Hall on 1 Mar 14 and progress achieved. His briefing notes are at Annex A to these minutes.

Gypsy & Travellers Preferred Options

- 257 Having received a briefing on WDC's Preferred Options the JPC resolved to convene a special meeting to JPC to determine its response to the proposals.

WDC New Local Plan

258 The Chairman reported his attendance at the meeting for a limited audience with WDC held on Thu 20 Feb 14. He had found the experience most unsatisfactory. Under the guise of avoiding predetermination, district and county councils were discouraged from making statements and forbidden to make criticisms. In short the message was "No real change" beyond a modest increase in total numbers to 12900 new homes over the plan period. There was some concern over vociferous representation from the major towns suggesting much larger numbers should be imposed on the villages.

WCC Unitary Authority Discussions

259 The Chairman attended a public meeting hosted by WCC on 25 Feb 14 to discuss the possibility of moving to Unitary Authority status. There was wide-ranging debate with a large majority in favour of further investigation of implications and costs, however certain influential parties, including the Leader of WDC were hostile to the concept. It was made clear that such changes would be likely to impose greater demands and responsibilities on Town and Parish Councils.

Any Other Business

259 The Chairman spoke on the following:

259.1 He reminded the meeting of the dates for the Annual Parish Meeting for the three villages.

259.2 He was to meet Stephen Hay (WDC) on 12 Mar 14 to discuss Settlement Boundaries and the allocation of housing numbers to Barford under the New Local Plan.

259.3 Sharba Homes planned to appeal against the refusal of planning permission for the Barford House site.

259.4 He had informed WDC and WCC of the prevalence of litter on the verges of the Barford Bypass. At this news Cllr Wright reported that litter had been collected that very day. If this was indeed cause and effect then, it was agreed, the JPC should write expressing appreciation for such a swift and satisfactory response.

259.5 He noted that the fencing between the Barford Bypass and Bremridge Close was in a sorry state of repair, having collapsed totally in places.

260 Cllr Mrs Gordon reported:

260.1 The installation of the new footway lighting in Sherbourne was well advanced and it was anticipated to be completed in the current financial year.

260.2 A survey had been conducted of the new speed and weight restriction sign in Sherbourne and suggestions for improvements had been sent to WCC.

261 Cllr Hawkesford:

261.1 Lamented the extent of dog fouling on the Barford playing fields. Suggested remedies were:

- Spray dog faeces with a luminous paint to illustrate the scale of the problem (Cllr Mrs Barlow).
- Post signs designed by schoolchildren which appeared to be an effective deterrent elsewhere (Cllr Mrs Newsome).

261.2 There had been unauthorized tree cutting in the grounds of Barford House. The damage had been reported to the Police.

262 Cllr Mrs Barlow gave a progress report on the creation of the Barford Neighbourhood Development Plan saying that consultants had now been appointed to assist with key elements of the plan. The Chairman explained that having agreed the designated area for the BNDP as the parish boundary, the boundary review had proposed minor modifications to

Barford parish boundaries thus rendering the original Designated Area outdated. A new Designated Area matching the new boundaries could not be approved until the boundary review process was complete which would entail some further delay., Until this was complete certain essential pockets of public money to fund the project would not be made available and the committee along with their consultants were working to best resolve the situation..

Closure

263 There being no other business the meeting closed at 8:15pm.

Date of Next Meeting

264 The Annual Meeting, of the JPC is on Mon 12 May 14 at 7:30 pm in Barford Memorial Hall.

Barford Leisure Improvement Scheme – Working Party Update – 10 Mar 14**Open day – March 1st** – very successful

Exhibition, slide show, documents, plans and teas...

- Over 100 attended
- Major enthusiasm and support
- Most surprised or impressed by amount of work done
- Approx 100 questionnaires returned to date

PRELIMINARY conclusions so far – Forms still coming in and free-form comments being collated.

- Most people use area currently, and frequently
- 50% use equipment
- Nearly all use and enjoy the open space
- Almost unanimous support for improvement – one vote against!
- Vast majority (86%) support an ALL-WEATHER facility
- 80% support a tennis facility – 48% would use
- 70% support 5-a-side football and junior football – BOTH all weather and grass
- 51% support a cricket strip
- 10-15% of respondents would use football/cricket
- Junior rugby and hockey well supported but few users
- 50% support retention of full size football pitch – majority of rest had NO OPINION...
- Over 70% support improving the play area for all the age groups
- Majority support fencing play area – reducing with age of target users
- C. 50% support skate area improvements
- Majority request seating, picnic tables and perimeter path(s)
- Over 40% wanted adult fitness equipment/trim trail
- Vast majority want track upgraded (1 against...)
- 50% favour some parking, 25% against, rest no opinion
- Demographic skewed towards older population – 80% >40

We have the land survey to hand – very detailed.

Drainage issue –

- Spring/stream on WEST boundary plus PLAYINGFIELD LAND DRAINS run to SOUTH corner
- Passes under track in CULVERT and Enters DITCH on Barford House land
- Ditch is silted up and fails to drain as intended causing damming back
- In negotiations with landowner/agent (Hawkesfords) - WDC and WCC Flood Risk managers assisting

NEXT STEP:

- Working Party further analysis
- Draw up wish list
- Invite proposals/quotations from contractors
- Finalise business plan
- Investigate funding and initiate fundraising
- Report back to May JPC