

BARFORD SHERBOURNE & WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Parish Council held at Sherbourne Village Hall
on Mon 9 Jun 14

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

Opening

43 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm

44 One member of the public was present.

Declarations of Disclosable Interests

45 None was declared.

Public Participation

46 There was no public participation

Cooption of Member for Barford

47 The Chairman reported that there had been no volunteers to fill the vacancy.

Minutes of the Meeting of Council 12 May 14

48 The minutes were approved as a true record.

Matters arising

49 Minute 10.1 Cllr Mrs Barlow reported an approach Barford Primary School to arrange the production of anti-dog fouling signs.

50 Minute 27. Cllr Metcalfe drew attention to the lack of response to Wasperton's request to list its paddock and allotments as Assets of Community Value. Cllr Mrs Barlow undertook to investigate further.

51 Minute 30. Cllr Mrs Gordon confirmed Sherbourne's submissions of Assets of Community Value.

52 Minute 38. Cllr Mrs Gordon gave a progress report on efforts to defeat any challenge to the TPO placed on a Californian Redwood and a Scots Pine in Sherbourne.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 12 May 14

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 20 May 14

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

Cash Book Balances as at 30 Apr 14

55 The JPC took note of the following cash balances

- HSBC £35,713.98
- Santander £37,831.35

Receipts and Payments

56 The JPC endorsed the following:

Date	Payee/er	Category	Total
6 May 14	MFM Services	Mowing Charges	(560.00)
7 May 14	Interest	Bank Interest	2.57
10 May 14	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(588.03)
11 May 14	CDF	Barford Neighbourhood Plan	6,147.00
12 May 14	Kirkwells	Barford Neighbourhood Plan	(1,320.00)
12 May 14	Claridges	Barford Neighbourhood Plan	(10.02)
12 May 14	HMRC	VAT prlor year (HMRC)	410.41
13 May 14	Came & Company	Insurance	(815.56)
18 May 14	David Robotham Ltd	Barford Leisure Improvement Scheme	(570.00)
20 May 14	Administration	Postage	(8.57)
20 May 14	Administration	Travel Expenses	(84.11)
30 May 14	Salaries	Employment Expenses	(758.04)
30 May 14	Administration	Office Accommodation	(58.03)

Barford Leisure Improvement Scheme – Working Party Update

- 57 The JPC was briefed by the Chairman on progress achieved using the public response to the project recorded at the Drop-In session held on 12 May 14 (see Annex A to these minutes).
- 58 The Working Party's grant applications were being submitted. Proposals and quotes for the Children's Play Area elements of the project were expected by 20 Jun 14.
- 59 Cllr Mrs Longfield noted that adult gymnasium equipment was the least well supported proposal and this was in accord with her experience of other similar projects. She suggested therefore that if at some future date economies had to be made, this should be amongst the first to be considered for cancellation.
- 60 The intention was to frame five or six proposals for public comment and then to adjust the project to reflect that reaction.
- 61 Presently funding looks promising.

Gypsy & Traveller Sites

- 62 The Chairman and Cllr A Rhead had a meeting with Tracy Darke (WDC Head of Development Services) on 22 May 14 to discuss the JPC's submission in detail. Initially there was a cautious response to the JPC's ideas but Ms Darke seemed to warm to the idea that instead of providing G&T sites in penny packets in or near established communities, larger sites should be incorporated in the proposed new developments.

WDC New Local Plan

- 63 The Chairman reminded the JPC that WDC had adopted its Draft New Local Plan and that it was now out for consultation during the period 23 May 14 to 27 Jun 14.
- 64 The Chairman observed that the WDC advice on how to respond to the invitation to comment appeared to restrict comment to any matters which proved that the statutory obligations had not been observed in compiling the Plan – ie "soundness", legality and process - in other words objections based solely on electors' concerns were not part of the consultation. Cllr Mrs Gordon did not think the constraints were that severe; she for example intended to comment upon the almost total lack of reference to agricultural land.
- 65 Mr Ray Bullen (Bishops Tachbrook) had been a long-time critic of WDC's proposals and had challenged its housing number assumptions and the accuracy of its predictions. By chance the ONS had published recently its mid-2012 analysis of WDC's population predictions and its figures were much nearer Mr Bullen's than WDC's; of note was ONS's identification of a likely over-provision in WDC and under-provision in Coventry.
- 66 At the instigation of Cllr Mrs Gordon, it was agreed to convene a Working Party to draft a response to WDC on the New Local Plan, including G&T sites, and, because the closure date for comment was before that of the next JPC, it should be mandated to represent the view of the JPC, if possible presenting a draft for comment to the Planning Committee scheduled 16th June..
Composition:

- Cllr Clay
- Cllr Mrs Gordon
- Cllr Hawkesford
- Cllr Mrs Longfield
- Cllr Murphy

Meeting: On 11 Jun 14 at 7:30pm at 4 Bridge Street, Barford.

Barford Neighbourhood Development Plan

67 Steady progress is being maintained.

Bishop Tachbrook Neighbourhood Development Plan

68 The JPC had been invited to comment upon this plan. The consensus was that it was a well-constructed document containing nothing detrimental to the JPC's interests. The Clerk was instructed to reply in those terms and to decline, with thanks, and invitation to attend Bishop Tachbrook's regular meeting of its working party, although that invitation would be passed to the Barford working party.

Any Other Business

69 Cllr Mrs Gordon gave a progress report on the installation of rural footway lighting in Sherbourne as the project nears completion.

Closure

70 There being no other business the meeting closed at 8:02pm.

Date of Next Meeting

71 The next meeting of the JPC is on Mon 14 Jul 14 at 7:30 pm in Barford Memorial Hall.

JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

BARFORD PLAYING FIELD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

*PLEASE PUT YOUR COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE IN THE BOX PROVIDED
OR AFTERWARDS AT THE VILLAGE SHOP*

Qu. 1: Overall, do you support the proposed approach to the layout?

Yes	47
No	3
No opinion	0

Qu. 2: Which parts of the proposals do you support or not support?

Facility	Support	Don't support	No opinion
Improved children's play area	46	1	3
Modest improvements to skate park	38	4	8
Multi-sports all-weather pitch	42	5	1
Tennis courts	40	7	2
Retention of football pitch	42	1	6
Perimeter path with benches/tables	47	0	1
Adult gym equipment	23	10	10
Resurfaced lane	50	0	0
Provision of toilet	40	2	6

Please make any other comments in the box below:

Not sure what adult gym equipment entails but will most adults go to a gym?
 Will we be able to maintain a toilet and prevent vandalism?
 Don't forget rubbish and dog mess bins.
 Provide barbecue bins here and there.
 Brilliant idea, I hope funding is successful.
 Excellent improvement scheme, all positive suggestions, great for the village.
 Provide an area for den building/imaginative play, eg. a wooded area.
 Could get local football clubs to consider use of the pitch as an overflow facility.
 Would like monkey bars in the play area.
 Main concern is that we retain areas like the swamp and the hidden away bits the children like to go in.
 The plans look beautiful but we shouldn't domesticate all the open spaces. There's an area adjacent to the 'swamp' that we could expand the wild area into so that the children can make their own structures and play in a less prescriptive way. This area should be as free as possible from intervention by adults and tidiers. This is particularly important now that we seem to be discouraging children from climbing trees and playing too 'wildly' on the village green. If we don't want the children to misuse the new park-like facilities we need to leave them a significant wild area.
 Do we need two tennis courts?
 Depends on what sort of adult gym equipment and where it is placed.

Current play area is age appropriate and well used. Much of the equipment in many playgrounds remains unused, so must be careful about what is done.

This seems like making very good provision for the village sports facilities.

Suggest an 'S' shaped climbing wall.

It's important that dog walkers can still use all of the field.

Like to retain the open aspect of the field.

Assume the football pitch will be marked but not too obvious. May be not have the central path cutting through the centre.

Congratulations on your progress so far – wonderful to see it taking shape.

Do it as soon as possible – great!

Children love the existing play equipment – perhaps just add to existing.

Could the multi-purpose sports pitch incorporate a tennis court – really feel it is over-developed. The area proposed for tennis courts is ideal for taking the dogs away from children's area and enjoy the recreation of socializing with pets. It's a beautiful field I use daily – please don't spoil it.

Not sure if tennis courts would be used very much due to the weather. They take up a lot of space.

Better kept as grassy area for dogs, etc.

Bowling green – where is it?

Please give priority to the path as everyone can use it and will be more likely to support fundraising.

Excellent proposal.

Long overdue – fantastic proposal.

At the moment the field is used as a car park for big village events, weddings, funerals, etc. Will this still be possible?

A dog agility course would provide both fun and exercise opportunities for all ages.

Lighting needed for courts – year round use if lit.

Parking needed, especially for residents of Wasperton and Sherbourne. We already have limited parking in the village.

Have one tennis court and one convertible for netball, basketball, etc.

Have token operated floodlights.

Toilet should locked and for school use only.

Keep/extend 'wild' area for children and wildlife in south-west corner.

Retain the use of overflow car park for village events.

Wooden climbing wall in children's play area.

Wild area to south of all-weather sports pitch with wooden den/hut and ropes and swings.

Excellent improvement – well done.

Well done.

Provide changing facilities/clubhouse for tennis/football.

I am concerned that a great deal of money will be spent on a project but that some of the facilities will get little use.

What provision is made for dog walkers who are the group who use the field the most?

The lane to the field is in an appalling state, especially when the weather is wet. I have slipped and fallen because of mud and holes and so have others I understand. I do hope it is repaired as soon as possible.

Please publish relevant statistics – number of replies and then the percentage of support/non-support.

Also costings for each proposal as none of this was available at the workshop.

Where do users park?

Site tennis courts nearer toilets. Shelter and toilet facilities are inadequate. Should provide a pavilion.

Provide lighting for multi-sports pitch to maximize usage.

Tennis courts should be a later addition – concerns over allocation of use.

Question the usage of football pitch.

Adult gym equipment should be permanent and outside the facility, close to shelter and toilets.

Toilets should be provided in a managed pavilion.

Concern that the facilities will make Barford a Class 1 village and therefore will have to accept more new houses.

Village needs a pavilion and this would be the perfect site. Would provide adequate shelter, toilets and a community facility.

Concerned that after a short time no-one will use the facilities and many people outside the village will use them.

Concerned about maintenance and vandalism.

It is the only open space for dogs. Dog owners use the field more than anyone else.

Are you interested in setting up or helping to run a sports club in the village?

Name	Contact phone no.	Sport(s)
Evie Griffin Colin Heap	01926 624455 01926 624993	Netball Depend on what it is - let me know when there's an idea.
Espen Osnaug ? Hannah Johns	07810 662277 07905 086768	Football Co-operative games, kid's yoga. Also would like to be involved in choice/design of play equipment.
Bill Worrall Mary Gray Hilary Rhead Amanda Griffin Patricia ? Rod Scott	01926 624407 01926 624076 01926 624416 01926 624455 01926 624507	Tennis Bowls

Are you or a family member associated with a local sports club that may be interested in using the facility for coaching on a 'feeder club' basis?

Name	Contact phone no.	Sport(s)
Evie Griffin - VP Tennis Rachel Burgess Tony Baker Amanda Griffin	01926 624455 Beehive Nursery 01926 624783 01926 624455	Tennis Tennis Tennis (VP Tennis at Leamington)