# **BARFORD SHERBOURNE & WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Parish Council held at Sherbourne Village Hall on Mon 9 Feb 15

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

# Opening

- 206 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm.
- 207 Apologies for absence were accepted.
- 208 The resignation of Cllr I Boak with effect on 6 Feb 15 was noted.
- 209 Two members of the public were present.

# **Declarations of Disclosable Interests**

210 As shown in the table below:

Name	Churchyard Maintenance Grant	Village Hall Grant
Mrs W Barlow		Prejudicial
R Clay		Personal
Mrs A Gordon		Prejudicial
M J Metcalfe	Personal	
J V Murphy	Personal	Prejudicial
A B Rhead	Personal	Prejudicial
N F J Thurley		Prejudicial

# **Public Participation**

211 Mr Rod Scott briefed the JPC on attempts to secure grants for the replacement of Barford Scout Hut.

## Appointment of Co-opted Member for Barford

212 The Chairman reported no further progress.

## Minutes of the Meeting of Council 12 Jan 15

213 The minutes were approved as a true record.

## **Matters Arising**

214 <u>Minute 203.2</u> Cllr Mrs Gordon drew attention to the maintenance of the bicycle route from the Longbridge roundabout into Barford saying it was in a lamentable state in Sherbourne. The Chairman undertook to bring this to the attention of Mr David Cross (WCC Area Engineer).

# Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 12 Jan 15

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

### Cash Book Balances as at 31 Jan 15

- 216 The JPC took note of the following cash balances
  - HSBC £14,507.21
  - Santander £57,877.80

## **Receipts and Payments**

217 The JPC endorsed the following:

Date	Payee/er	Category	Total
6 Jan 15	Barford Village Shop	Grant: BMH	200.00
10 Jan 15	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(588.03)
22 Jan 15	ICO	Subs: Information Commissioner	(35.00)
24 Jan 15	S&D Window Cleaners	Bus Shelters Maintenance	(45.00)
30 Jan 15	Salaries	Employment Expenses	(758.04)
30 Jan 15	Administration	Office Accommodation	(58.03)

#### **Grants for Churchyard Maintenance**

218 The JPC made the following grants:

- Barford £432.00
- Sherbourne £432.00
- Wasperton £432.00

## **Grants for Village Halls**

- 219 The JPC made the following grants:
  - Barford £1,140.00
  - Sherbourne £1,140.00
  - Wasperton £1,140.00
  - Barford Scout Hut £570

#### **Barford Leisure Improvement Scheme**

220 Steady progress was reported with the raising of £12.5k of local funding and several events were arranged for March 7th. As at the day of the meeting the Scheme held £101k of funds.

#### **Barford Neighbourhood Development Plan**

- 221 The Plan was now complete and ready for submission to Warwick District Council.
- 222 The JPC endorsed the submission.

#### Planning – Taylor Wimpey

- 223 Work on the Taylor Wimpy site will start within the month and the archaeological study was already underway with extensive earthworks.
- 224 The first £40k of the funding provided through the s106 agreement will be made available to the Barford Leisure Improvement Scheme immediately and the remainder at a later date to be agreed.
- 225 Cllr Mrs Barlow expressed concern that the works would exacerbate the problem with the Barford House Wall "pavement diversion" and would increase the danger to pedestrians in its vicinity.
- 226 Cllr Rhead said that at a forthcoming meeting on road and traffic safety with the Police and Highway Authority he would stress the need for this to be addressed. Already there were conditions

to create a "Traffic Plan" in the planning application about this and he would make plain to WDC the need for a safe road crossing at the site. Cllr Murphy would take the same message to WCC.

227 In addition there was a pressing need for an emergency edict to oblige the repair of the Barford House Wall. This too he would report to WCC with Cllr Rhead echoing that view at WDC.

#### Allotments - Charges 2016-17

- The JPC had set the charges for a standard 150m<sup>2</sup> plot for 2015-16 at £22.86.It is a legal requirement to set charges a year in advance so the charge for 2016-17 should be that for 2015-16 inflated by RPI (if positive).
- 229 It was agreed that at some future meeting the JPC should review the pricing structure.

#### **Review of Standing Orders**

230 The JPC reviewed Standing Orders and declared them fit for purpose.

# **Review of Financial Regulations**

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#### **Risk Assessment**

232 The JPC reviewed its Risk Assessment policy and declared it fit for purpose.

#### **Barford Speed Limits**

233 The Chairman told the meeting that residents of houses on Barford Hill who lived beyond the 30mph speed limit were seeking to have it extended. So far they had been fended off by WCC officers by the cost of any alteration but it could be a matter which gathered future momentum.

## **Any Other Business**

- 234 <u>Sherbourne Speed Limits.</u> Sherbourne councilors opined that the current speed limit on Watery Lane it too high. It is a D not a B road and its limit should be lowered from 40mph to 30mph. Cllr Murphy agreed to raise the matter once again with WCC
- 235 <u>Sherbourne Village Hall.</u> The Management Committee had secured a grant of £3,000 towards kitchen improvements from Warwick Rural West Community Forum.
- 236 <u>Sherbourne Street Lighting.</u> Six lamps have been out for a long time. Investigation shows that the long-life bulbs are not that, and an effort is being made to source a more efficient replacement and none would be replaced until a better solution was available.
- 237 Community Forum 29 Jan 15. Cllr Clay gave a summary of its proceedings.
- 238 <u>Longbridge Roundabout.</u> The lane markings are worn away (Cllr Clay) and some of the signage is inappropriate or confusing or both. This will be brought to the next meeting of the Community Forum and would in the meanwhile be raised by Cllr Murphy with WCC.

# Closure

239 There being no other business the meeting closed at 8:32pm.

# Date of Next Meeting

240 The next meeting of the JPC is on Monday 9 Mar 15 at 7:30 pm in Wasperton Village Hall.