

BARFORD SHERBOURNE & WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Parish Council
held at Sherbourne Village Hall
on Mon 13 Feb 17

Present:	Cllr J V Murphy (Chairman) Cllr: Mrs W Barlow, R Clay, H Gadsden, Mrs A Gordon, J M Hawkesford, T Merrygold, M J Metcalfe, S Morgan, Mrs R Newsome, Mrs K E Thomson, N F J Thurley, J T Wright
Apologies:	Cllr: A B Rhead,
In Attendance:	Cllr L Caborn (WCC)

Opening

- 210 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm
- 211 Two members of the public were present.
- 212 The "Protocol for the Reporting at Meetings of the Council or Committees" was taken as read by members of the JPC, and drawn to the attention of the public attending this meeting by means of printed leaflets.

Declarations of Disclosable Interests

- 213 The following declared a prejudicial interest in the agenda item "Grants for Community Centres" and absented themselves from the meeting whilst it was considered:
- Cllr Mrs Barlow
 - Cllr Mrs Gordon
 - Cllr Murphy
 - Cllr Mrs Thomson

Public Participation

- 214 There was none.

Minutes of the Meeting of Council 9 Jan 17

- 215 The minutes were approved as a true record.

Matters Arising

- 216 Minute 207. All trees on the forward part of the site of the Wasperton Lane development had been felled, in violation of the terms of the planning permission, in which a single oak had been nominated for retention and protection measures during development. WDC's initial response had been that this had been authorized but it ignored the fact that the site was in the Barford Conservation Area and no trees could be felled without explicit planning permission. The Chairman agreed to write to WDC expressing the JPC's outrage and insisting that those who had wilfully disregarded the rules should be identified and appropriate sanctions applied.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 9 Jan 17

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 30 Jan 17

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

Cash Book Balances as at 31 Jan 17

- 219 The JPC took note of the following cash balances
- HSBC(1) £88,748.48
 - HSBC(2) £2,480.96
 - Santander £51,330.97

Receipts and Payments

220 The JPC endorsed the following:

Date	Payee/er	Category	Total
3 Jan 17	Turners Heating	BLIS	(256.12)
5 Jan 17	Barford Village Shop	Grants: BLIS (BSC)	360.00
5 Jan 17	Santander	Bank Interest	10.87
9 Jan 17	MAG Consultancy	BLIS (BSC)	(31.14)
10 Jan 17	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(630.69)
12 Jan 17	Moore & Tibbits	BLIS	27.00
12 Jan 17	Barford Village Shop	BVGP	7,500.00
20 Jan 17	Information Commissioner	Subs: Information Commissioner	(35.00)
31 Jan 17	Salaries	Employment Expenses	(806.39)
31 Jan 17	Administration	Office Accommodation	(59.92)

Barford Village Green Project (BVGP)

221 During the course of negotiations with WDC for a grant for the project, a cheaper quote of £12,930 with a longer warranty of six years was obtained. This was acceptable to WDC. It means that with WDC providing a grant of half the cost (net of VAT) of £5,400 together with the Barford Village Shop (BVS) making a contribution of £7,500 and taking into account the £2,155 reclaimable VAT, the project is over-funded by £2,125 (subject to confirmation) without any JPC contribution.

222 Tax rules prevent the surplus being returned to BVS. The directors of BVS have asked therefore that it should be donated to the Barford Community Charity.

223 It is hoped to start the project as soon as better weather sets in; perhaps towards the end of March.

224 The JPC will be responsible for future repairs and maintenance.

Grants for Churchyard Maintenance

225 A grant of £445 was approved for each of the following for churchyard maintenance:

- Barford PCC
- Sherbourne PCC
- Wasperton PCC

Grants for Community Centres

226 The following grants were approved for Community Centres:

- Barford Memorial Hall £1,176
- Sherbourne Village Hall £1,176
- Wasperton Village Hall £1,176
- Barford Scout Hut £588

Barford Leisure Improvement Scheme

227 The Chairman gave a report:

- A request for additional lighting cannot be granted; the byelaws prohibit it. Any move to provide lighting would require public consultation, change of byelaws and planning permission.
- A road closure order is due on 27 Feb 17 for services installation (electricity and water).
- The paddock gates have been delivered and will be fitted over the next few weeks.
- The play surface area problems have been partly resolved with a large area having been totally renewed, but a small sink area has been identified in a new location.
- There is a need to consider pitch improvements over the next few years to improve turf performance.

Allotments - Charges 2018-19

228 The JPC had set the charges for a standard 150m² plot for 2017-18 at £23.34. It is a legal requirement to set charges a year in advance and therefore the JPC ruled that the charge for 2018-19 should be that for 2017-18 inflated by RPI (if positive).

Review of Standing Orders

- 229 The JPC has adopted the NALC Model Standing Orders which were amended on 8 Feb 16. The amended version had been circulated to members in anticipation of this agenda item. The JPC accepted the Clerk's recommendation and declared that the Standing Orders are fit for purpose.

Review of Financial Regulations

- 230 It is good practice to review Financial Regulations on a regular basis. The current version was adopted by the JPC on 15 Dec 08 and reviewed regularly since. The JPC accepted the Clerk recommendation and approved them as fit for purpose.

Risk Assessment

- 231 The JPC assessed the significant risks to achieving its objectives and reviewed the adequacy of arrangements to manage these. The JPC judged that it had met those objectives.

Barford Youth and Community Centre (BYCC)

- 232 The regular progress report is at Annex A.
- 233 Cllr Mrs Barlow sought guidance on the availability of s106 monies. She was advised that, in the first instance, it was the responsibility of BYCC to seek external funding possibly by approaching developers. To that end, Cllr Hawkesford volunteered to use his contacts to get her an introduction to Spitfire. Concerning s.106 funding, it was usual to approach developers and WDC at the time of application and/or determination.

Any Other Business

- 234 Parking Sandy Way. Cllr Mrs Barlow drew attention to the dire problems of parking in Sandy Way and suggested that unused land in the vicinity might be converted to car parks. Cllr Caborn undertook to investigate.
- 235 Barford Burrows Parking. Parking in Barford Burrows continues to be chaotic and potentially dangerous, caused in large part by the car owners using the Barford Exchange. The relevant authority to control this is the police, but efforts to involve them have been unsuccessful. The Chairman will contact the PCSO to expedite action.
- 236 Westham Lane. The occupants of some of the new houses in Westham Lane have created unauthorized pedestrian access to the lane through gaps in the garden hedge. Not only is this unsafe but also it mars the hedge which is an important aspect of the street scene. The attention of WDC Planning Enforcement would be drawn to this by the Chairman.
- 237 Bus Shelters on the A46. Cllr Mrs Gordon made a case for new bus shelters on either side of the A46. This will be considered at the next JPC meeting.

Closure

- 238 There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:35pm

Date of Next Meeting

- 239 The next meeting of the JPC is on Mon 14 Mar 16 at 7:30 pm in Wasperton Village Hall.

BARFORD YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

UPDATE FOR JPC - February 2017

Major Grant Applications

These cannot realistically be made until we have all the factors in place to enable us to proceed with the building. These are

- Long lease - we have the Diocesan response - a couple of clauses to confirm
- Hut design – Quotes now reduced (but size reduced and a basic specification used) so we are still in process.
- Storage building – design agreed – supplier found
- Planning permission. Constructive meeting with WDC – Starting to prepare plans for both storage and main building and submit them for approval.
- Local Support – this has, and continues to be, amply demonstrated.
- Now have over £21,000 in funds

We are presently working on preparing a planning application and have set up a dialogue with Kendrick- builders of 8 houses adjacent to our site. We are hoping to get some support (both practical and financial) from them.

We would like to investigate the possibility of obtaining S106 funding from Spitfire who are building 25 houses by the bridge in the village. The following is an extract from an e-mail from Rob Lilburn – WDC Planning:

S106 funds: developers generally will identify schemes in consultation with parish councils. I would therefore suggest approaching the parish council in the first instance in seeking to identify available funds or possible contributions.