

## BARFORD SHERBOURNE & WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Parish Council  
held at Wasperton Village Hall  
on Mon 20 Mar 17

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

### Opening

240 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm

241 No members of the public were present.

### Declarations of Disclosable Interests

242 None was declared

### Public Participation

243 There was none.

### Minutes of the Meeting of Council 13 Feb 17

244 The minutes were approved as a true record.

### Matters Arising

245 Minute 216.

245.1 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 had written to WDC expressing the JPC's outrage and insisting that those who had wilfully disregarded the rules should be identified and appropriate sanctions applied. The subsequent response had been that the tree was deemed not worthy of a TPO and therefore WDC officers were not prepared to pursue the matter.

245.2 In addition it was noted that the whole of the front wall had been demolished whereas the planning permission required the gateway and the wall to the east to be retained. These would be reinstated.

245.3 Cllr Mrs Barlow had observed unexplained and unauthorized excavation on the site and had drawn this to the attention of the chief enforcement officer; this adduced no satisfactory explanation. Cllr Phillips said he would take the matter up with WDC's CEO and asked Cllr Mrs Barlow to provide him with as much additional detail as possible.

246 Minute 234. Parking Sandy Way. Cllr Mrs Barlow had drawn 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 promised to investigate this further.

247 Minute 235. Bremridge Close area Parking. Parking in or near Bremridge Close 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 had recently contacted the PCSO to expedite action but had been told that the parking was legal. That being so, some believed that there was a need for more yellow lines. The Chairman and Cllr Caborn agreed to inspect the site at peak times to establish the extent of the problem and look into any possible remedial actions.

248 Minute 236. Westham Lane. The occupants of one of the new houses(No 37) in Nursery Meadows, backing onto Westham Lane have created unauthorized pedestrian access to the lane through gaps in the established site 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 had been drawn to this by the Chairman but the response had been “hopeless”. He intended to return to the matter by providing before and after pictures. In this he received a promise of assistance from Cllr Phillips who will take the matter up with senior officers at WDC.

#### Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 13 Feb 17

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

#### Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 27 Feb 17

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

#### Cash Book Balances as at 28 Feb 17

251 The JPC took note of the following cash balances

- HSBC(1) £78,629.36
- HSBC(2) £2,705.08
- Santander £51,341.87

#### Receipts and Payments

252 The JPC endorsed the following:

Date	Payee/er	Category	Total
1 Feb 17	Santander	Bank Interest	10.90
1 Feb 17	MFM Services	BLIS (BSC)	(120.00)
1 Feb 17	MFM Services	Mowing Charges	(398.00)
1 Feb 17	WALC	Printing and Stationery	(76.50)
1 Feb 17	Information Commissioner	Subs: Information Commissioner	(35.00)
6 Feb 17	BCC	BLIS (BSC)	344.12
10 Feb 17	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(630.69)
13 Feb 17	Viking	Printing and Stationery	(30.46)
13 Feb 17	S&D Window Cleaners	Bus Shelters Maintenance	(60.00)
13 Feb 17	S&D Window Cleaners	Bus Shelters Maintenance	(45.00)
13 Feb 17	S&D Window Cleaners	Bus Shelters Maintenance	(45.00)
15 Feb 17	Sherbourne PCC	Grants: Churchyard Maintenance	(445.00)
15 Feb 17	Wasperton PCC	Grants: Churchyard Maintenance	(445.00)
15 Feb 17	Sherbourne Village Hall	Grants: Community Centres	(1,176.00)
15 Feb 17	Wasperton Village Hall	Grants: Community Centres	(1,176.00)
15 Feb 17	Barford Scout Hut	Grants: Community Centres	(588.00)
15 Feb 17	Centrewire	BLIS	(262.80)
15 Feb 17	Barford PCC	Grants: Churchyard Maintenance	(445.00)
20 Feb 17	Jupiter	BLIS	(3,380.62)
20 Feb 17	Sherbourne Village Hall	Venue Hire	(65.00)
28 Feb 17	Salaries	Employment Expenses	(806.39)
28 Feb 17	Administration	Office Accommodation	(59.92)

#### Barford Leisure Improvement Scheme

253 The Chairman gave a progress report:

- The water supply has been connected
- Mains electricity has been connected to the cabinet
- Electricity meter to be installed on 28 Mar 17
- Snagging repairs on tennis court are underway; to be painted in better weather
- Still awaiting resolution of Miracle play area surface
- Still awaiting installation of path and gates on Rectory Paddock
- Natural logs area still to be agreed
- Volunteer maintenance programme working well

#### Barford Youth and Community Centre

254 A progress report by Cllr Mrs Barlow is at Annex A.

## **Review of Approach to Unauthorised Encampments**

255 Cllr Phillips presented a paper he had drafted for WDC on the continuing problem of dealing with Gypsies and Travellers in Warwick District; it was well received. During the course of the subsequent discussion there was a consensus that the Highways Authority had little grasp of the problems confronting villages when their lands are illegally occupied by these itinerants. Representatives of HA would be available in Sherbourne on 28<sup>th</sup> March, and the opportunity to arrange a discussion with them was taken, and a gathering (convened by Cllr Caborn - which is neither a formal JPC meeting nor a public meeting but rather a symposium) was subsequently arranged for that day at 7:00pm in Sherbourne Village Hall, to which all members of the JPC and other elected members were invited.

## **Extra Bus Stops on A46**

256 At the last meeting, this subject was mooted. It was decided to continue to investigate the provision of these structures. The following was agreed:

- The JPC has the power to provide and maintain shelters under Local Government Misc. Provisions Act 1953 s 4
- A cost benefit analysis of the provision was required
- The likely costs quoted were thought to be inflated (Cllr Caborn would attempt to validate the likely costs)
- Even with more affordable costs, the project would consume a major portion of the JPC's reserves, so external financial support would be required.

## **Any Other Business**

257 Local Plan Update. A briefing note had been circulated to members. Of particular interest was the fact that the housing allocation Wasperton Lane, Barford (H47) had been removed. The Chairman suggested that this might prove a disincentive for the Gladman Land proposals for a further 135 houses on land south of sandy Way, Barford.

## **Closure**

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

## **Date of Next Meeting**

259 The next meeting of the JPC is the Annual Meeting on Mon 8 May 17 at 7:30 pm in Barford Memorial Hall.

**BARFORD YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**UPDATE FOR JPC - March 2017**

As well as 30 -40 people attending café morning each week, 35 people attending Art and Sewing most weeks, ten folks doing mobility on Wednesdays and the 70-80 uniformed groups we are going ahead with the Dementia Support group on Thurs afternoons.

Planning permission forms are going in for the new storage units. As soon as these are approved the storage units will be erected. The supplier (after many quotes) is Warwick Buildings. The trustees have also approved this.

The main building has been narrowed down to 2 final tenders.

The lease has finally been agreed with Church authorities.

Our Funding officer has updated the spreadsheet showing which funds we will be applying for and dates thereof. The business plan has also been updated as appropriate for each major fund application.

I am reasonably sure some money or help will be coming from the builders Spitfire and Kendricks towards this project.

Local fundraising continues with:

- A Saint Georges Day Event
- Barford Field Festival Day

All Councillors are invited to the Tues Café to see what a vibrant and important weekly lifeline this is for so many people. The Scout Hut project is not a particularly “Glamorous” project but has huge support. The people who attend the various activities are from all areas of the village and all backgrounds. It has led to the support of many other organised events such as bowls, plays, lunch club.