

## BARFORD SHERBOURNE & WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Parish Council held at Sherbourne Village Hall  
on Mon 9 Oct 17

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| <b>Present:</b>   | Cllr: T Merrygold, (Chairman)<br>Mrs W Barlow, R Clay, H Gadsden, Mrs A Gordon, Mrs D Haynes, Mrs V Hunt,<br>M J Metcalfe, S Morgan, Mrs R Newsome, Mrs K E Thomson, N F J Thurley,<br>J T Wright |
| <b>Apologies:</b> | Cllr: J M Hawkesford, J V Murphy, A B Rhead,  |

### Opening

124 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm

125 No members of the public were present.

### Reporting at Meetings

126 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

127 None was declared.

### Public Participation

128 There was none.

### Minutes of the Meeting of Council 4 Sep 17

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

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 4 Sep 17

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

### Cash Book Balances as at 30 Sep 17

131 The JPC took note of the following cash balances:

- HSBC(1) £53,385.49
- HSBC(2) £ 5,433.15
- Santander £51,416.44

### Receipts and Payments

132 The JPC endorsed the following:

| Date     | Payee/er             | Category                | Total      |
|----------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------|
| 1 Sep 17 | Speed Ramps UK Ltd   | Open Spaces Maintenance | (64.80)    |
| 1 Sep 17 | Mark R Edwards       | BLIS: BSC               | (600.00)   |
| 1 Sep 17 | Countryside Services | War Memorial Wasperton  | (25.00)    |
| 1 Sep 17 | HMRC                 | VAT BLIS                | 4,241.52   |
| 1 Sep 17 | HMRC                 | VAT                     | 456.06     |
| 2 Sep 17 | Frank Mann Farmers   | Mowing Charges          | (883.20)   |
| 2 Sep 17 | Smith Construction   | BLIS                    | (1,032.14) |

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| 2 Sep 17  | Tracey Heselton | Open Spaces Maintenance       | (70.00)   |
| 4 Sep 17  | Bank Interest   | Bank Interest                 | 10.91     |
| 4 Sep 17  | Craftmaster     | BLIS                          | (250.00)  |
| 4 Sep 17  | MAG Consultancy | BLIS: BSC                     | (34.98)   |
| 8 Sep 17  | E.on            | Open Spaces Maintenance       | (15.75)   |
| 10 Sep 17 | J T Windows     | Bus Shelters Maintenance      | (45.00)   |
| 10 Sep 17 | HMRC            | Employment Expenses           | (636.00)  |
| 14 Sep 17 | WALC            | Training and Seminar Expenses | (30.00)   |
| 20 Sep 17 | Viking          | Printing and Stationery       | (31.42)   |
| 20 Sep 17 | Sainsbury's     | Open Spaces Maintenance       | (38.98)   |
| 20 Sep 17 | Misc            | BLIS: BSC                     | 500.00    |
| 25 Sep 17 | WDC             | Council Tax Reduction Scheme  | 471.50    |
| 25 Sep 17 | WDC             | Precept                       | 21,791.50 |
| 27 Sep 17 | Tracey Heselton | Open Spaces Maintenance       | (40.00)   |
| 30 Sep 17 | Salaries        | Employment Expenses           | (810.58)  |
| 30 Sep 17 | Administration  | Office Accommodation          | (61.00)   |

### Barford Leisure Improvement Scheme

- 133 Cllr Murphy had delivered a written report:
- Continued good use – very busy at times
  - Few parking of neighbour issues of late
  - Use of training lights has been very successful, especially with Netball and Dads' Footy – no reports back from tennis to date.
  - Surface repairs have been carried out on the children's play area at nil cost – warranty claim. The surface will be monitored for any further deterioration.
  - BUFC doing very well and placed in a higher league – which has resulted in more home games due to pitch availability
  - This has required more frequent mowing – extra cuts beings sponsored by BUFC
  - Pitch analysis suggests that lack of active pitch maintenance over many years now requires addressing and a long-term plan is needed, hopefully to be funded by s.106 monies due from the forthcoming TW development
  - Short term action of spiking (verti-draining), fertilizing and weed-killing has been instigated using residual funds
  - MUGA maintenance contract has been renewed at four visits per year

### Gypsies and Travellers

- 134 The Chairman gave a brief history of the two illegal encampments in Sherbourne this year, and a third forestalled by the quick-witted farmer who blocked access to the site with a farm trailer.
- 135 Attention was being focused on the problem, but the Chairman expressed himself unenthused by the WDC briefing which, he found, offered few, if any, solutions to the problem.
- 136 A meeting of WALC Warwick (similarly devoted to this matter), which was attended by other members of the JPC, was equally bereft, although an explanation of the powers available through a Section 61 Order was found informative.

### Bus Stops on the A46

- 137 The Chairman revealed additional information he had gleaned since this matter was last discussed:
- The sides of bus shelters on the main highway must be transparent.
  - The JPC would not require planning permission for them.
  - The estimated project cost for two shelters was £10k.

- Stagecoach had estimated passenger demand at this point on the route to be two adults and three school children each day.

138 Cllr Mrs Gordon said her enquiries revealed the passenger demand was likely to fall. Under these circumstances, she did not consider the project to be good value for money and recommended it should be shelved until a better justification was forthcoming. The JPC endorsed that view.

### **Barford Youth and Community Centre (BY&CC)**

139 Cllr Mrs Barlow reported:

- Local Support is still terrific. As an example, one of our Coffee Morning Ladies died a few weeks ago and at her bequest the money raised at her funeral was given towards the new Scout Hut Funds.
- The concrete base for the new storage units has been booked for the end of November so the new units should be up before Christmas.
- Plans are now nearly complete for the new building itself and planning permission for this will be applied for by the end of October.
- The Heritage apple tree that has been a bit of a problem has been properly pruned and looks good. The roots should not now limit the width of the build.
- The new 30-year-old lease has finally been signed so major grants can now be applied for.

140 She then turned to the subject of funding, hoping that BY&CC might benefit from Section 106 monies coming into the village, and noting that the lion's share of that already received had gone to King George's Field (KGF).

141 Cllr Clay made the distinction that the JPC owned KGF and therefore had a duty to prioritize its financial support, whereas BY&CC was not, and consequently lower on the priority list.

142 The Chairman said that in his dealings with WDC over the allocation of s106 funds, his suggestions, in priority order were:

- KGF.
- BY&CC.
- Maintenance of the path passing KGF towards the present Scout Hut.
- Hardening sites against Gypsy and Traveller intrusions.

That apart, funding the project was not the direct responsibility of the JPC, but this did not preclude a request to the JPC for financial assistance later.

### **Bremridge Close Area Parking**

143 Cllr Caborn reported that an on-site meeting had taken place and that the results of the reconnaissance were being studied and that recommendations would be forthcoming.

### **Any Other Business**

144 Sand and Gravel. Cllr Caborn brought the news that the reserves of sand and gravel required to be identified by WDC had been reduced to 6.525m tons. This change could well influence the choice of sites, and a further public consultation will be required. He said consultation could continue for another year; so another year of uncertainty.

### **Closure**

145 There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:20pm.

**Date of Next Meeting**

146 The next meeting of the JPC is on Mon 13 Nov 17 at 7:30 pm in Wasperton Village Hall.