

BARFORD SHERBOURNE & WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Parish Council
held at Sherbourne Village Hall
on Mon 12 Feb 18

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

Opening

- 200 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm
- 201 No members of the public were present.
- 202 The "Protocol for the Reporting at Meetings of the Council or Committees" was taken as read by members of the JPC, and would have been drawn to the attention of the public attending this meeting (had there been any) by means of printed leaflets.

Declarations of Disclosable Interests

- 203 The following declared a personal interest in the agenda item "Grants for Churchyard Maintenance" by virtue of their association with the relevant parochial church council:
- Cllr Metcalfe
 - Cllr Murphy
 - Cllr Rhead
- 204 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 Newsome

Public Participation

- 205 There was none.

Minutes of the Meeting of Council 8 Jan 18

- 206 The minutes were approved as a true record.

Matters Arising

- 207 Minute 193. After the meeting Cllr Caborn provided the following policy statement on traffic mirrors:

The Warwickshire County Council does not supply or give agreement to the erection of mirrors on public highways for which it is the highway authority. A mirror would be an obstruction on the highway which could make the person or organisation responsible for placing the mirror liable in the event of an accident.

Mirrors can give a distorted view of the road and a misleading impression of the speed of approaching vehicles. Convex mirrors will not give a clear view of smaller vehicles, such as motorcycles and pedal cycles. Flat mirrors have a very limited field of view.

Mirrors can cause drivers to feel a sense of security when entering a main road, to such an extent that due care may not be taken when completing the manoeuvre.

Mirrors have been erected in various places but will normally have been placed on private property, clear of the public highway.

- 207 Minute 195. Cllr Hawkesford's suspicion that the new signs at the Joseph Arch pub did not have planning permission was correct in fact but false in the assumption it was required (stated by Cllr Rhead).

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 8 Jan 18

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

Cash Book Balances as at 31 Jan 18

209 The JPC took note of the following cash balances

- HSBC(1) £41,468.18
- HSBC(2) £5,948.15
- Santander £51,480.92

Receipts and Payments

210 The JPC endorsed the following:

Date	Payee/er	Category	Total
2 Jan 18	M Griffin	BLIS: BSC	155.00
3 Jan 18	HMRC	VAT BLIS	527.29
3 Jan 18	HMRC	VAT	687.92
4 Jan 18	MAG Consultancy	BLIS: BSC	(144.00)
4 Jan 18	MAG Consultancy	BLIS:BSC	(31.02)
10 Jan 18	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(636.00)
30 Jan 18	MAG Consultancy	BLIS: BSC	(30.90)
30 Jan 18	MAG Consultancy	BLIS: BSC	(801.54)
30 Jan 18	Netball Girls	BLIS: BSC	250.00
31 Jan 18	Salaries	Employment Expenses	(810.58)
31 Jan 18	Administration	Office Accommodation	(61.00)

Grants for Churchyard Maintenance

211 A grant of £462 was approved for each of the following for churchyard maintenance:

- Barford PCC
- Sherbourne PCC
- Wasperton PCC

Grants for Community Centres

212 The following grants were approved for Community Centres:

- Barford Memorial Hall £1,200
- Sherbourne Village Hall £1,200
- Wasperton Village Hall £1,200
- Barford Scout Hut £600

Barford Leisure Improvement Scheme

213 Cllr Murphy gave a report:

- There has been no resolution of the dispute over Severn Trent's additional charges
- Pitch maintenance is a matter of concern
- The verge in Church Lane is being damaged by irresponsible drivers driving over it. WCC has no funds for repairs but Cllr Caborn promised to investigate means of solving the problem.

Allotments - Charges 2019-20

214 The JPC set the charges for a standard 150m² plot for 2018-19 at £24.25. It is a legal requirement to set charges a year in advance and therefore the charge for 2019-20 was set at that for 2018-19 inflated by RPI (if positive).

- 215 The Clerk drew to the attention of members the view held by the Chairman of the Bank of England that the Retail Price Index was a very poor tool for measuring inflation, sometimes overstating it by as much as 0.9%, and that he (the Chairman) preferred the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and would make efforts to have RPI replaced by it. This being the case, the JPC agreed to consider, in one year's time, the wording of Minute 214 above for 2020-21.

Review of Standing Orders

- 216 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

- 217 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

- 218 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)

- 219 Cllr Mrs Barlow reported:

Lease

30-year Lease agreed with Diocese – signed and completed October 2017

Storage Building

Planning permission for revised position obtained.

The Site was prepared and concreting was completed on 10th February. the erection of the building for w/c 19th February

Main Building

Planning – Permission has been granted – without the additional entrance from Wasperton Lane.

Copied at end of this report.

There have been regular meetings with the architect and he will take us through the next phase which is to add a specification document to the planning permission drawings to enable quotes to be produced. This document will cover:

- Design standards
- Materials for windows and doors, floor coverings
- Electrical (heating and lighting)
- Mechanical (Plumbing & drainage)

Some PC sums will be included for items such as Kitchen equipment,

We plan to get documents issued by end February, quotes in by end March.

We are looking for a 'Design and Build' contract so that there is no confusion over responsibility for any problems.

We will require a fast build time, maximum 5 months but preferably 3.

The Architect will lead us through this process and we have asked him to prepare an invoice with details of the work he will be doing.

We do need to revise our business plan to reflect this and to establish a time frame for the process. We know we need help with this.

Finance

In Project Account on 22 nd January 2018:	£30,571.27
Bills paid so far:	£ 9,336.57
Total amount raised since 15 May 2015*:	£39,907.84
Commitments	
Groundwork for Storage Building	£1,500.00
Balance to pay on Storage Building	£6,750.00
Total	£8,250.00

Net Funds available at 22 nd January	£22,321.27
*This includes £3,000.00 from the "2 nd May Charitable Trust", £2,500.00 from the Norton Foundation and £1,357.50 from Wellesbourne Lions; the rest is all local fundraising	

Battle's Over

220 The nature of the JPC's contribution to the marking of the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1 was discussed. The Barford Heritage group plans an event on 11th November, the bell ringers at Sherbourne were rehearsing for a special peal and it was believed that Barford School would also contribute. In the light of this multiple response it was decided that the JPC should not stage its own effort, rather it would seek to provide assistance if requested.

"Tree" Sign on Barford Village Green

221 The sign was commissioned and purchased by the Barford Heritage Group (BHG). It is generally regarded as a "village asset", but it is not. Until it is, any expenditure on its maintenance and modification cannot enjoy the benefit of VAT relief. To regularize this position, it is proposed (and BHG agrees) that it be donated to the JPC. The Heads of Terms for this transfer are:

- BHG donates the sign to the JPC.
- BHG is appointed stewards of the sign by the JPC.
- The stewards recommend to the owners what works are required to keep the sign in good repair and current.
- The JPC approves the expenditure, and authorizes the stewards to have the work done.
- The invoice, addressed to the JPC, is settled by the JPC.
- BHG is able, at any time, to make a donation to the JPC expressing a preference (but no obligation) for it to be used for the sign.

222 The JPC agreed to accept the donation on these terms.

Any Other Business

223 Cllr Caborn:

- Reported that painting yellow lines in Bremridge Close was top priority for next year.
- Delivered a summary of WCC's financial planning (Annex A)

224 Cllr Rhead informed members:

- WDC Planning Enforcement had confirmed that the controversial wall in the Kendrick development was 90% within the planning requirements. The two pillars however are not in accordance with the agreed drawings and must be rebuilt.
- Nothing significant had happened on the Bremridge Close development; proof positive, he claimed, that WDC was in control of the situation, with its embargo on starting until all the required preparatory measures had been completed placing a positive constraint on the developer.
- When he had been chairman of the WDC planning committee, he had striven to have s106 monies spent on improving the northern access from Barford onto the bypass. But they had been spent elsewhere. He now returned to that cause, arguing that the s106 monies from Taylor Wimpey should be ring-fenced for the purpose. Cllr Caborn undertook to investigate the matter and report to the next meeting.
- He thought it a good idea to invite planning officers from WDC to attend meetings of the JPC or Planning Committee or both, the better to acquaint them with the real problems as viewed from a local level.

225 Cllr Mrs Gordon ask if there had been a response from Highways England about gypsy-proof fencing. The Chairman said there had not and that he would pursue the matter.

Closure

226 There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:48pm

Date of Next Meeting

227 The next meeting of the JPC is on Mon 12 Mar 18 at 7:30 pm in Wasperton Village Hall.

Warwickshire County Council will invest:

£2.5 million in an ambitious Digital Transformation Programme. Expectations around digital access and ease of doing things online have increased and will continue to grow at pace. Or Kaur will expand on this in her speech.

Generate additional capital so we can invest in the infrastructure of our County, including investing £200,000 in digital fibre optic hubs to enhance access to high speed communications in local communities.

We shall invest £330,000 to convert six school-based children's centres into specialist provision for pupils with special educational needs.

£100,000 to expand the capacity of our transport planning team to maximise the funding received from developers to deliver the infrastructure requirements associated with housing and business growth across the county. Such is the growth we are experiencing in Warwickshire we need to strengthen our capacity to meet that demand and deliver projects on time.

£108,000 to maintain our library network, including Sunday opening, and to work with local communities to support the enhanced delivery of services from across our authority and community-managed libraries.

£100,000 to support the digitalisation of our heritage collection, this will take the form of a 'Digital Heritage Festival and will link into the Coventry Year of Culture and Warwickshire after World War 1.

£120,000 to work with partners to support the year of well-being.

£150,000 to work with partners on a joint project to integrate help for those in need of support due to mental health issues, homelessness and drug abuse. (Homelessness has become a big issue for the Districts and Boroughs and the underlying causes are more complicated than some would have us believe. Drug and Alcohol abuse, mental health, family breakdowns, gambling addiction, learning difficulties. So, we will be trialling in partnership with the District and Boroughs a more holistic approach to dealing with homelessness.)