

BARFORD SHERBOURNE & WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Joint Parish Council
held as a video meeting
on Mon 8 Mar 21

Present	Cllr T Merrygold, (Chairman) Cllr: Mrs W Barlow, J D Billingham, R Clay, H Gadsden, J M Hawkesford, Mrs V Hunt, G Jackson, Mrs L M Jones, M J Metcalfe, J V Murphy, M J Sheard, Mrs K E Thomson, N F J Thurley
Apologies:	Cllr: Mrs D E Haynes, Mrs R Newsome,
In Attendance:	Cllr: L Caborn (WCC), Cllr J Matecki (WDC), PC J Whittaker (Warks Police), PC M Gisbourne-Hanks (Warks Police)

Opening

139 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm

140 No members of the public joined the meeting.

Declarations of Disclosable Interests

141 None was declared.

[PC Whittaker joined the meeting]

Police Liaison

142 PC Whittaker and Gisbourne-Hanks reported:

- Agricultural Vehicles in Barford. The alleged infringements of the Highway Code and parking constraints by heavy agricultural vehicles in Barford had been reported to Traffic Division which plans to mount a stop/check operation there by April.
- King George's Field. She had visited KGF to investigate anti-social behaviour by visitors, both by monitoring behaviour and checking car registration numbers. No breaches of the Covid safety measures were observed.
- Ill-behaved Children on Bicycles. The culprits had been identified and their parents made aware of the likely consequences of such behaviour.
- Speeding on the A429. Responding to Cllr Thurley's observations on the excessive speed of some traffic on this road, she undertook to bring the matter to the attention of the Traffic Division.

[PC Whittaker left the meeting]

Public Participation

143 There was none.

Minutes of the Meeting of Council on 8 Feb 21

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 1 Feb 21

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

Cashbook Balances as at 28 Feb 21

146 The JPC noted:

HSBC(1)	£64,465.45
HSBC(2)	£20,419.31
Santander	£52,231.69

Receipts and Payments

147 The JPC endorsed the following:

Date	Payee	Category	Total
1 Feb 21	Bank interest	Bank interest	0.44
1 Feb 21	WDC	BLIS:KGF	29,020.83
8 Feb 21	Turpin	Bus Shelters Maintenance	(55.00)
10 Feb 21	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(690.00)
15 Feb 21	Frank Mann Farmers	Mowing charges	(40.62)
19 Feb 21	E.on	Open Spaces Maintenance	(137.32)
25 Feb 21	BYCC	Allotment Water Charges	(139.02)
25 Feb 21	Salaries	Employment Expenses	(885.00)
25 Feb 21	Administration	Office Accommodation	(66.00)

King George's Field

148 The salient points from Cllr Murphy's briefing:

- The site is drying out and becoming increasingly busy which reintroduces the problem of over-parking in the area.
- The springer had failed again and has now been repaired locally.
- There is to be a phased release of facilities from lockdown:
 - Tennis court
 - Outdoor gym
 - MUGA dependent on further advice/guidance and local conditions (plus for Barford School prior to 29th March by arrangement)
 - Goalposts reinstalled after reseeding and a recovery period
- The allotment path repairs are out for a quote with a detailed specification.
- A new booking system for KGF facilities will become operational in a few days.

Sandy Way Barford

149 Options for improving parking in Sandy Way will be circulated by the Chairman for comments from nearby residents he having first obtained estimated costs from Mr David Cross (WCC).

Barford Youth & Community Centre

150 Cllr Mrs Barlow gave an update. There were no matters arising.

Barford Community Orchard

150 The JPC considered a proposal put forward by the bar Zero group to plant a hedge about 450m long from the gate at the north end of the orchard down to Forge Cottage, comprising native hedging (hawthorn, blackthorn, dog rose, crab apple, hazel and the like) at an estimated cost of:

- Native hedging whips (7 per metre) 3150 plants: £2,100
- Canes and bio-degradable protectors @ 70p per plant: £2,205
- Contractors to plant the hedge: approx. £1,350
- Total £5,655

151 The JPC was receptive to the notion, but prevented from deciding until some uncertainties were resolved:

- Is the JPC empowered to plant along the whole alignment?
- Bar Zero and JPC would prefer the hedge outside the orchard boundary on WCC highway land
- Is the Biodiversity Offset Levy a source of funding?
- Will Bar Zero Barford be a partner in this project?
- Ongoing maintenance implications and costs
- It was also suggested to try and get whips donated from J&A Growers at the end of the season (to keep the cost down)

152 It was decided that a first priority was to invite a WCC representative (Mr David Cross) to a site meeting to establish what could be achieved.

Any Other Business

153 Wasperton Bus Shelter. Cllr Thurley lamented the failure to complete the rebuild. The Chairman together with the Vice-Chairman will seek to resolve the issue in the most cost-effective manner.

154 Bremridge Close. Cllr Mrs Hunt's request to have the use by the JPC of the unused tract of land at the Bremridge Close project site added to the agenda for the next JPC meeting was granted. Cllr Murphy had already established contact with Darren Farmer, Regional Technical Director, Taylor Wimpey Midlands on this matter.

155 Road Crossings in Barford. Cllr Caborn proposed a virtual meeting by JPC representatives with Mr Graham Stanley (WCC) to agree the final details of the project.

Closure

156 There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8:52pm.

Date of Next Meeting

157 The next meeting of the JPC is the Annual Meeting on Tue 4 May 21 at 7:30 pm by video conferencing.