

BARFORD SHERBOURNE & WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Joint Parish Council held in Barford Memorial Hall on Mon 9 Sep 24

Present:	Chairman: Cllr J V Murphy Cllr: J T Barrott, J D Billingham, R Clay, H Gadsden, J M Hawkesford, G Jackson, Mrs S Jarret, T Merrygold, Mrs Rachel Newsome, B Ranner, M J Sheard Mrs L A Wallis
Apologies:	Cllr: P B Phillips, Mrs K E Thomson
In attendance:	Cllr J Matecki (WDC/WCC)

Opening

66 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm.

Declarations of Disclosable Interests

67 Cllr Barrott declared an interest in Barford Relief in Need Charity as an existing Trustee.
Cllr Hawkesford declared an interest in Opus Villages.

Public Participation

68 Two members of the public attended the meeting.

Minutes of JPC Meeting 8th July 24 and JPC Extraordinary Meeting 5th August 24

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

Minutes of JPC Planning Committee Meeting held on 8th July 24, 29th July 23 and 29th Aug 24

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

Financial Report

71.1 Cash Book Balances as at 31st August 2024

- HSBC £124,608.99
- Santander £76,429.41

The JPC took note.

71.2 Receipts and Payments

Date	Payee	Category	Total
01 Jul 24	Stripe	BSC	80.35
04 Jul 24	Booker (JVM)	KGF	-18.00
04 Jul 24	Frank Mann Farmers	KGF	-797.76
04 Jul 24	Countryside Services	War Memorial Wasperton	-31.00
14 Jul 24	BYCC	Allotments Water	-63.00
14 Jul 24	J F & G S Johnson	Postage Costs (Allotment Contracts)	-90.20
14 Jul 24	Cool Breeze Technology	Office Admin	-110.00
16 Jul 24	HMRC	Employment Expenses PAYE/ERNI	-1,001.85
21 Jul 24	HSBC Charges	Bank Charges	-8.00
23 Jul 24	Aspen Gardening Services	Rodent Control (Mole)	-100.00
25 Jul 24	JPC Office	Office Accommodation	-80.00
29 Jul 24	Employee 1	Employment Expenses Salaries	-978.58
29 Jul 24	Employee 2	Employment Expenses Salaries	-954.65

Date	Payee	Category	Total
01 Aug 24	Nest First Payment	Employment Expenses Pension	-162.92
01 Aug 24	Stripe	BSC	120.30
01 Aug 24	Santander Interest	Interest	67.59
02 Aug 24	Paul Hunt Electrical	KGF	-382.58
02 Aug 24	DCK Payroll Solutions Ltd	Payroll Services	-189.00
02 Aug 24	WaterPlus	KGF	-94.39
02 Aug 24	Paul Hunt Electrical	KGF	-660.64
02 Aug 24	Online Playgrounds	OSM	-258.80
13 Aug 24	Frank Mann Farmers	KGF	-651.61
13 Aug 24	Countryside Services	War Memorial Wasperton	-31.00
13 Aug 24	JVM	OSM Sainsburys Petrol (JVM)	-24.17
13 Aug 24	JVM	KGF Bookers Janitorial (JVM)	-49.16
21 Aug 24	HSBC Charges	Bank Charges	-8.00
26 Aug 24	JT Window Cleaners	Bus Shelter Maintenance	-60.00
26 Aug 24	Employee 1	Employment Expenses Salaries	-978.58
26 Aug 24	Employee 2	Employment Expenses Salaries	-994.20
27 Aug 24	JPC Office	Office Accomodation	-80.00
28 Aug 24	EON	KGF	-105.91
28 Aug 24	DCK Payroll Solutions Ltd	Payroll Services	-44.40
30 Aug 24	Nest	Employment Expenses Pension	-93.71

The JPC endorsed these transactions.

Barford Bus Shelter Restoration - Update

- 72 Cllr Sheard confirmed that the scaffolding licence was finally issued last week .
A local resident whose garden adjoins the bus stop also requested a licence as their garden was required for works access. The additional licence was signed and issued on 9th September with a four week duration.
The bus shelter has now been closed for renovation which is estimated will take 3 weeks maximum. The renovation work will include replacing the roof felt and retiling the roof, replacing battens, replacing the rainware and treating all timberwork.
The JPC thanked Cllr Sheard for his hard work in managing this project.

Sherbourne A429 Bus Shelter – Update

- 73 Pyments have now completed between 5 and 6 days work on the bus shelter.
Repair to the overall structure is satisfactory, however, remedial work is required to the North East corner and Pyments will be returning to replace the wood in this section.
They will also clear out all gutters of leaves and debris and paint on all sides, soffits and fascias with two coats in matt black.
Total cost estimated to be £2,435 plus VAT which is well within the agreed budget of £3,500.

Barford Relief in Need Charity

- 74 Reminder – The JPC is to nominate two trustees for a four-year term from November 15th
The two retiring trustees are willing to stand again.
Vacancies have been featured in Councillor Chatter in Village Voices however there has been no interest to date. *(For information the JPC nominates two pairs of overlapping trustees, one pair every second year. The charity co-opts three trustees for five year terms).*

New Model Financial Regulations

- 75 Held Over.

HSBC/Santander Bank

- 76 Bank mandates have been updated to reflect the change in Clerk.

Opus Villages – Land around Barford House

- 77 Opus have confirmed that they are no longer in a position to pursue a planning application on the site at Barford. This is not as a result of the viability of the project but due to a lack of financial support.
Over the past two years, the amount of capital invested into the UK care home and later living sectors has substantially decreased.
The Option Agreement that Opus have to acquire the land will shortly come to an end, however they have agreed with the landowner to use their contacts in the sector to introduce potential alternative operators with a similar continuum of care model to take this forward. Paul Jackson, Director of Opus, has agreed to keep in touch throughout this process.

Phone Mast

- 78 It was agreed that the mobile signal in the Barford, Sherbourne and Wasperton area was poor and something should be done to rectify this. Philip Morris MRAC FRICS FAAV MCI Arb, Chartered Surveyor, Arbitrator & Mediator, Director 4M Properties Group Ltd has reviewed the problem and made the recommendation that the JPC first writes to the Local Councillors for the Ward and our MP. These letters should point out the issues with coverage in the village – both for wireless (mobile phone networks) and fixed line (broadband/cable networks).
There is no fibre network to enable connectivity to individual premises (FTTP) to meet the Government's Gigabit Broadband connectivity policy. We currently have fibre to the cabinet (FTTC) and copper lines from there, which give 70mbps connections at best.
It was decided that this topic should be added as an action for the Technical Working Party to address.

Assets of Community Value Expired and Due to Expire

- 79 JPC members agreed that there was no disadvantage in renewing the Assets of Community Value registrations, in fact by maintaining the registrations the JPC will benefit from having a 6 month hold on determining the future on those properties, should a change of ownership be proposed.
It was noted that the old Scout Hut should be removed from the register and the new Barford Youth and Community Centre be added. Cllr Murphy to action.

Councillor Resignation

- 80 Following the resignation of Cllr Louise Jones, notices announcing the vacancy for a Parish Councillor were published with a request that applications be received by 6th September. To date, no applications have been received and therefore we will continue to actively advertise the vacancy and subsequently hope to co-opt a new member.

External Audit Report

- 81 The JPC took note

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- 82 Sherbourne councillors reported that a dog walking and doggy day care company 'Dogz and Mogz' were using the paddock on the corner of Vicarage Lane and Fulbrook Lane without having applied for Change of Use, and causing noise nuisance to local residents. WDC Enforcement issued the company with a Stop notice and the activity has ceased and equipment including fencing removed.

- 83 There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.30pm.

Date of Next Meeting

- 84 Mon 14 Oct 24