

# BARFORD SHERBOURNE AND WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Parish Council held at Sherbourne Village Hall on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2005

- Present:** Cllr J V Murphy (Chairman)  
Cllr M P Byerley, Cllr Mrs A Gordon, Cllr Mrs M A Hayward, Cllr Dr M J Metcalfe,  
Cllr R G Mulgrue, Cllr G F Smith, Cllr J T Wright, Cllr R G Butler.
- Apologies:** Cllr R Clay, Cllr K S Hope, Cllr S G Starkey, Cllr W Worrall, Cllr G P Grima, Cllr Mrs J A Jackson, Cllr G G Morris, Cllr L Caborn, Cllr Mrs Sawdon.

## Opening

- 43 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm
- 44 Apologies for absence were noted.
- 45 The Chairman welcomed Cllr Smith to his first meeting of the JPC

## Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

- 46 Cllr Murphy declared a prejudicial interest in the Barford shop and post office agenda item.

## Representations by Members of the Public

- 47 Ms Moira Rawlins of BBC Coventry & Warwickshire introduced herself as the BBC's representative for Warwick and Leamington Spa.
- 48 Mr Hall spoke on behalf of the Barford Drama Group in opposition to plans to accommodate a post office outlet in Barford Memorial Hall. (See also Minute 64 et seq)

## Matters for the Constabulary

- 49 In the absence of the CBO there was no constabulary report.
- 50 The Chairman spoke of considerable police activity on Wellesbourne Road to the south of Barford on 18<sup>th</sup> June checking commercial vehicles.
- 51 Cllr Mrs Hayward reported the activities of an unidentified man in an unmarked white van purporting to be a window cleaner in Barford.

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- 52 The minutes were accepted as a true record.

## Matters Arising

- 53 Minute 6: The clerk reported that Cllr Smith had signed a "Declaration of Acceptance of Office" and a "Notification by a Member of a Parish Council of Financial and Other Interests" copies of which had been sent to WDC.
- 54 Minute 14: Cllr Butler informed the meeting that the resurfacing of High Street and Church Street, Barford had been postponed until the next financial year for budgetary reasons. He promised, in response to a request from Cllr Mrs Hayward, to investigate further work on road-side gutters.

- 55 Minute 19. Asked about the minutes for the Sherbourne Annual Parish Meeting, the Clerk explained that Cllr Morris had undertaken to have the adjourned part of the meeting minuted. So far however nothing was forthcoming. Cllr Mrs Gordon offered to have minutes of that meeting drafted before the next meeting of the JPC.
- 56 Minute 39.1: The Clerk provided an update and timetable for the adoption of the byelaws by the JPC and their final approval by ODPM. Cllr Mrs Gordon drew the meeting's attention to the Regulation of Investigating Powers Act 2000 and sought clarification on its impact upon those entrusted to enforce the byelaws.
- 57 Minute 39.2: Cllr Byerely asked for clarification on the future of the pipes (fifth bullet point). He thought it would be retrograde to have them removed. The Chairman replied that he had instructed a contractor to suggest ways of making them safe.
- 58 Minute 40: Cllr Dr Metcalfe reported on his meeting with Richard Barnard (WCC Footpaths Officer) to inspect footpaths in Wasperton:
- One was blocked at Seven Elms and the WCC acknowledged that work was required to bring it back into use.
  - The path crossing the J&A Growers field was, despite appearances to the contrary, accessible.
  - The over-grown state of some paths was noted by Mr Barnard who promised remedial action.
- 59 Minute 41: Cllr Mrs Gordon repeated her concern over the locking of gates on the Sherbourne to Norton Lindsey footpath. This was to be brought to the attention of WCC by the Clerk.

#### **Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> May 2005**

- 60 Subject to the inclusion of a declaration of personal interest by Cllr Wright, the minutes were approved as a true record

#### **Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> May 2005**

- 61 Subject to the correction of one typographical error, the minutes were approved as a true record

#### **Barford Relief in Need Charity**

- 62 Cllr Mulgrue gave a report on the activities of the charity. The JPC took note.

#### **Barford Shop and Post Office**

- 63 Cllr Murphy absented himself for the whole of this agenda item; Cllr Wright took the chair.
- 64 Cllr Mulgrue tabled an interim report by the Contact Group which summarized the Group's efforts to date. After investigation of all the apparent feasible choices, it had been concluded that the best choice for locating a replacement post office and shop was in or close to Barford Memorial Hall.
- 65 The concept of using part of the hall was most unwelcome to some members who urged that this should be a policy of last resort and that every effort should be made to discover whether portacabins (or similar) could be positioned on the car park adjacent to the hall.
- 66 It was agreed therefore:
- As a priority, that consultation take place with WDC Planning Department to ascertain the likelihood of planning permission being granted for the positioning of portacabin(s) adjacent to the hall for use as a post office or shop or both.
  - Concurrently (to provide a fall-back should the first option fail) the JPC, through the Contact Group, should request the Memorial Hall Management Committee to give serious consideration to a post office counter being built within the area behind the stage, and to identify the internal alterations and quantify the financial arrangements necessary.

## Barford Parish Plan

67 Cllr Mulgrue tabled a progress report on the Barford Parish Plan. The JPC took note.

### Cash Balances as at 9<sup>th</sup> June 2005

68 The JPC took note of the following cash balances:

	Reconciled	Cash Book
HSBC	£31,461.91	£7,578.02
Alliance & Leicester	£0.00	£20,000.00
Total	£31,461.91	£27,578.02

### Payment of Accounts

69 The JPC endorsed the following payments:

Date	Cheque	Payee	Category	Sum
5 May 05	101461	MFM Services	01 Mowing charges	220.00
9 May 05	101462	Prontaprint	08 Printing and stationery	20.62
20 May 05	SO	Inland Revenue	08 Employment Expenses	304.77
20 May 05	SO	JFJohnson	08 Employment Expenses	633.24
20 May 05	SO	J F Johnson	08 Office Accommodation	42.95
31 May 05	SO	Inland Revenue	08 Employment Expenses	304.77
31 May 05	SO	JFJohnson	08 Employment Expenses	633.24
31 May 05	SO	J F Johnson	08 Office Accommodation	42.95
3 Jun 05	101463	MFM Services	01 Mowing charges	165.00
3 Jun 05	101464	Prontaprint	08 Printing and stationery	60.49
3 Jun 05	101465	WALC	08 Training and Seminar Expenses	25.00
3 Jun 05	101466	Warwick Network Ltd	11 Barford Parish Plan: expenditure	82.25
3 Jun 05	101467	Transfer	90 Transfer	20000.00
3 Jun 05	101468	J F Johnson	08 Postage	17.34
3 Jun 05	101469	J V Murphy	08 Chairman's Allowance	340.12
3 Jun 05	101470	J F Johnson	08 Travel	52.38

### Reports from Representatives Appointed to Serve on Other Bodies

70 The Chairman summarized the proceedings of the Barford Bypass Liaison Group which had met on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2005 to discuss the method of work and the timetable for the project.

### Any Other Business

71 The Chairman reported:

71.1 Skateboard Area: The Barford Councillors would be invited to meet at the area to discuss the necessary enhancements.

71.2 Development in Barford: Malcolm Hawksford planned a public exhibition in Barford memorial Hall on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2005 to inform residents of the proposal's details.

72 There being no further business the meeting was closed

### Date of Next Meeting

73 The next meeting of Council is on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2005 at 7:30 pm in Wasperton Village Hall.