

# BARFORD SHERBOURNE AND WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Parish Council held at Sherbourne Village Hall on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2007.

**Present:** Cllr J V Murphy (Chairman)  
Cllr Mrs W Barlow, Cllr M P Byerley, Cllr R Clay, Cllr Mrs M A Hayward, Cllr R G Mulgrue, Cllr S G Starkey, Cllr W Worrall, Cllr Mrs A Gordon, Cllr E G Scrannage, Cllr Dr M J Metcalfe, Cllr J T Wright, Cllr N F J Thurley, Cllr R G Butler, Cllr Mrs C Sawdon

**Apologies:** Cllr G P Grima, Cllr Mrs J A Jackson, Cllr L Caborn,

## Opening

288 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm

289 Apologies for absence were noted.

290 Three members of the public were present

## Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

291 The following interests were declared:

291.1 Cllr Byerley:

- A personal and prejudicial interest in the selection of a contractor to install a water supply to the Barford Allotment Gardens. (He absented himself from the meeting during this agenda item).
- A personal interest in setting a water rate for 2007-8 for the Barford Allotment Gardens.
- A personal interest in setting a rent for 2008-9 for the Barford Allotment Gardens.

291.2 Cllr Scrannage: A personal and prejudicial interest in the A46/M40 Junction 15 (Longbridge) Bypass. (He absented himself from the meeting during this agenda item).

291.3 Cllr Mrs Hayward: A personal interest in the Barford Parish Directory.

## Police Matters

292 No member of the Safer Neighbourhood Team was available to attend the meeting. Instead a written report had been sent.

293 Cllr Mrs Barlow briefed the JPC on the proceedings of a meeting of Neighbourhood Watch held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2007.

## Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council 18<sup>th</sup> December 2006

294 The minutes were accepted as a true record. There were no matters arising.

## Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council 21<sup>st</sup> December 2006

295 The minutes were accepted as a true record. There were no matters arising.

## Minutes of the Meeting of Council 8<sup>th</sup> January 2007

296 The minutes were accepted as a true record.

297 Matters Arising:

297.1 Minute 259.1. Cllr Mulgrue informed the JPC that he understood the report on parish plans would be presented to the Area Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> March but that its message was one of lack of achievement in implementing their recommendations. It was agreed that members of that committee should be made aware of the officers' apparent reluctance to back them in their support of parish plans initiatives.

297.2 Repairs and Maintenance. Cllr Butler gave a progress report on those matters requiring maintenance and repair in the villages which had been reported to him by the Chairman after the last meeting of the JPC. This gave rise to a discussion on whether verbal reports to the JPC were the most effective method to stimulate action. It was agreed that such reports should be in writing to the Clerk (together with a precise location) which would permit the creation of a written audit trail outside the proceedings of the JPC.

297.3 Minute 285. The tree in Sandy Way which obscures street lighting has still not been trimmed.

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

298 Cllr Worrall briefed the JPC on the most recent meeting of the Western Safer Neighbourhoods West.

299 Cllr Murphy reported the salient issues discussed at the last Barford Bypass Liaison Group.

300 The Clerk reported his attendance at the WDC Planning Forum.

### Cash Balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007

301 Members took note of the following cash balances:

	Reconciled	Cash Book
HSBC	£6,571.94	£3,530.81
Alliance & Leicester	£29,499.20	£22,580.84
Total	£36,071.14	£26,111.65

### Receipts and Payments

302 Members endorsed the following:

Date	Cheque	Payee	Category	HSBC		A&L	
				Dr	Cr	Dr	Cr
19 Dec 06	101627	Selfserve	12 Expenditure	64.86			
21 Dec 06	000010	Transfer	90 Transfer		5,000.00		
21 Dec 06	000010	Transfer	90 Transfer			5,000.00	
23 Dec 06	101628	Prontaprint	08 Printing and stationery	147.84			
30 Dec 06		Post Office	12 Income		1,034.84		
31 Dec 06	DD	J F Johnson	08 Employment expenses	422.27			
31 Dec 06	DD	J F Johnson	08 Office accommodation	44.50			
1 Jan 07	101629	J F Johnson	08 Postage	32.37			
1 Jan 07	101630	J F Johnson	08 Travel	28.18			
5 Jan 07	101631	Viking Direct	12 Expenditure	8.21			
5 Jan 07	101631	Viking Direct	08 Printing and stationery	58.38			
8 Jan 07	000011	Transfer	90 Transfer			2,000.00	
8 Jan 07	000011	Transfer	90 Transfer		2,000.00		
8 Jan 07	101632	Viking Direct	08 Printing and stationery	19.96			
8 Jan 07	101633	Barford PCC	04 Grants	342.00			
8 Jan 07	101634	Sherbourne PCC	04 Grants	342.00			
8 Jan 07	101635	Wasperton PCC	04 Grants	342.00			
8 Jan 07	101636	Barford Memorial Hall	05 Grants	425.00			
8 Jan 07	101637	Wasperton Village Hall	05 Grants	1,050.00			
8 Jan 07	101638	Sherbourne Village Hall	05 Grants	1,050.00			
8 Jan 07	101639	Barford Parent & Toddler	08 Grants	100.00			
8 Jan 07		Alliance & Leicester	09 Interest				81.64
16 Jan 07	DD	HMRC	08 Employment expenses	587.93			
24 Jan 07	101640	S&D Window Cleaners	02 Repairs & Maintenance	60.00			
26 Jan 07	DD	Data Protection	08 Subs: Information Commissioner	35.00			
31 Jan 07	101641	J F Johnson	08 Postage	13.52			
31 Jan 07	101642	J F Johnson	08 Travel	16.21			
31 Jan 07	DD	J F Johnson	08 Employment expenses	422.27			
31 Jan 07	DD	J F Johnson	08 Office accommodation	44.50			

## **Registration of Title**

- 303 The original copies of the deeds of gift for the plots of land for Barford Memorial Hall and Village Green cannot be located; without them the JPC cannot prove its title. The JPC has been advised (by a solicitor) to register its interest in the land with the Land Registry (which has no records of this land). One solicitor has quoted a fee of £750 for this registration. The JPC approved the necessary expenditure always provided two further competitive quotes were obtained.

## **Barford Allotment Gardens**

- 304 RESOLVED: That the expenditure of £2,400 be authorized for the provision of a water supply to Barford Allotment Gardens.
- 305 RESOLVED: That the expenditure of £200 be authorized for the provision of fencing to Barford Allotment Gardens.
- 306 RESOLVED: That the water rate for 2007-8 be £7.00/ 150m<sup>2</sup> for Barford Allotment Gardens.
- 307 RESOLVED: That the rent for 2008-9 be £0.10/m<sup>2</sup> for Barford Allotment Gardens.

## **A46/M40 Junction 15 (Longbridge) Bypass Public Inquiry**

- 308 RESOLVED: The Chairman will represent the JPC at the public inquiry
- 309 RESOLVED: That the evidence to the public inquiry shall be based upon:
1. Statement of JPC's status/make-up
  2. Recognition of need for J15 improvement, to improve conditions for through traffic, local traffic and residents in the locality.
  3. Welcoming the coming forward of a scheme proposal.
  4. Acceptance of the overall principle of the proposed scheme.
  5. Preference for a more westerly version of the scheme.
  6. Recognition that the calculation errors which have occurred - with land level/crop heights which lead to much greater borrow pit volume requirements and deeper embankments, albeit with the same finished heights, - make a more westerly scheme more attractive and better value but to the higher ground level at that position.
  7. Concern to distance Sherbourne from as much of the A46 traffic as possible which the current scheme and some of the other alternatives fail to do.
  8. Concern to limit the opportunities for rat-running shortcuts through Sherbourne village.
- 310 Pursuant to Standing Order 10 the name of Cllr Mrs A Gordon is recorded as dissenting from the resolutions at Minute 308 and 309.

## **Barford Parish Directory**

- 311 The JPC received a written report from Directory Group.
- 312 Funding is being sought from the Rural Outreach Fund but such support is most easily given to parish councils. The Group therefore invited the JPC to endorse its efforts and apply for funding on its behalf. The JPC agreed.

## **Any Other Business**

- 313 King George V Playing Fields Barford. Notification had been received from the charity Commission of its intention to withdraw the charitable status of the playing fields. The JPC was not minded to oppose the decision.

- 314 Barford Beginners. The Clerk reported receipt of a letter of thanks from Barford Beginners for the grant of £100. (Vide Minute 278).
- 315 Affordable Housing in the Oldham's' Development.
- 315.1 Concern was expressed that the intention to give the residents of Barford, Sherbourne and Wasperton first refusal of the affordable housing was compromised by allocation rules of WDC's Home Choice.
- 315.2 The Warwickshire Rural Housing Association understands that the houses will become available some time this summer with three months prior notice. It intends to hold a public meeting in the village to explain procedures.
- 315.3 Cllr Mulgrue undertook to draft a notice for *Plurality* to raise awareness and emphasize the need to register on the WDC Home Choice list. Before that he and Cllr Byerley will try to meet the WDC officer responsible for Home Choice to check the procedures, whether for the first release of the houses the restrictions on the number of bids can be circumvented in some way and whether WDC would be willing to give the JPC advance notice before the advertisements appear in the press. If so, potential applicants will be contacted as soon as the information is received from WDC.
- 316 Barford Bypass – Bus services in Barford.
- 316.1 Cllr Mulgrue raised the issue of bus services during the temporary closure of the existing A429 north of the village. He was asked to contact the County Council and Stagecoach to try to ensure that a service was maintained.
- 316.2 [Afternote]. As a result of that meeting the following notice has been displayed on notice boards:
- During the temporary closure of the old A429 just north of the river bridge in Barford buses will not be able to run through the village. During the closure period, expected to be about 8 weeks, Stagecoach has agreed to put three pairs of temporary bus stops near the village so that people can still use the buses. The main stops will be at the new southern junction between Wellesbourne Road and the bypass. There will also be pairs of stops at the junction of Westham Lane and the bypass and near where the old road meets the bypass beyond the river bridge. When the road re-opens the normal route through the village will be resumed.
- For those who find it difficult to walk to the new temporary stops the County Council has arranged with Racing to Get There's Dial-a-Ride service to provide a minibus service free of charge and with no initial joining fee for the duration of the road works. This will need to be booked at least the day before you intend to travel (phone 495786, phone line open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.). The minibus will provide a door-to-door service.
- The special services for schools will still come into Barford, turning in Wasperton Lane/Dugard Place.
- 317 External Auditors. The Clerk reported that the Audit Commission proposed to reappoint Clement Keys as external auditors for the 2006-7 audit of accounts unless the JPC had objections. It had none.
- 318 There being no other business the meeting closed at 9:50 pm

### **Date of Next Meeting**

- 319 The next ordinary meeting of Council is on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2007 at 7:30 pm in Wasperton Village Hall.