

# BARFORD SHERBOURNE AND WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

## Opening

- 320 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm
- 321 Apologies for absence were noted.
- 322 One member of the public was present

## Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

- 323 A personal interest in the agenda item "Implementation of the Barford Parish Plan" was declared by:
- Cllr Mrs Hayward
  - Cllr Mulgrue
  - Cllr Murphy

## Police Matters

- 324 No member of the Safer Neighbourhood Team was available to attend the meeting. The invitation had been declined by Sgt Gary Holtby in these terms:  
"You will appreciate that if this small team attends all the available community meetings in the Warwick rural West area (stretching from Barford over to Lapworth) then there will be no real time for conducting actual Police work on your area."
- 325 General dissatisfaction was expressed and Cllr Mrs Sawdon undertook to investigate further.

## Minutes of the Meeting of Council 12<sup>th</sup> February 2007

- 326 The minutes were accepted as a true record.
- 327 Matters Arising:
- 327.1 Minute 297.1. The Area Committee meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> March would receive not a report from officers but one from the Parish Plan Committee.
- 327.2 Minute 304. Work to install a water supply to the Barford Allotment Gardens would start on 21<sup>st</sup> March.
- 327.3 Minute 312. Funding for the Barford Parish Directory had been received from the Rural Outreach Fund.
- 327.4 Minute 315. The staff at WDC's Homechoice is aware of the concern to preserve the right of residents of Barford, Sherbourne and Wasperton to have first refusal for affordable home on the Oldham's development, and is investigating ways to ensure this.

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 12<sup>th</sup> February 2007

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

## Reports from Representatives Appointed to Serve on Other Bodies

- 329 Cllrs Mulgrue and Worrell had attended a demonstration of the electronic vote counting system to be used by WDC in the forthcoming Ward and Parish elections.

## Cashbook Balances as at 1<sup>st</sup> March 2007

- 330 Members took note of the following cash balances:
- HSBC £ 1,576.63
  - Alliance & Leicester £20,150.63

## Receipts and Payments

- 331 Members endorsed the following:

Date	Cheque	Payee	Category	HSBC		A&L	
				Dr	Cr	Dr	Cr
31 Jan 07	101641	J F Johnson	08 Postage	13.52			
31 Jan 07	101642	J F Johnson	08 Travel	16.21			
2 Feb 07		Alliance & Leicester	09 Interest				69.79
12 Feb 07	101643	D M Hadley	03 Hire of land	37.50			
12 Feb 07	101644	R J Smith	03 Hire of land	38.50			
16 Feb 07	DD	HMRC	08 Employment expenses	587.93			
22 Feb 07	101645	R G Mulgrue	08 Members' Expenses	26.11			
27 Feb 07	101646	MP Byerley	03 Maintenance	199.51			
28 Feb 07	DD	J F Johnson	08 Employment expenses	422.27			
28 Feb 07	DD	J F Johnson	08 Office accommodation	44.50			
28 Feb 07	101647	J F Johnson	08 Postage	38.70			
28 Feb 07	101648	J F Johnson	08 Travel	27.69			

## Registration of Title

- 332 The title deeds to the three plots of land at the Barford Memorial Hall site had been located. A solicitor had been instructed to register them with the Land Registry for a fee of £275 + VAT. There is also a registration charge (between £30 and £165 depending upon the value of the land).
- 333 The JPC valued the land at £300k.
- 334 The conveyance for the land for the Village Green had a restrictive covenant which prevents it being leased as a site for a village shop. To facilitate the JPC's earlier resolution to assist the shop group to achieve its aim, a solicitor had been instructed to apply to the former owner (the Smith-Ryland Estate) for release from it.

## Implementation of the Barford Parish Plan

- 335 The JPC received a briefing from Cllr Mulgrue and took note.

## Barford Relief in Need Charity

- 336 The JPC received a briefing from Cllr Mulgrue and took note.
- 337 Cllr Mrs Gordon remarked with favour on the efficiency of the charity's administration; a sentiment which was shared by many at the table.

## Any Other Business

- 338 Barford Allotment Gardens.
- 338.1 An appeal against payment of water charges by an allotment holder was considered and rejected. It is a condition of letting a tenancy that all charges are met in full.

338.2 The JPC turned its attention to the terms of the standard tenancy which state:

*“Subject as hereinafter contained the JPC gives the Tenant and all persons authorized by him the right to use the Plot as an Allotment Garden only (that is to say wholly or mainly for the production of vegetable or fruit crops for consumption by the Tenant and his family) and for no other purpose.”*

The use of an allotment garden as a lawn or children’s play area falls outside those terms and any allotment holder using his plot as anything other than an Allotment Garden should be invited to bring it back into cultivation or be invited to surrender the tenancy.

339 Elections 2007. The Clerk distributed nomination papers for the forthcoming parish council elections in May and reminded members that they had a personal responsibility to ensure that their applications reached the Returning Office in good time.

340 A46/M40 Junction 15 (Longbridge) Bypass Scheme.

340.1 Cllr Mrs Gordon brought to the attention of members that the Side Roads Order had not been made available to the JPC and therefore the opportunity to comment upon it had been denied.

340.2 The Clerk had written to the Inspector conducting the public inquiry drawing this to his attention.

341 Bats in the Oldham’s Development. The building which houses the bats will be demolished when they have been moved to alternative accommodation.

342 Closure. There being no other business the meeting closed at 8:28pm.

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

343 The next meeting of Council is the annual meeting on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2007 at 7:30 pm in Barford Memorial Hall