

BARFORD SHERBOURNE AND WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Parish Council held at Sherbourne Village Hall on Monday 11th June 2007

Present: Cllr J V Murphy (Chairman)
Cllrs: R Clay, Mrs D S Cobb, R G Mulgrue, A B Rhead, S G Starkey, W Worrall, Mrs A Gordon, Mrs P L Johnston, Dr M J Metcalfe, N F J Thurley, J T Wright,
Apologies: Cllrs: Mrs P W Barlow, M P Byerley, Mrs M A Hayward, Mrs P W Wilkinson,

Opening

- 46 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm
- 47 Two members of the public were present.
- 48 Apologies for absence were noted.

Cooption of Parish Councillor for Sherbourne

- 49 **RESOLVED:** That Mrs P L Johnston be and is hereby coopted as a member of the Joint Parish Council to represent Sherbourne.

Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

- 50 Cllr Mulgrue and Worrall declared a personal interest in the item dealing with the Barford Post Office.

Police Matters

- 51 No police representative attended the meeting and there were expressions of dismay.
- 52 Cllr Mrs Gordon suggested that to deal with this agenda item in the same way at every meeting was to waste the JPC's time. It was common knowledge that police resources were extremely stretched and if that meant police attendance at parish meetings was of a low priority, this had to be accepted. She thought it unlikely that the JPC would ever again be assured of a police presence at its meetings.
- 53 Her advice was to cease badgering the police to attend and instead adopt a more conciliatory attitude making it clear that whenever the police felt able to attend a JPC meeting they would be made most welcome.
- 54 There was a measure of support for this view and Cllr Worrall in his capacity of Police Liaison undertook to convey that message.

Minutes of the Meeting of Council 14th May 2007

- 55 The minutes were accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising

- 56(1) Minute 30.1.2. Cllr Mulgrue reported that the Chief Executives of WCC and WDC had responded to the concerns about the Barford Parish Plan by seeking more information. He was drafting replies on behalf of the JPC.
- 56(2) Minute 44. Cllr Mrs Johnston commented with concern upon the very late finish to the meeting, and there was support for the view that in future members should aspire to the maximum duration of the meeting being no more than two hours and assist by confining their remarks to that which is strictly relevant and not repetitive.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 14th May 2007

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

Reports from Representatives Appointed to Serve on Other Bodies

- 58 Cllr Worrall reported on the latest meeting of Green Issues.
- 59 Cllrs Mulgrue and Murphy reported on a meeting with WCC on road issues.

Receipts and Payments

- 60 Members endorsed the following:

Date	Payee	Category	HSBC-	HSBC+	A&L-	A&L+
1 May 07	Alliance & Leicester	Bank Interest				55.16
1 May 07	WDC	Concurrent Services Contribution		1770.00		
1 May 07	WDC	Precept		12946.00		
13 May 07	Allianz Cornhill	Insurance	921.56			
13 May 07	S&D Window Cleaners	Bus Shelters Maintenance	60.00			
13 May 07	MFM Services	Mowing Charges	189.00			
13 May 07	M P Byerely	Allotments Maintenance	50.10			
13 May 07	J F Johnson	Postage	16.24			
13 May 07	J F Johnson	Travel Expenses	64.73			
13 May 07	Transfer	Transfer	10000.00			10000.00
14 May 07	Allotments	Allotment Rents		23.73		
14 May 07	Allotments	Allotment Water Charges		21.00		
15 May 07	WALC	Printing and Stationery	14.98			
16 May 07	HMRC	Employment Expenses	587.93			
25 May 07	Allotments	Allotment Rents		10.55		
25 May 07	Allotments	Allotment Water Charges		9.33		
27 May 07	R Barnes	Allotment Infrastructure	2593.50			
27 May 07	R Barnes	Allotment Infrastructure	136.50			
31 May 07	J F Johnson	Postage	11.15			
31 May 07	J F Johnson	Travel Expenses	2.34			
31 May 07	J F Johnson	Employment Expenses	422.27			
31 May 07	J F Johnson	Office Accommodation	46.25			

Cash Balances as at 1st June 2007

61 Members took note of the following cash balances:

HSBC	£ 4,711.87
Alliance & Leicester	£27,826.31
TOTAL	£32,538.18

Barford Post Office

62 Cllr Mulgrue presented a paper arguing the merits of moving the part-time post office from the Memorial Hall to become full-time in the new shop when it is constructed on the Village Green.

63 The JPC accepted the proposal and voted to earmark £5,000 from its reserves to cover the cost of this relocation.

Public Attendance at JPC Meetings

64 Cllr Mrs Cobb presented a paper designed to suggest ways in which the JPC could communicate better with public.

65 Of her five recommendations the following three were accepted:

65.1 "Representations by Members of the Public" should be at the start of the JPC meeting.

65.2 Email or letter should be used as alternative ways to make representations.

65.3 A maximum three-minute time slot for public representations should be imposed and enforced by the Chairman.

66 She suggested that "Representations" was too formal a word, and the Clerk was asked to suggest alternatives at the next meetings.

67 Her concept of "surgeries" for the public to meet councillors was endorsed but only at individual parish level, not under the auspices of the JPC as a whole.

JPC Attendance Records

68 Cllr Worrall urged the compilation and publication of the attendance records of members.

69 After some debate it was agreed that the Clerk would create this record and make it available for publication on the village website.

Noise Reduction of Skate Board Ramps

70 Cllr Worrall reported that he had obtained an offer from EPS Ltd to treat one of the quarter pipe ramps with foam noise insulation. This would be free on the condition that the sound tests data before and after the application were made available to the company.

71 The JPC accepted the offer with gratitude and alacrity and authorized Cllr Worrall to continue the dialogue.

Provision of Notice Boards

72 The JPC took note of the replacement of one of the notice boards in Sherbourne.

73 An offer had been received to make a notice board to be positioned near the Scout Hut in Barford for the cost of materials only. This was readily accepted.

Speed Limits

- 74 Members remain convinced that a 50mph speed limit on the Barford Bypass is necessary and the Clerk was instructed to pursue the matter with WCC.

Graffiti

- 75 Cllr Mrs Cobb stated that her husband was willing to remove new graffiti on notice boards in Barford always provided the old graffiti had first been removed.
- 76 To that end, Cllr Worrall informed the meeting that WDC had a specialist vehicle for removing graffiti and that he would, under the auspices of the Safer Neighbourhood scheme, arrange for it to be deployed to Barford.

Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 No 1159

- 77 RESOLVED: That the JPC adopts the Model Code of Conduct including paragraph 12(2).

Any Other Business

- 78 The riverside footpath between Wasperton and Barford is overgrown.
- 79 The Chairman asked that those conducting safety inspections in Barford submitted their reports to him in good time.
- 80 The JPC called for traffic census details post the Barford Bypass construction.
- 81 A progress report on the installation of signs to local facilities from the Barford Bypass was requested.
- 82 Cllr Mrs Cobb called for wider dissemination of details of the Rural Enhancement Scheme to third parties before the deadline of 27 Jul 07.
- 83 The 30mph speed limit sign is badly positioned on the road into Barford off the bypass from the south.
- 85 Cllr Rhead announced that he had secured a grant of £10k from WDC for the proposed Barford shop.
- 86 Items for next agenda:
- Management Accounts
 - New model Standing Orders

Closure

- 87 There being no other business the meeting closed at 9:40 pm.

Date of Next Meeting

- 88 The next meeting of Council is on Monday 9th July 2007 at 7:30 pm in Wasperton Village Hall.