

BARFORD SHERBOURNE AND WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Parish Council
held at Sherbourne Village Hall on Monday 11th February 2008

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

Opening

- 314 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm
315 One member of the public was present.

Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

316 The following declarations were made:

316.1 Bus Shelters:

- Cllr Byerley, Personal and Prejudicial
- Cllr Mulgrue, Personal and Prejudicial
- Cllr Clay, Personal

316.2 Grant of Lease to Barford Village Shop CIC:

- Cllr Mrs Johnston Personal

Minutes of the Meeting of Council 14th January 2008

317 Some members contended that Draft Minute 286 did not accurately record the decision of the meeting and on a motion by Cllr Clay, seconded by Cllr Worrall and adopted 8:4 it was amended to read:

“It was agreed that a working party should be convened to compare these quotes and place the order. Its composition to be:

- Cllr Murphy
- Cllr Rhead
- Cllr Thurley
- Clerk”

318 With this exception the minutes were approved as a true record.

319 Matters Arising:

319.1 Minute 289: Cllr Byerley reported that in the matter of the re-allocation of affordable housing released by tenants moving into new homes in Barford Burrows, WDC had agreed to honour the 1997 agreement to give priority to applicants with local connections. Cllr Mulgrue added that of the houses intended for shared ownership nine remained vacant and it was hoped that WDC would finance their conversion to rented accommodation.

319.2 Minute 292: There had still been no response from WDC to the JPC's request to be furnished with details of the case law which, it had been claimed, prevented the implementation of some of the Section 106 planning agreement for the allocation of affordable housing.

319.3 Minute 311: The Barford House boundary wall had been inspected by WDC and letters issued to the landowners advising them of its poor and potentially unsafe condition.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 14th January 2008

320 The minutes were approved as a true record.

321 Matters Arising: None.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 28th January 2008

322 The minutes were approved as a true record.

323 Matters Arising: None

Barford Bypass – Noise Abatement.

324 Standing Orders were suspended to allow the JPC to receive a briefing from Mr Chris Davis of WDC.

325 In an informative and well-received presentation Mr Davis made the following points:

- WDC has no jurisdiction over road traffic noise.
- Two residents experience noise over the statutory limit, but in seeking remedy they must represent themselves; neither the JPC nor WDC can act as their advocate.
- He recommended that complaints in writing be addressed to the Chief Executive WCC (copy to Mr Chris Horn).
- Excess light is now a potential statutory nuisance although the limit is subjective and redress would again require civil action.

326 Cllr Mrs Sawdon recommended that a petition be sent to WDC or WCC or the Police Authority or all of them.

327 The Chairman thanked Mr Davis on behalf of the JPC

Safer Neighbourhoods

328 Cllr Worrall briefed his colleagues on the Panel Meeting held on 24th January 2008 at Lapworth Village Hall.

329 Attention focused on the £10k available for safer neighbourhoods works. It was agreed that the suspense date for submission of a bid made the working up of a properly costed proposal all but impossible. Nevertheless improvement to Barford street lighting was an evident need and the Chairman and Cllr Worrall undertook to lobby Tim Healey to attempt to secure some funding.

330 Cllr Worrall's written report contained a message from the Chief Constable which included this statement:

“Last month the Police Authority reported that we had achieved a 12 per cent reduction in recorded crime between April and November compared with the same period in 2006. That means 360 fewer homes were burgled, 1500 fewer cars were broken into or stolen and there were 600 fewer victims of criminal damage. We have taken seven of the drug dealers who cause most harm to our communities off the streets.”

Cllr Mrs Gordon drew attention to this and believed that congratulations were in order. It was agreed that the Chief Constable's message should be reproduced in Plurality.

331 Cllr Mrs Sawdon said that at a recently convened meeting, although the Chief Constable was not present, the newly appointed Sgt Johall had fielded hostile questions well. This chimed with a

report from Cllr Caborn that he had received a telephone call from Sgt Johall over the weekend which demonstrated his intention to keep lines of communication open.

Cash Balances as at 31st January 2008

332 Members took note of the following cash balances:
 HSBC £12,366.22
 Alliance & Leicester £26,425.67
 TOTAL £38,791.89

Receipts and Payments

333 Members endorsed the following:

Date	Payee	Category	Total
1 Jan 08	Alliance & Leicester	Bank Interest	91.62
14 Jan 08	WDC	Election Expenses	(1062.49)
14 Jan 08	WDC	Election Expenses	(400.00)
14 Jan 08	Warks Probation Board	Open Spaces Maintenance	(140.35)
14 Jan 08	Wasperton Village hall	Venue Hire	(69.00)
15 Jan 08	Barford Village Shop	Barford Village Shop	15000.00
16 Jan 08	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(458.19)
28 Jan 08	Sherbourne Village Hall	Grants: Village Halls	(1250.00)
28 Jan 08	Wasperton Village Hall	Grants: Village Halls	(1370.00)
28 Jan 08	Barford PCC	Grants: Churchyard Maintenance	(355.00)
28 Jan 08	Sherbourne PCC	Grants: Churchyard Maintenance	(355.00)
28 Jan 08	Wasperton PCC	Grants: Churchyard Maintenance	(355.00)
28 Jan 08	Sherbourne Village Hall	Venue Hire	(25.00)
28 Jan 08	Moore & Tibbits	Barford Village Shop	(656.25)
28 Jan 08	S&D Window Cleaners	Bus Shelters Maintenance	(60.00)
31 Jan 08	J F Johnson	Employment Expenses	(673.23)
31 Jan 08	J F Johnson	Office Accommodation	(46.25)

Proceedings of the Committee of Council held on 23rd January 2008

334 In accordance with Minute 309, the Committee assembled at a public meeting in Wasperton Village Hall at 2:30pm.

335 It comprised:

- Cllr Metcalfe (Chairman)
- Cllr Clay
- Cllr Mrs Gordon
- Cllr Mulgrue.

336 Three members of the public were present.

337 The Committee examined in detail the Deed of Licence and Variation designed to relax the restrictive covenants in the conveyance on the land know as the Barford Village Green so as to allow the construction of a shop there.

338 By a vote of 3:1 (Cllr Mrs Gordon dissenting) it was RESOLVED: That, under the delegated authority of the JPC, the execution of the document be approved, subject to confirmation that the insurance was in place and to minor correction to the text.

- 339 Cllr Mrs Gordon's required the source of her opposition to be minuted; it hinged on the following:
- She was unconvinced that the Grantor had title and was therefore might not be a beneficiary of the restrictive covenant.
 - She held that the granting of planning permission for a shop was not synonymous with operating one and that further permissions (which were not guaranteed) would be required.
 - Without sight of plans of the conveyance, she could not be sure that the "Covenants" listed in the Schedule to the document were the appropriate ones to be considered

Rights of Way in Wasperton

- 340 Cllr Dr Metcalfe reported the progress in his research on the rights of way issue in Wasperton and undertook to consult the WDC Footpaths Officer and report to the next meeting.

Rights of Way in Barford

- 341 The Mill Lane right of way has been severed by the Barford Bypass.
- 342 Witness statements on past use of this right of way would be sought through Plurality.

Meetings 2008-9

- 343 Meetings for 2008-9 are shown below:

Location	Date	Type
Barford	Mon 7 Apr 08	Annual Parish
Sherbourne	Mon 14 Apr 08	Annual Parish
Wasperton	Mon 21 Apr 08	Annual Parish
Barford	Mon 12 May 08	JPC Annual
Sherbourne	Mon 9 Jun 08	JPC Ordinary
Wasperton	Mon 14 Jul 08	JPC Ordinary
Barford	Mon 8 Sep 08	JPC Ordinary
Sherbourne	Mon 13 Oct 08	JPC Ordinary
Wasperton	Mon 10 Nov 08	JPC Ordinary
Barford	Mon 12 Jan 09	JPC Ordinary
Sherbourne	Mon 9 Feb 09	JPC Ordinary
Wasperton	Mon 9 Mar 09	JPC Ordinary

[Aternote: Barford Parish Meeting subsequently rescheduled to Tuesday 15th April 2008]

Any Other Business

- 344 M40 Junction 15 Bypass: A liaison meeting is to be held in the Shire Hall, Warwick on 27th February 2008 when the Chairman and other councillors may attend.
- 345 St John's Primary School Kenilworth: The JPC had been invited to comment on the reduction in numbers at St John's Primary School Kenilworth. Individual members with an interest undertook to respond.
- 346 Traffic Survey: Cllr Mrs Barlow and Cllr Worrall are to conduct a traffic survey of Hareway Lane and Wasperton Lane on 1st March to provide data for the Area Committee meeting on 11th March.
- 347 Cedar Tree at Glebe Hotel, Barford:
- 347.1 This fine specimen is distressed and dying out at the crown.

- 347.2 Mr Chris Hastie (WDC) confirms there are no legal powers to oblige the owner to rescue it. He will however research the conditions of recently granted planning applications to see if the tree has any additional protection.
- 347.3 Cllr Mrs Hayward undertook to write to the owner on behalf of the JPC to draw attention to this situation and, if necessary, call a meeting to which Mr Hastie could be invited.
- 348 Road Safety: The gate on Westham Lane leading onto the Barford Bypass is often left open. The Chairman would again approach Ian Biddlecombe and ask for a lasting solution.
- 349 Speed Control in Barford: Cllr Worrall drew attention to the new traffic speed indicator in High Street, Barford.
- 350 Footpath Barford Church to Hareway Lane: Cllr Rhead expressed continued concern over the condition of this footpath which had deteriorated due to a recently erupted spring draining onto the path. The matter had been reported to WCC and would be investigated in due course.
- 351 Wasperton Speed Limit: Cllr Dr Metcalfe stated there was a good case for a 20mph speed limit in Wasperton and that he would provide details at the next meeting.
- 352 Oakley Wood: WDC has agreed to buy Oakley Wood.
- 353 Best Village Competition: Cllr Mrs Barlow drew attention to this competition.
- 354 Footpath Barford-Bishops Tachbrook: Cllr Caborn had reported that officers were in negotiation with the landowner over reopening this footpath.
- 355 Barford Allotments:
- 355.1 It was agreed that defaulting allotment holders should be invited to bring uncultivated plots into production or risk having their leases terminated.
- 355.2 Cllr Byerley tendered his resignation as the JPC's Allotment Manager.
- 355.3 The Chairman paid tribute to the work of Cllr Byerley and his part in the transformation of the allotment gardens, identified as one of the actions in Barford Parish Plan.
- 356 Bus Shelters: Consequent upon Minute 286 the Chairman reported that the Working Party consisting of Cllrs Murphy, Rhead and Thurley had met with the Clerk to consider quotes received for works to bus shelters. One quote had been received by the initial deadline and a late quote had been received in time for the 14th January JPC meeting and decision had been devolved to the WP. A further quote was received from one of the quote invitees immediately before the WP met on Wednesday 6th February. After due consideration of the difficulty of achieving satisfactory quotes and the various merits and shortcomings of the quotes available it was determined that the contract should be awarded to Mr Sollis at the total amount of £2,270 rather than going back for further quotes, ensuing delay and possible alienation of contractors.

Closure

- 357 There being no other business the meeting closed at 10:00 pm.

Date of Next Meeting

- 358 The next ordinary meeting of Council is on Monday 10th March 2008 at 7:30 pm in Wasperton Village Hall.