

Barford Sherbourne and Wasperton Joint Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Parish Council held at Barford Memorial Hall on Monday 11 October 2010

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

Opening

- 142 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm
- 143 No members of the public were present.
- 144 Apologies for absence were noted.

Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

- 145 No declarations were made.

Minutes of the Meeting of Council 13 Sep 10

- 146 The minutes were approved as a true record.

Matters Arising

- 147 Minute 119. Cllr Murphy reported that he had now received correspondence from the WCC Footpaths Officer and that permission for a gate on the Barford Allotments footpath/track had been given subject to the JPC's provision of suitable detail drawings confirming our proposals. It was intended to bring prices for this work to the next JPC in order to make a final decision on this project.
- 148 Minute 128. The Warwick Rural West Forum meeting to discuss changes in the provision of services had been postponed and was now to be rearranged to synchronize with the Area West Forum rescheduled for January 2011.
- 149 Minute 129. Barford members of the JPC were invited to a meeting at 4 Bridge Street, Barford on 12 Oct 10 to discuss participation in Exercise Watermark. (Clarification was to be sought on participation; whether by the JPC or individual villages.)
- 150 Minute 130. Cllr Mrs Barlow gave an update on Oakley Woods. Cllr Rhead confirmed that planning permission had already been given for the access road and loading area to permit the required felling and thinning.

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council 22 Sep 10

- 151 The minutes were approved as a true record. There were no matters arising. (Cllr Mulgrue was congratulated on the quality of his minute taking.)

Minutes of the Planning Committee 13 Sep 10

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

Minutes of the Planning Committee 28 Sep 10

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

Cash Balances as at 30 Sep 10

154 The JPC took note of the following cash balances:

- HSBC £ 2,490.99
- Alliance & Leicester £28,696.34

Receipts and Payments

155 The JPC endorsed the following:

Date	Payee	Category	Total
1 Sep 10	TPC	Printing and Stationery	(11.84)
1 Sep 10	J F Johnson	Postage	(9.94)
1 Sep 10	J F Johnson	Travel Expenses	(25.29)
8 Sep 10	A&L	Bank Interest	2.16
28 Sep 10	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(535.18)
28 Sep 10	J F Johnson	Employment Expenses	(677.41)
28 Sep 10	J F Johnson	Office Accommodation	(50.00)
29 Sep 10	MFM Services	Mowing Charges	(213.00)
29 Sep 10	S&D Window Cleaners	Bus Shelters Maintenance	(60.00)
29 Sep 10	Barford Heritage Group	Barford Telephone Kiosk	(300.00)
29 Sep 10	J F Johnson	Postage	(8.98)
29 Sep 10	J F Johnson	Travel Expenses	(42.12)
30 Sep 10	Central Networks	Wayleave	4.27

Management Accounts as at 30 Sep 10

156 The JPC received the accounts at Annex A to these minutes and took note.

Matters Arising

157 Cllr Clay advised that in future a budget of £150pa should be set for Allotment Water Charges.

Barford Relief In Need Charity (BRINC)

158 The constitution of BRINC requires the JPC to appoint Nominative Trustees to its board. Two (Mr Gerard Veness and the Rev David Jessett) were retiring on rotation but were willing to stand again. There being no other candidates they were reappointed by the JPC.

Local Authorities (Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places) Regulations 2007

159 The JPC took note

Road Safety – A429 and Barford Bypass

160 Pursuant to Minute 116 of the meeting of the JPC on 13 Sep 10, the JPC considered road safety on the A429 from the Longbridge roundabout to Wasperton.

161 The chief concern was safety at the turn-offs to Sherbourne (1), Barford (2) and Wasperton (1).

- 162 Several helpful suggestions were made including:
- A right-turn refuge at Sherbourne.
 - Examination of the positions of bus stops.
 - Publicity in *Plurality* to encourage residents to record and report in detail experiences of accidents and near misses.
 - Making the local MP aware of concerns.
 - The collation of police reports (by Cllr Mrs Wilkinson).
- 163 The Chairman reminded members that a meeting with WCC had already been requested to discuss safety at the Barford turn-offs. It was agreed that the scope of this meeting should be expanded to include the whole stretch of road. Cllr Rhead agreed to expedite this matter.

Any Other Business

164 Purchase of Riverside Land. (Cllr Mrs Barlow)

- 164.1 The JPC received an update on the proposed purchase of land in Barford from WCC for the creation of a "Riverside Walk and community orchard".
- 164.2 The Clerk reported that he had had discussions with Mr Peter Harpur (WCC) who had promised his best efforts to produce a draft conveyance for the land in time for examination by the JPC at its November meeting. If the JPC then decides to proceed with the negotiations the document would be submitted to WALC's legal department for (free) scrutiny.
- 164.3 On the assumption that the JPC resolves to proceed and WALC gives the conveyance a clean bill of health, the project would be brought back to a future meeting when Cllr Mrs Barlow (and others) would make detailed proposals for endorsement by members.

165 Public Meeting 12 Nov 10. (Cllr Wright)

- 165.1 Cllr Wright commented unfavourably (and was supported by Cllr Mrs Gordon and Cllr Thurley) on a notice posted (by the Chairman) on village notice boards inviting residents to meet their MP at a public meeting entitled "The Cuts & The Big Society What's it to us?". He objected to the use of the "Barford Sherbourne & Wasperton Joint Parish Council" strapline at the top of the notice, arguing that this implied not a public meeting but a meeting of the JPC which had not been properly convened.
- 165.2 It was pointed out that the notice contained the following:
- "Invites you to an informal discussion evening"
 - "This is not a normal, formal JPC meeting"

clear evidence that this was not intended as a Statutory Notice of a meeting of the JPC properly convened, but an invitation from the JPC to its electorate to attend a public meeting.

- 165.3 Nevertheless, to remove any last ambiguity, the Chairman undertook with the Vice-Chairman to reword the notice for approval prior to further posting.

166 Signage. (Cllr Mrs Cobb)

- 166.1 Cllr Mrs Cobb asked that the matter of signage around Barford be discussed at the next agenda.

Closure

- 167 The meeting closed at 8:46 pm.

Date of Next Meeting

- 168 The next meeting of JPC is on Monday 8 Nov 10 at 7:30 pm in Wasperton Village Hall.

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS AS AT 30 SEP 10

Opening Balance 1 Apr 10	31,173
Add Excess Income over Expenditure	<u>(429)</u>
Closing Balance 31 Mar 11	<u>30,744</u>
Designated Funds	
Barford Parish Directory (CVS)	83
Barford Telephone Kiosk	200
Barford War Memorial	535
Election expenses (reserve for 2011)	2,000
Playing Field Hedge	<u>500</u>
Total Designated Funds	<u>3,318</u>
Risk Management Reserve	11,336
Discretionary Reserve	<u>16,090</u>

	Budget 2010-11	YTD	FOO
RECEIPTS			
Allotments Rents	700	431	700
Bank Interest	20	14	26
Barford Playing Field Lettings	173		
Concurrent Services Contribution (WDC)	2,480	2,480	2,480
Precept (WDC)	29,515	14,758	29,515
VAT prior year (HMRC)	400	357	357
Wayleave	4	4	4
TOTAL RECEIPTS	33,291	18,043	33,082
PAYMENTS			
Allotments Hire of Land	(150)		(150)
Allotments Maintenance	(150)		(150)
Allotments Water Charges	(50)	(116)	(116)
Audit Fees	(395)	(410)	(410)
Bank Charges	(20)		(20)
Barford Telephone Kiosk		(300)	(300)
Bus Shelters Maintenance	(465)	(664)	(715)
Chairman's Allowance	(392)		(392)
Consideration Covenant Release	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)
Employment Expenses	(14,515)	(7,276)	(14,515)
Grants: Churchyard Maintenance	(1,136)		(1,136)
Grants: Village Halls	(2,831)	(944)	(3,775)
Insurance	(980)	(1,026)	(1,026)
Mowing Charges	(1,562)	(1,035)	(1,562)
Notice Boards		(309)	(309)
Office Accommodation	(600)	(300)	(600)
Open Spaces Maintenance	(1,200)	(14)	(1,200)
Postage	(200)	(67)	(200)
Printing and Stationery	(600)	(317)	(600)
Subs: Information Commissioner	(35)		(35)
Subs: SLCC	(135)		(135)
Subs: WALC	(448)		(448)
Training and Seminar Expenses	(150)		(150)
Travel Expenses	(387)	(252)	(387)
Venue Hire	(180)		(180)
TOTAL PAYMENTS	(31,581)	(18,029)	(33,511)
NET TOTALS	1,710		(429)