

Barford Sherbourne and Wasperton Joint Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Parish Council held at Wasperton Village Hall on Monday 8 Nov 10

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

Opening

- 169 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm
170 No members of the public were present.
171 Apologies for absence were noted.

Minutes of the Meeting of Council 11 Oct 10

- 172 The minutes were approved as a true record.

Matters Arising

- 173 Minute 149. Barford members of the JPC had attended a meeting at 4 Bridge Street, Barford on 12 Oct 10 to discuss participation in Exercise Watermark. It was agreed with the WDC representative that Barford should perform an evening table-top exercise with telephone liaison and submit the results for analysis. It was further agreed that Wasperton, being in less danger of flooding, should maintain a watching brief on Barford's efforts. It was confirmed that the WDC's preferred method of participation was by individual villages.
- 174 Minute 163. The WCC had already been requested to discuss safety at the Barford turn-offs. Mr Graham Stanley was the nominated point of contact and dates for a meeting had been offered for acceptance but had not yet been confirmed.

Minutes of the Planning Committee 11 Oct 10

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

Cash Balances as at 31 Oct 10

- 176 The JPC took note of the following cash balances:
- HSBC £ 15,729.14
 - Alliance & Leicester £28,698.23

Receipts and Payments

177 The JPC endorsed the following:

Date	Payee	Category	Total
4 Oct 10	MFM Services	Mowing Charges	(213.00)
5 Oct 10	A&L	Bank Interest	1.89
7 Oct 10	TPC	Printing and Stationery	(43.76)
28 Oct 10	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(535.18)
28 Oct 10	J F Johnson	Employment Expenses	(677.41)
28 Oct 10	J F Johnson	Office Accommodation	(50.00)
30 Oct 10	WDC	Precept	14,757.50

Public Meeting 12 Nov 10

178 The JPC declined to approve the public funding of modest refreshments for the audience at a public meeting to be held in Barford Memorial Hall on 12 Nov 10 at 7:30pm to discuss "The cuts and the big society. What's it to us?". Instead it approved the provision of a bar at the end of the meeting.

Open Spaces Maintenance

179 The JPC took note that the planned improvement to the hedge dividing the Barford Cemetery from the playing fields included the provision of a kissing gate and that a contribution of £211 towards its cost has been promised by the Warwick Rural West Community Forum. A letter of thanks was to be sent to Mr Roy Nelmes (not a resident in the parishes) who had undertaken much of the tree work on a voluntary basis, working with the Chairman and other village volunteers. There was unanimous complimentary comment on the improvements so far. The Chairman was able to confirm that in addition to the JPC's commitment of £500 to this scheme Barford PCC had already underwritten £399 for ground levelling at the site and would be funding the reinstatement of the holly hedge.

Renewal of Mowing Contract 2011

180 The JPC approved the continuation of the running contract with MFM Services for grass cutting.

Gate Across Barford Allotments Track

181 A quote for the supply and installation of the gate has been received from MFM services:
"One 3.6 metre wooden gate complete with necessary fixings on 7"x 7" square posts including erection £225.00 + VAT"

182 Moved by Cllr Mulgrue and adopted by the JPC that the quote be accepted and the installation be completed as soon as the necessary planning approvals were received.

Living Roots Project

[Cllr Mulgrue declared a personal interest being a member of the Central Warwickshire Villages LEADER Programme Local Action Group]

183 The letter from the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust inviting participation was deemed too vague to elicit a response from the JPC. The Chairman undertook to write to obtain clarification.

Tree Preservation Order

184 Members took note of TPO 443 for 24 Keytes Lane, Barford.

Meetings 2011-12

185 The schedule of meeting for 2011-12 is shown in the following table:

Type	Place	Date
APM	B	Mon 4 Apr 11
APM	S	Mon 11 Apr 11
APM	W	Mon 18 Apr 11
Annual	B	Mon 16 May 11
Ordinary	S	Mon 13 Jun 11
Ordinary	W	Mon 11 Jul 11
Ordinary	B	Mon 5 Sep 11
Ordinary	S	Mon 10 Oct 11
Ordinary	W	Mon 14 Nov 11
Ordinary	B	Mon 16 Jan 12
Ordinary	S	Mon 13 Feb 12
Ordinary	W	Mon 12 Mar 12

Reports from Representatives Appointed to Serve on Other Bodies

186 Cllr Murphy:

- 186.1 He had met Mr Nick Wild (WCC) to show him that a recent resurfacing contract for roads in Barford (Church St, High St and Hareway Lane) had been poorly executed. This was agreed and remedial action promised.
- 186.2 He had attended the WALC AGM where the main talk had been on the WCC efforts to address Energy Security and Peak Oil and in particular there disproportionate impacts on rural areas.
- 186.3 He had attended the WDC Supper where the after-dinner speaker had again focused on rural issues and in particular the demise of the Council for Rural Communities which had coordinated the Rural Coalition and published "The Rural Challenge" document.
- 187 Cllr Rhead: He had been in discussion with the WDC Planning Department to urge enforcement of the obligation placed on County Cars in Barford to install planting in front of their galvanized front railings. The planners had indicated that they expected this to be completed by the year end.

Any Other Business

188 Purchase of Riverside Land in Barford.

- 188.1 Cllr Mrs Barlow gave a progress report. She had met Mr Gareth Davis to confirm LEADER orchard project funding.
- 188.2 The Clerk explained that WCC had failed to produce the draft conveyance in time for examination at this meeting but that it had been promised in the near future. Once received it would be sent to WALC for legal examination and would be added to the agenda of the JPC's January meeting.
- 188.3 Cllr Clay confirmed that construction of the landing stage would require EA consent and that the EA was minded to waive the related charges. He was also able to indicate that the EA did not believe that this site would be likely to incur significant, if any, EA maintenance charges in the future.
- 189 Rural Initiative Fund. Cllr Rhead reminded the meeting that grants were available from this fund for capital projects in villages which had not yet started.

Closure

190 There being no other business the meeting closed at 8:15 pm.

Date of Next Meeting

191 The next meeting of JPC is on Mon 10 Jan 11 at 7:30 pm in Barford Memorial Hall.