

# Barford Sherbourne and Wasperton Joint Parish Council

## Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Parish Council held at Barford Memorial Hall on Monday 10 Jan 11

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

### Opening

- 192 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm  
193 No members of the public were present.  
194 Apologies for absence were noted.

### Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

- 195 See Annex A to these minutes.

### Minutes of the Meeting of Council 8 Nov 10

- 196 The minutes were approved as a true record.

### Matters Arising

- 197 Minute 174. The minute stated " 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." but no meeting had yet been arranged. This was unsatisfactory but a later agenda item would bring this matter up to date with a new proposal.
- 198 Minute 181-2.
- 198.1 The quote for the supply and installation of a gate across the Barford allotment track from MFM services (*One 3.6 metre wooden gate complete with necessary fixings on 7"x 7" square posts including erection £225.00 + VAT*) had been accepted and the installation was to be completed as soon as the necessary planning approval was received.
- 198.2 The Chairman indicated the approval had now been given and that MFM would be instructed to proceed.
- 199 Minute 187. Cllr Rhead confirmed that County Cars in Barford had been instructed to install planting in front of their galvanized front railings to be completed by the end of March. Failure to meet this deadline would precipitate enforcement action.

### Minutes of the Planning Committee 8 Nov 10

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

### Minutes of the Planning Committee 23 Nov 10

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

### Minutes of the Planning Committee 13 Dec 10

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

### Cash Balances as at 31 Dec 10

203 The JPC took note of the following cash balances:

- HSBC £ 12,090.94
- Santander £28,702.07

### Receipts and Payments

204 The JPC authorized the following:

Date	Payee	Category	Total
1 Nov 10		Bank Error	(10.00)
1 Nov 10	J V Murphy	Open Spaces Maintenance	(7.66)
1 Nov 10	Playsafety Limited	Open Spaces Maintenance	(169.20)
1 Nov 10	J V Murphy	Open Spaces Maintenance	(21.15)
1 Nov 10	J V Murphy	Open Spaces Maintenance	(9.98)
1 Nov 10	J F Johnson	Postage	(10.17)
1 Nov 10	J F Johnson	Travel Expenses	(21.26)
1 Nov 10	J V Murphy (Wreath)	Section 137	(20.00)
2 Nov 10	S&D Window Cleaners	Bus Shelters Maintenance	(60.00)
2 Nov 10	MFM Services	Mowing Charges	(254.00)
2 Nov 10	Santander	Bank Interest	1.95
5 Nov 10	TPC	Printing and Stationery	(33.84)
24 Nov 10	WDC	Grants/Donations	211.00
28 Nov 10	J F Johnson	Employment Expenses	(677.41)
28 Nov 10	J F Johnson	Office Accommodation	(50.00)
26 Nov 10	SLCC	Subs: SLCC	(135.00)
28 Nov 10	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(535.18)
4 Dec 10	Santander	Bank Interest	1.89
8 Dec 10	J F Johnson	Postage	(10.17)
8 Dec 10	J F Johnson	Travel Expenses	(31.07)
9 Dec 10	TPC	Printing and Stationery	(18.61)
10 Dec 10	Hadley	Allotments Hire of Land	(37.50)
10 Dec 10	Smith	Allotments Hire of Land	(37.50)
10 Dec 10	S&D Window Cleaners	Bus Shelters Maintenance	(45.00)
10 Dec 10	J V Murphy	Chairman's Allowance	(392.00)
28 Dec 10	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(535.18)
28 Dec 10	J F Johnson	Employment Expenses	(677.41)
28 Dec 10	J F Johnson	Office Accommodation	(50.00)

### Budget and Precept 2011-12

205 The JPC fixed the precept for 2011-12 at £30,100.

206 The JPC adopted the budget for 2011-12 shown at Annex B to these minutes.

### Creation of New Designated Fund

207 The JPC debated the establishment of a designated fund for the financing of future tree planting.

- 208 After careful reflection it was decided that to create a designated fund would be an unnecessary complication and that the JPC had it within its powers to pay for *ad hoc* requests for tree planting from its reserves.

[Cllr Mrs Wilkinson joined the meeting]

### **Rural Enhancement Grants: Alteration to Existing Lighting Columns in Barford**

- 209 The JPC considered an offer from WDC's Principal Architect Planner (Mr Alan Mayes) to modify the tall lamp posts in Barford at the junction of Church Street, Bridge Street and Wellesbourne Road by cutting down the existing columns and, using an embellishment kit, installing a small swan neck style bracket with a lantern to match those already installed in the conservation area. The cost of the project (estimated by WCC at £7-8k) would be met from the WDC Rural Enhancement Grant Scheme.
- 210 Whilst the JPC was unwilling to forego any additional funding available for Barford, there was a concern that this might not be the most effective use of the money and to that end decided to obtain a schedule of all lamp standards in Barford (especially in the conservation area) to decide where the greatest need for improvement existed and then to have a meeting with Mr Mayes to decide the final use for the funds.
- 211 Additional concerns were expressed about the luminescence of the modified tall lamp posts and whether the Highways Agency would confirm that it provided adequate safety for traffic.

### **Road Safety Improvements**

- 212 The JPC requested WCC Cllr Caborn to support a bid for funding at Warwick Area Committee Traffic Seminar on 1 Feb10, for Barford Bypass junction improvements and Sherbourne 30mph speed limit implementation. The funding request was for £6k for a feasibility study on the Barford Bypass junctions and £15k for feasibility and towards the Sherbourne scheme.
- 213 The JPC requested that investigation of weight limit issues in Sherbourne, Wasperton A429 turn and Wasperton 20mph speed limit request might also be included within these proposals.

### **Dog Control Orders**

- 214 The JPC responded to an invitation to comment on WDC's proposal to introduce four dog control orders. Reaction was almost universally hostile for whilst individual sections of the orders would not be opposed by any reasonable person, taken as a whole they represented an unnecessary and unacceptable curtailment of the freedom and pleasure of responsible dog ownership.
- 215 In particular the first section of The Dog Exclusion (Warwick District Council) Order 2011 was a catch-all with very adverse effects upon the freedom to exercise dogs in villages.
- 216 In summary it was thought that although well-intentioned, the orders were bound to fail because the measures proposed could not apply over the wide spectrum of dog ownership spanning -for example- Barford to the centre of Leamington. Better to devolve responsibility for the control of dogs from District Council level to Town and Parish level to enable the latter to deal with any problems with local bye-laws.
- 217 Cllr Rhead undertook to take this message to WDC.

### **Public Meeting 12 Nov 10**

- 218 The JPC received information notes on the public meeting held to discuss the cuts and the "Big Society" and took note.

### **Barford-Wasperton Parish Boundary**

- 219 The current inter-parish boundary west of Wellesbourne Road follows the line of an old culverted stream until it reaches the river but it is no longer clear on the ground precisely where the boundary lies as the line of the culvert has been completely obscured by the new housing development. It seems probable that some of the new houses lie on the Wasperton side of the boundary and certainly the second-hand car dealer's garage and the Barford Exchange office development lie in Wasperton.
- 220 It is suggested that the boundary continue on the east side of Wellesbourne Road until it reaches the bypass. It could then go north on the bypass to meet the current boundary, though the precise location of that is not discernable on the ground.. The only natural feature for the boundary to follow would be the stream that flows into the river just south of Forge Cottage but that would entail that house coming into Barford Parish. The JPC preferred option was for the boundary to go directly from the east side of Wellesbourne Road to the river.
- 221 The JPC recommended that the Parish Boundary between Barford and Wasperton be amended so as to include all of the houses on Bremridge Close, the second-hand car dealer's garage and Barford Exchange.

### **Purchase of Riverside Land in Barford**

- 222 The JPC received a progress report:
- 222.1 The transfer documents had been examined by NALC lawyers who cleared them. The Chairman was therefore authorized to negotiate to completion including the approval of the payment of WCC's reasonable legal expenses subject to satisfactory plans of the current situation being received in place of the outdated versions which had previously been used when drawing up the documents.
- 222.2 Cllr Worrall would be invited to draw an accurate site plan to enable the planning process to start.
- 222.3 LEADER funding for the project was confirmed.

### **Any Other Business**

- 223 Arising from the discussion on the budget for 2011-12, it was decided to obtain quotes for ridding the Barford playing fields of moles for consideration at the next meeting.
- 224 Cllr Rhead was granted permission to bring to the next meeting a proposal for the purchase of a defibrillator to be kept in the Barford Village Shop.
- 225 Cll Mulgrue requested the inclusion of Bridge Street in the future gritting rota due to problems experienced on village entry and with the X18 bus service.

### **Closure**

- 226 There being no other business the meeting closed at 9:16 pm.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

- 227 The next meeting of JPC is on Mon 14 Feb 11 at 7:30 pm in Sherbourne Village Hall.

## DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

Name	Agendum	Type	Reason
Cllr Mrs Barlow	Dog Control Orders	Personal	Dog owner
Cllr Mrs Gordon	Dog Control Orders	Personal	Dog owner
Cllr Mrs Hayward	Dog Control Orders	Personal	Dog owner
Cllr Metcalfe	Dog Control Orders	Personal	Dog owner
Cllr Morrow	Parish Boundary	Personal	Lives in Bremridge Close
Cllr Mulgrue	Dog Control Orders	Personal	Dog owner
Cllr Mulgrue	Purchase Riverside Land	Personal	Vice-Chair Central Warwickshire Villages LEADER European Funding Scheme
Cllr Murphy	Rural Enhancement Grants	Personal	Lives near site
Cllr Murphy	Dog Control Orders	Personal	Dog owner
Cllr Rhead	Dog Control Orders	Personal	Dog owner
Cllr Mrs Wilkinson	Dog Control Orders	Personal	Dog owner

## ANNEX B

	Actual 2009-10	Budget 2010-11	Forecast Outturn 2010-11	Budget 2011-12
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Allotments Rents	453	700	817	889
Allotment Water Charges	4			
Bank Interest	26	20	35	20
Barford Playing Field Lettings	175	173		
Concurrent Services Contribution (WDC)	1,870	2,480	2,480	2,530
Grants/Donations	690		211	
Precept (WDC)	29,272	29,515	29,272	30,100
VAT prior year (HMRC)	750	400	400	600
Wayleave	4	4	4	4
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>33,244</b>	<b>33,291</b>	<b>33,219</b>	<b>34,143</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
Allotments Hire of Land	150	150	150	150
Allotments Maintenance		150		150
Allotments Water Charges	117	50	116	150
Audit Fees	403	395	410	410
Bank Charges		20		20
Barford Parish Plan	793			
Barford Telephone Kiosk			300	
Bus Shelters Maintenance	525	465	724	465
Chairman's Allowance	398	392	392	410
Consideration Covenant Release	5,000	5,000	5,000	
Dog Bins	321			
Election Expenses				3,000
Employment Expenses	14,080	14,515	14,551	14,906
Grants: Churchyard Maintenance	1,125	1,136	1,136	1,188
Grants: Village Halls	1,888	2,831	3,775	2,964
Insurance	950	980	1,026	1,026
Mowing Charges	1,380	1,562	1,502	1,606
Notice Boards			309	
Office Accommodation	608	600	600	628
Open Spaces Maintenance	646	1,200	1,000	500
Park Bench	794			
Postage	193	200	200	200
Printing and Stationery	700	600	600	600
Section 137	508		20	20
Subs: Information Commissioner	35	35	35	35
Subs: SLCC	135	135	135	135
Subs: WALC	892	448	448	448
Training and Seminar Expenses	70	150	50	150
Travel Expenses	294	387	387	387
Venue Hire	131	180	180	180
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>32,134</b>	<b>31,581</b>	<b>33,046</b>	<b>29,729</b>

