

BARFORD SHERBOURNE & WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Parish Council held at Sherbourne Village Hall
on Mon 13 Jun 16

Present:	Cll, J V Murphy (Chairman) Cllr: Mrs W Barlow, R Clay, H Gadsden, Mrs A Gordon, T Merrygold, Mrs R Newsome, N F J Thurley, J T Wright
Apologies:	Cllr: J M Hawkesford, M J Metcalfe, S Morgan, A B Rhead, Mrs K E Thomson,

Opening

33 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm

34 No members of the public were present.

Honours and Awards

35 Members of the JPC warmly congratulated Cllr J V Murphy on his award of the British Empire Medal in The Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Declarations of Disclosable Interests

36 None was declared.

Public Participation

37 There was no public participation

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Council 9 May 16

38 The minutes were approved as a true record.

Matters arising

- 39 Minute 13. Barford Memorial Hall Management Committee. Cllr Gadsden was unable to commit to being the JPC representative on the Barford Memorial Hall Management Committee. The Chairman undertook to canvass other Barford members of the JPC to accept the appointment.
- 40 Minute 22. Black Barn Field. Cllr Merrygold reported that limited progress had been made at Black Barn Field where some of the soil and chippings heaps worst affecting nearby dwellings had been removed or relocated.
- 41 Minute 25. Barford Neighbourhood Development Plan. The Chairman said that words relating to developments and sites either approved or proposed within the latest iteration of the New Local Plan had been carefully addressed. In particular relating to the confirmation that the parkland style areas of the gardens of houses off Wasperton Lane (and South of Barford House) recently approved would remain outside the latest Village Envelope and hence should not come under pressure for development. They also covered the two additional housing sites by continuing to omit them from the BNDP Preferred Sites list so that there was no presumption in favour of them when in fact the JPC had not approved these sites.
- 42 Minute 27.2. Barford "Speedwatch." With regards to curbing speed on Wellesbourne Road; it was suggested that the Barford "Speedwatch" team should be deployed more frequently, but there was still no indication from the last know operatives whether it could be deployed.
- 43 Minute 28. Hoardings. As part of the effort to halt the proliferation of unsightly, large hoardings springing up in the local area a map with associated photographs was being prepared by Sherbourne councillors and residents to illustrate the extent of the problem to WDC Enforcement and, if appropriate, WCC.

- 44 **Minute 29. Environmental Health.** The dairy farm in Sherbourne is changing hands and that the present herd of 150 cows is to be replaced by one of 500. There is concern about the environmental impact of so many animals and it was suggested that the air quality could be monitored by close record keeping to provide a base-line for determining any reduction in air quality due to the bovine influx. This idea is being explored.
- 45 **Minute 30. Nursery Fields Bench.** The bench is in a poor state of repair and its ownership is uncertain. The hope is that it might be restored for use but lack of the necessary information is frustrating this ambition. There has been no progress however since the last meeting.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 31 May 16

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

Cash Book Balances as at 31 May 16

- 47 The JPC took note of the following cash balances
- HSBC (1) £121,408.27
 - HSBC (2) £523.88
 - Santander £51,191.28

Receipts and Payments

- 48 The JPC endorsed the following:

Date	Payee/er	Category	Total
1 May 16	Santander	Bank Interest	20.97
2 May 16	Warwick Sports Ltd	BLIS (SE Eqpt)	(889.92)
6 May 16	Louise Best	Audit Fees	(90.00)
6 May 16	TPC Digital Solutions	Printing and Stationery	(17.64)
6 May 16	S&D Window Cleaners	Bus Shelters Maintenance	(60.00)
7 May 16	MFM Services	Mowing Charges	(444.00)
10 May 16	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(621.29)
11 May 16	bon app'	Royal Visit	(1,165.00)
11 May 16	MAG Consultancy	BLIS	(695.76)
11 May 16	MAG Consultancy	BLIS	(192.00)
11 May 16	Barford Landscapes	Grants: Royal Visit	100.00
11 May 16	R Clay	Grants: Royal Visit	100.00
11 May 16	R Jordan	Grants: Royal Visit	200.00
11 May 16	Warwick Sports Ltd	Grants: Royal Visit	150.00
11 May 16	MAG Consultancy	BLIS	(34.62)
11 May 16	HMRC	VAT	2.94
11 May 16	HMRC	VAT: BLIS	14,941.28
16 May 16	WTP	Training and Seminar Expenses	(30.00)
17 May 16	St John Ambulance	Royal Visit	(165.60)
20 May 16	BCC	Royal Visit	1,500.00
20 May 16	Anonymous	Grants: BSC	250.00
20 May 16	Picture Team	Royal Visit	(180.00)
20 May 16	The Square Wine	Royal Visit	(210.00)
23 May 16	WREN	Grants: BLIS	50,000.00
25 May 16	H Gadsden	BLIS	(108.97)
25 May 16	H Gadsden	BLIS	(100.00)
25 May 16	Mole-Man	Open Spaces Maintenance	(40.00)
27 May 16	Fortress	BLIS	(150.48)
31 May 16	Administration	Office Accommodation	(59.92)
31 May 16	Salaries	Employment Expenses	(797.64)
31 May 16	Soccertackle	BLIS (SE Eqpt)	(1,646.93)
31 May 16	WTP	Training and Seminar Expenses	(45.00)

Barford Neighbourhood Development Plan – Finance

- 49 There is a need for supplementary funding to make adjustments in the light of BNDP Inspector's report and to take the BNDP to Referendum to be allocated from Discretionary Reserve. An additional £1,000 is estimated of which BNDP has £587 in its designated fund. If at the conclusion of this exercise the designated fund has a positive balance that will be transferred to the JPC's unallocated reserve.
- 50 The JPC approved this funding model.

Barford Leisure Improvement Scheme – Progress Report

- 51 General:
- There is a good usage rate especially at half-term
 - The courts are fully marked
 - Still awaiting completion of utilities
 - Electricity - legal issues
 - Water – contracts
 - Some minor fittings remain to be completed
- 52 Barford Sports Club:
- "Family Fun in the Field" has been well attended
 - Ladies' tennis
 - Netball
 - Tennis coaching
 - After-school club
 - Bowls sessions (twice a week)
- 53 Problems:
- 53.1 Car Parking:
- Cones in place
 - Meeting with WCC to devise a highway scheme the better to inform visitors parking
 - Half-gate on track and signage
 - Yellow lining trial
- 53.2 Dog Fouling. The problem is being quantified using pink marker spray.
- 53.3 Neighbour. The owner of one garden adjoining the field complains of noise. Measures suggested by the JPC to ameliorate this have been rejected. There was a detailed discussion on what should be done within the constraints of JPC's legal powers, cost and ongoing maintenance responsibilities. The JPC found attractive a suggestion by Cllr Merrygold that the cost of a reasonable scheme meeting the JPC's requirements should be established and that sum could be offered to the resident as a contribution towards a more expensive solution of her choice. Nothing however was to be agreed before advice had been received from WDC Environmental Health.

Joint Standards Committee for Warwick District

- 54 The JPC declared:
"That this Council supports the continuation of the Joint Standards Committee for Warwick District Council and the proposals for representation of the Parish/Town Councils, that there should be four representatives one representing Warwick Rural East Community Forum area, one representing Warwick Rural West Community Forum Area and two representing the areas covered by the four towns."
- 55 The Joint Standards Committee will be responsible for undertaking hearings into the Conduct of Councillors following a report to them by the Monitoring Officer. As set out in the Arrangements for

Dealing with Complaints about Councillors cases will be determined by Hearing Panels appointed by the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Chairman of the Standards Committee. If necessary, the Committee will also be entitled to issue appropriate sanctions against those Councillors involved.

Annual Parish Meeting Wasperton

- 56 The Chairman of Wasperton APM (Cllr Metcalfe) offered the following for the information of JPC members:

The main issues that arose at the Wasperton meetings were:

1. Sand and gravel extraction - little to report from WCC.
2. Poor broadband service. I am trying to establish the nature of the problem - it appears that there is a big difference between the speeds available at the two ends of the village.
3. Unsafe pedestrian and cycle access to Wasperton. Cllr. Caborn has agreed to investigate the WCC position regarding possible improvements

- 57 The JPC took note.
- 58 It was agreed that the Chairman should include in his piece in Plurality a reassurance to those affected by the sand and gravel extraction that efforts to ameliorate its impact continued.

Any Other Business

- 59 Cllr Mrs Gordon reported that the footpath in Sherbourne from the A46 towards Norton Lindsey (Number WB16) had been rendered impassable by hedgerow trees and bushes being felled onto it and it now has grass growing through it. Repeated appeals to WDC to solve the problem had fallen on deaf ears. The Chairman asked for confirmation of the number and he would then take up the matter with WDC.
- 60 Cllr Mrs Gordon also reported that the ditch beside Fulbrook Lane running from the Dairy out of the village had been cleared and the spoil had been dumped on the roadside verge to a level about 600mm above the road surface. This is dangerous and unacceptable. The landowner had been instructed by WCC to remove the spoil but, to date, his only response had been to use an excavator's bucket to tamp down the mound. The Chairman will intervene with WCC.
- 61 Finally she drew attention to Footpath SD138 (from opposite Corner Cottage on Fulbrook Lane, to A46 on Sherbourne Hill) – impossible to walk through as the steep hillside section has been turned into a mud slope by constant horse-riders. This has been shown to Mr Barnard a couple of years ago, but nothing has been done to enable the path to be used.
- 62 Both Cllr Clay and Cllr Wright drew attention to the increasing hazard of poor road markings on the roundabout at Junction 15 of the M40. After the meeting Highways England confirmed that the problem had been reported on 9 Sep 15, it had been let to a contractor which declared the case closed on 29 Sep 15. An investigation why the task is incomplete is underway.

Closure

- 63 There being no other business the meeting closed at 8:40pm.

Date of Next Meeting

- 64 The next meeting of the JPC is on Mon 11 Jul 16 at 7:30 pm in Wasperton Village Hall.