

# BARFORD SHERBOURNE & WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Parish Council held at Barford Memorial Hall  
on Mon 4 Sep 17

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

## Opening

98 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm

99 Three members of the public were present.

## Reporting at Meetings

100 The “Protocol for the Reporting at Meetings of the Council or Committees” was taken as read by members of the JPC, and drawn to the attention of the public attending this meeting by means of printed leaflets.

## Appointment of Councillors

101 Mrs Dawna Haynes was appointed a member of the JPC, representing Barford. Cllr Mrs Haynes took her seat.

102 Mrs Victoria Hunt was appointed a member of the JPC, representing Barford. Cllr Mrs Hunt took her seat.

## Declarations of Disclosable Interests

103 None was declared.

## Public Participation

104 There was none.

## Minutes of the Meeting of Council 10 Jul 17

105 The minutes were approved as a true record.

## Matters arising

106 Minute 79. Gypsies and Travellers in Sherbourne. Cllr Merrygold’s notes were read to the JPC:

- I have received no contact from anyone at Highways England or Keir.
- My conversation with a local contractor about getting an estimate for earth moving and building a bund has come to naught.
- Some mounds of soil have been deposited alongside the path that goes towards the roundabout —no-one saw who did this.
- Currently this is a bit untidy but I will try and find someone to tidy it up and make it more of a bund.
- But it seems to have done the trick — we thought there might have been some travellers trying to stay over the weekend of the Kenilworth horse fair. I was told that at some point someone was seen trying the gate — but none appeared so I am guessing they checked out the site and decided not to come.

107 Minute 84. Gypsies and Travellers (G&T).

107.1 Cllr Murphy had given notice that the next-but-one meeting of Warwick WALC (date to be confirmed) would deal with WDC’s G&T policy. This prompted Cllr Rhead to give further detail about the ongoing debate on this matter; he explained that WDC’s Planning Forum, scheduled for 14 Sep 17, had been converted to a meeting (at the same time and place) for all parish and town councils in WDC, to deal solely with finding G&T sites in the WDC area. The meeting would be public, but voting would be restricted to two per village or town. Pressed on this, he

agreed that each of the three villages in the JPC should have two votes, and it was settled that the JPC's six votes should be cast by:

- Cllr Clay
- Cllr Gadsden
- Cllr Mrs Gordon
- Cllr Merrygold
- Cllr Murphy
- Cllr Thurley

107.2 Cllr Rhead said that he would circulate the following in advance of the meeting:

- Photographs of well-run sites
- The pros and cons of G&T sites in the Green Belt
- Generic planning conditions for such sites
- Potential sites for consideration

He added, the stiffer the resistance to allocating sites, the greater the probability of unauthorized camping and the more difficulty in dealing with such unauthorized encampments in the absence of official sites.

108 Minute 86. Bus stop Barford. The Chairman reported a meeting with Taylor Wimpey, the result of which was the grass was mown, weeds were removed and the fencing entrapment cured. He reminded the JPC of the strong PR campaign being mounted to rectify the issues of the bus stop's relocation.

### Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council 15 Aug 17

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

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 10 Jul 17

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

### Cash Book Balances as at 31 Aug 17

111 The JPC took note of the following cash balances:

- HSBC(1) £31,093.76
- HSBC(2) £ 4,933.15
- Santander £51,405.53

### Receipts and Payments

112 The JPC endorsed the following:

Date	Payee/er	Category	Total
3 Jul 17	Countryside Services	War Memorial Wasperton	(25.00)
3 Jul 17	Smith Construction	BLIS	(24,831.16)
3 Jul 17	Fields in Trust	Open Spaces Maintenance	(50.00)
3 Jul 17	E.on	Open Spaces Maintenance	(14.58)
3 Jul 17	Administration	Postage	(30.30)
3 Jul 17	Administration	Travel Expenses	(42.12)
3 Jul 17	Frank Mann Farmers	Mowing Charges	(883.20)
3 Jul 17	Booker	BLIS	(47.94)
4 Jul 17	Festival cash	BLIS: BSC	1,488.81
5 Jul 17	Bank Interest	Bank Interest	10.91
5 Jul 17	T F Jackson	BLIS	118.43
10 Jul 17	R Print	BLIS: BSC	(60.00)
10 Jul 17	J T Windows	Bus Shelters Maintenance	(45.00)
10 Jul 17	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(636.00)
11 Jul 17	MAG Consultancy	BLIS: BSC	(34.14)
11 Jul 17	MAG Consultancy	BLIS: BSC	(122.40)
11 Jul 17	MAG Consultancy	BLIS: BSC	(36.20)

11 Jul 17	MAG Consultancy	BLIS: BSC	(62.40)
11 Jul 17	Tracey Heselton	Open Spaces Maintenance	(40.00)
11 Jul 17	Timpson	BLIS	(12.00)
14 Jul 17	Seton	BLIS	(83.11)
20 Jul 17	E.on	Open Spaces Maintenance	(20.41)
21 Jul 17	Countryside Services	War Memorial Wasperton	(25.00)
22 Jul 17	A Mathie	Open Spaces Maintenance	(80.00)
28 Jul 17	Grant Thornton	Audit Fees	(480.00)
29 Jul 17	MAG Consultancy	BLIS: BSC	(36.66)
30 Jul 17	MAG Consultancy	BLIS: BSC	(183.60)
31 Jul 17	Salaries	Employment Expenses	(810.58)
31 Jul 17	Administration	Office Accommodation	(61.00)
31 Jul 17	Frank Mann Farmers	Mowing Charges	(1,147.20)
1 Aug 17	M Hadley	Allotments Hire of Land	(125.00)
1 Aug 17	R J Smith	Allotments Hire of Land	(125.00)
4 Aug 17	Bank Interest	Bank Interest	10.56
5 Aug 17	HP Inc	Printing and Stationery	(151.20)
5 Aug 17	J T Windows	Bus Shelters Maintenance	(45.00)
9 Aug 17	WDC	BLIS: BSC	350.00
10 Aug 17	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(636.00)
19 Aug 17	Booker	Open Spaces Maintenance	(35.97)
31 Aug 17	Salaries	Employment Expenses	(810.58)
31 Aug 17	Administration	Office Accommodation	(61.00)

### Audit as at 31 Mar 17

113 The Clerk informed the JPC that Grant Thornton (the external auditors) had given an unqualified audit opinion.

### Barford Leisure Improvement Scheme

114 The Chairman gave a progress report:

- Good use continues; very popular over the school holidays.
- MUGA has had a deep clean with a good report on surface care.
- There are some minor warranty issues on fencing.
- Four traffic cones have been stolen.
- The dawn to dusk locking system on the lavatories is working well.
- There is some increase in dog fouling supplemented by lots of fox activity. Increased vigilance is required as well as pink spraying.
- An accident occurred on the trampoline when a boy caught his foot between the membrane and the outer frame. This is not the first time this type of event has happened and the matter has been reported to the supplier and manufacturer. Advice will also be sought from RoSPA at the next inspection.

115 Disposal of the sheer volume of fallen leaves removed from KGF (and Barford Village Green) is posing a problem. The use of skips is being considered and, in the light of costs, it may be preferable to purchase a skip and pay for emptying rather than conventional hire. Alternatives and drawbacks will be fully considered before a final recommendation.

116 Cllr Mrs Barlow undertook to investigate composting leaves.

### Barford Youth and Community Centre

117 Cllr Mrs Barlow reported:

- The Garages are finally down and the site cleared with the help of committee members and scout supporter Dads.
- The new storage units go up in Oct.
- £2500 has been granted to the project from The Norton Foundation. Thanks to Jayne Long field for all her work.
- Members of the new build Group met with members of the Barford Community Charity.

A very useful meeting with obvious support from Charity Group members but also some very sensible suggestions/ideas. These have been fed back to the rest of the committee. Jayne and Mary Pierson have already found time to meet and they will work on possible 'matched Funding'.

- The Barford Show was held on the most glorious day and was well attended and very enjoyable. It raised approx. £900 towards funds.
- One of our villagers who died recently and had great connections to the Scout Hut wanted all money raised at her funeral to go to New Youth and Community Centre - such is the level of support in the village.
- Fund raising continues with the book launch on 24th Sept and 'Last night of the Proms' concert in St. Peter's on Oct 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Parking Sandy Way**

118 Cllr Phillips, who was prevented from attending this meeting, will meet the remit to report the outcome of his meeting with WDC later. See Minute 119

### **Bremridge Close Area Parking**

119 Cllr Caborn was unable to attend this meeting. He has however, arranged a meeting with an officer to discuss both this matter and parking in Sandy Way. See Minute 118

### **Meetings 2018-19**

120 For information:

Mon 9 Apr 18	Annual Parish Meeting	Barford
Mon 16 Apr 18	Annual Parish Meeting	Sherbourne
Mon 23 Apr 18	Annual Parish Meeting	Wasperton
Mon 14 May 18	JPC Annual Meeting	Barford
Mon 11 Jun 18	JPC	Sherbourne
Mon 9 Jul 18	JPC	Wasperton
Mon 10 Sep 18	JPC	Barford
Mon 8 Oct 18	JPC	Sherbourne
Mon 12 Nov 18	JPC	Wasperton
Mon 14 Jan 19	JPC	Barford
Mon 11 Feb 19	JPC	Sherbourne
Mon 11 Mar 19	JPC	Wasperton

### **Any Other Business**

121 The Chairman, aware that the Avon Navigation Trust's development scheme for the River Avon had been publicized in the press and was arousing interest and concern amongst residents, invited Cllr Clay (Engineering Director of the Trust), without prior notice, to brief the JPC to keep it abreast of progress. Cllr Clay was, however, unable to do so because points of order were raised that this was being introduced without notice under any other business on the agenda. The Chairman defended his position from the perspective of it being better for the JPC to be fully aware early of the manifestations of the scheme, which, it seems, is already receiving tacit support from WCC and WDC on economic and tourism grounds, rather than later being presented with a fait accompli which might be difficult to challenge. Nevertheless, he yielded on the point, but requested all parties to ensure that the JPC was kept fully informed of proposals and developments as early as possible.

### **Closure**

122 There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:20pm.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

123 The next meeting of the JPC is on Mon 9 Oct 17 at 7:30 pm in Sherbourne Village Hall.