

BARFORD SHERBOURNE & WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Parish Council
held in Barford Memorial Hall
on Mon 8 Nov 21

Present	Cllr T Merrygold, (Chairman) Cllr: Mrs W Barlow, J T Barrott, J D Billingham, R Clay, H Gadsden, Mrs D E Haynes, G Jackson, M J Metcalfe, J V Murphy, P B Phillips, M J Sheard, Mrs K E Thomson,
Apologies:	Cllr: J M Hawkesford, Mrs L M Jones, Mrs R Newsome,
In Attendance:	Cllr: A B Rhead (WDC), J Matecki (WCC)

Opening

71 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm

72 Six members of the public joined the meeting.

Declarations of Disclosable Interests

73 None was declared.

Public Participation

74 Mr V Rees. Submitted a written report (which was read aloud by the Chairman) drawing attention to the perceived dangers created by the poor road safety provisions in Sherbourne, in particular the lack of crossing facilities on the A429. [Cllr Matecki (WCC) was already aware of this matter].

75 Dr M Eykyn. Briefed the JPC on recent events in the Sand and Gravel Action Group (S&GAG). He was critical of the JPC's lack of involvement and communication of late.

76 Ms R Lord. Spoke in support of S&GAG

Minutes of the Meeting of Council on 11 Oct 21

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee on 11 Oct 21

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

Financial Report

79 Cash Book Balances as at 31 Oct 21

- HSBC £224,595.01
- Santander £75,236.25

The JPC took note

80 Receipts and Payments

Date	Payee	Category	Total
1 Oct 21	Stripe	BLIS:BSC	146.64
1 Oct 21	Bank interest	Bank interest	0.62
5 Oct 21	M Hadley	Allotments Hire of Land	(140.00)
5 Oct 21	R J Smith	Allotments Hire of Land	(140.00)
5 Oct 21	Frank Mann Farmers	Mowing	(535.32)
5 Oct 21	J T Windows	Bus shelter maintenance	(60.00)
7 Oct 21	Western Power Distribution	Wayleave	4.87
8 Oct 21	Smith Construction	Open spaces maintenance	(495.00)
9 Oct 21	WALC	Training	(30.00)
10 Oct 21	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(678.18)
12 Oct 21	Countryside Services	War Memorial Wasperton	(27.00)
13 Oct 21	BYCC	Allotments Water Charges	(67.14)
25 Oct 21	Playsafety Ltd	Open Spaces Maintenance	(227.40)
25 Oct 21	Salaries	Employment Expenses	(870.00)
25 Oct 21	Administration	Office Accommodation	(66.00)
27 Oct 21	Shell (JVM)	Open spaces maintenance	(22.65)
31 Oct 21	Bank Interest	Bank Interest	0.64

The JPC endorsed the transactions

Emergency Planning

81 Cllr Murphy confirmed that Mr Sinclair (*qv Minute 53 of the JPC Meeting of 13 Sep 21*) had agreed to brief members of the JPC on the composition of an emergency plan and a meeting had been arranged for Mon 15 Nov 21 to which they were all invited.

Barford Youth & Community Centre (BYCC)

82 The JPC discussed funding for the BYCC; there are three elements:

- £10k. Already pledged
- £30-40k Held as s106 monies earmarked for "Open Spaces". For this money to be released the JPC requires a specification of what the "Open Spaces" tasks are with costs
- £20k. A figure suggested by WDC to bring the JPC contribution to c.10% of the total project cost.. This figure would deplete the free reserve if paid on completion of the contract. Its recovery through the precept over five years would result in an 8% increase in the Council Tax in each of those five years over and above the normal increases for inflation.

83 Members were reminded that if the External Auditor discovered disbursements made without the necessary powers, they could be personally surcharged.

84 It was agreed that a special meeting of the JPC should be convened to reach a conclusion, and that it should be in time to permit whatever decision is made to be in the draft budget for 2021-22 which is prepared in December for JPC approval in January. At that meeting BYCC would be invited to make a presentation culminating in a proposal.

Barford Dovecote

85 This item had been included to consider a paper submitted by Mr D Warne but it was discovered there was far too little solid information to allow meaningful decisions to be made and so it was deferred. It was recognised that there was significant interest in preserving the Dovecote and it was agreed that a group consisting of interested JPC members and Heritage Group members would investigate what avenues may be open to the community.

Closure

86 There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9:00pm.

Date of Next Meeting

87 The next scheduled meeting of the JPC is on Mon 10 Jan 22 in Barford Memorial Hall at 7:30pm.