

**BARFORD SHERBOURNE & WASPERTON JOINT
PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Joint Parish Council
held in Barford Memorial Hall on Mon 9 Jan 23

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

Opening

138 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm

139 Four members of the public were present.

Declarations of Disclosable Interests

140 None was declared.

Public Participation

141 Mrs M Pearson addressed the JPC on Bar Zero and Sustainability matters.

[J Crawshaw joined the meeting]

Barford Youth & Community Centre (BYCC)

142 J Crawshaw gave a summary of progress of the project to date and gave an insight into the plans for further funding and the timescale to completion.

[J Crawshaw left the meeting]

BYCC – Assessment of Financial Commitment by JPC

143 Without demur members agreed that the current financial offer of payment on completion of £20k funded from JPC assets and of up to £40k funded from WDC's funding offer should be confirmed; any other course of action could be interpreted as lack of confidence in the project.

Minutes of the Meeting of Council on 14 Nov 22

144 The minutes were approved as a true record.

145 Matters Arising. Minute 136. Bar Zero's response was reported later in the meeting (see Minute 159 below)

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 14 Nov 22

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee on 12 Dec 22

147 The minutes were approved as a true record.

148 Matters Arising. The "JPC Decision" for both W/22/1817 and W/22/1818LB was supplemented by the addition of the following:
"As a consequence, the application was later amended to the satisfaction of the Planning Committee and the objection was withdrawn".

Financial Report

149 Cashbook Balances as at 31 Dec 22

- HSBC £156,043
- Santander £75,289

The JPC took note.

150 Receipts and Payments

Date	Payee	Category	Total
25 Oct 22	Salaries	Employment Expenses Salaries	(885.00)
01 Nov 22	Hiscox	Insurance Claim	3,926.80
01 Nov 22	STRIPE	BLIS:BSC	64.65
02 Nov 22	R J Hartwell	Open Spaces Maintenance	(50,400.00)
06 Nov 22	Barford PCC	s137 (Wreath)	(20.00)
06 Nov 22	Countryside Services	Wasperton War Memorial	(28.00)
10 Nov 22	HMRC	Employment Expenses HMRC	(700.00)
11 Nov 22	Fields in Trust	BLIS:KGF	(65.00)
16 Nov 22	Frank Mann Farmers	Mowing	(616.79)
16 Nov 22	Frank Mann Farmers	Mowing	(887.45)
18 Nov 22	J T Windows	Bus shelter maintenance	(60.00)
20 Nov 22	R J Hartwell	BLIS:KGF	(10,852.12)
20 Nov 22	R J Hartwell	Open Spaces Maintenance	(1,211.83)
21 Nov 22	HSBC	Bank Charges	(10.00)
23 Nov 22	SLCC	Subs: SLCC	(187.00)
25 Nov 22	Administration	Office Accommodation	(66.00)
25 Nov 22	Salaries	Employment Expenses Salaries	(995.00)
26 Nov 22	E.on	BLIS:KGF	(31.25)
26 Nov 22	eBay (JVM)	Security lock	(7.69)
26 Nov 22	Therampeople	BLIS:KGF	(147.00)
01 Dec 22	Stripe	BLIS:BSC	36.72
07 Dec 22	UPVC Spares	BLIS:KGF	(7.66)
10 Dec 22	J T Windows	Bus shelter maintenance	(60.00)
10 Dec 22	Smith Construction	BLIS:KGF	(495.00)
10 Dec 22	HMRC	Employment Expenses HMRC	(788.00)
12 Dec 22	BCC	Donation	4,972.00
12 Dec 22	Cool Breeze	s137 WiFi	(82.50)
12 Dec 22	BMH	BMH	(1,904.60)
12 Dec 22	Administration	Travel Expenses	(49.32)
15 Dec 22	Frank Mann Farmers	Open Spaces Maintenance	(390.00)
16 Dec 22	Cool Breeze Technology	s137 WiFi	(185.00)
18 Dec 22	St Peter's Barford	Grants:Churchyard Maintenance	(500.00)
18 Dec 22	St John the Baptist	Grants:Churchyard Maintenance	(500.00)
18 Dec 22	Sherbourne P.C.C.	Grants:Churchyard Maintenance	(500.00)
18 Dec 22	BYCC	Grants: Community Centres	(1,272.00)
18 Dec 22	PCC Wasperton Parish Hall	Grants: Community Centres	(1,272.00)
18 Dec 22	BMH Management Committee	Grants: Community Centres	(1,272.00)
21 Dec 22	HSBC	Bank Charges	(8.00)
25 Dec 22	Administration	Office Accommodation	(66.00)
25 Dec 22	Salaries	Employment Expenses Salaries	(995.00)

The JPC endorsed these transactions.

Funding Offer

Offer	Balance	Expiry	Purpose
W/17/0440	£71,162	31 Jan 27	Open space in Barford

The JPC took note.

Community Speedwatch

152 The JPC studied a report by PC Ken Bratley (Road Safety Unit) the essential points of which are:

152.1 Wasperton. Wasperton is not suitable for CSW due to the nature of the roads and the 20mph speed limit which is in force.

152.2 Sherbourne. Moving on to Sherbourne; the nature of the streets does not lend itself to CSW. The junction with Stratford Rd and Vicarage Lane is, however, a possibility. This is the only site with potential but would need the distances to be measured accurately. Using a laser range finder, a total distance of 298m was measured to the change of speed limit sign at the A46 end which is below the minimum 300m required. Cllr Merrygold has asked PC Bratley to reconsider

Watery Lane in Sherbourne.



152.3 Barford.

Wellesbourne Rd has been approved at the bus stop near to Canon Price Rd (see below image). This site is approved for use in both directions. There is also scope for a further site on this road towards the Granville Arms.



Church Street. There is also an approved site at Church St just at the walkway to the village shop (see below). This site can be used in both directions.



154 The JPC took note and agreed there was a need for it to have its own Speedwatch camera and approved its purchase.

King George's Field

155 Cllr Murphy reported:

- Generally busy and well-used.
- More vandalism:
 - Tennis net and fittings stolen.
 - Stones were thrown through two windows.
- Fire damage mostly repaired.
- Still awaiting completion of door repairs and upgrade of locks.
- Leaf clearance tedious; more help is needed.

156 Cllr Sheard described additional measures to enhance security, including inside security grids over the windows at a cost of £3,200. The JPC approved this expenditure.

Precept 2023-24

157 The JPC set the Precept 2023-24 at £62,758

Budget 2023-24

158 The JPC adopted the budget at Annex A to these minutes.

Village Green Wildflower Proposal

159 Cllr Sheard reported that Bar Zero was averse to accepting any responsibility for maintenance and mowing; an attitude which stalled the negotiations. The subject was put on hold until a satisfactory scheme of command and control might be agreed.

Any Other Business

160 Cllr Matecki confirmed that Smith's Concrete planning application for sand and gravel extraction adjacent to Barford would be considered by WCC (and not the usual WDC) and that the JPC should make arrangements accordingly. [Afternote: A Planning Committee meeting is provisionally planned for Mon 23 Jan 23.]

Closure

161 The meeting closed at 9:07pm

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Opening balance 2022-23	282,536	
Excess of Income/Expenditure 2022-23	(62,700)	
Closing balance 2022-23	219,836	
Designated Funds		
Barford Leisure Improvement Scheme:		
Barford Sports Club	7,901	Self-funding
King George's Field	24,081	Includes residue of third-party start-up funding
Sinking Fund	35,000	Funded from Precept; for long-term capital needs
Barford Telephone Kiosk	200	Barford Heritage Group bond for future costs
Barford War Memorial	470	Raised by public subscription
Contested Election Costs	3,500	JPC policy to maintain this reserve
Key Man Insurance	15,646	75% of employment costs and office accommodation
Neighbourhood Watch	100	Current Balance
Open Spaces Maintenance	76,123	Includes Funding Offer W/17/0440
Promissory Note BYCC	20,000	Payment on proof of completion Funded from Precept
Provision for new mower	1,600	Purchase approved by JPC
Public Access Defibrillator	189	Current balance of donation
Total Designated Funds	184,810	
SUMMARY 2022-23		
Opening balance 2022-23	282,536	
Excess of Income/Expenditure 2022-23	(62,700)	
Closing balance	219,836	
Designated Funds	(184,810)	
Discretionary Reserve	35,027	
SUMMARY 2023-24		
Opening Balance 2023-24	219,836	
Excess of Income over Expenditure	20,661	
Closing balance	240,497	
Designated Funds	(184,810)	
Discretionary Reserve	55,687	
Precept 2023-24	62,757	
Tax Base 2023-24	966.34	
Band D	64.94	The National Average for Band D for 2022-23 was £74.81
Annual Increase Band D	6.01	

DATA

	Budget 2022-23	YTD	FOO	Budget 2023-24
RECEIPTS				
Allotments Rents	1,350	42	1,350	1,688
Bank Interest	10	49	100	150
BLIS:BSC	2,000	1,200	2,000	2,000
Donation	0	2,884	2,884	0
Precept	56,948	56,948	56,948	62,757
VAT	2,500	2,884	3,000	14,000
Wayleave	5	5	5	5
TOTAL RECEIPTS	62,813	64,012	66,287	80,599
PAYMENTS				
Allotments Hire of Land	560	280	560	560
Allotments Maintenance	360	198	300	360
Allotments Water Supply	200	75	150	150
Audit Fees	526	680	680	700
Bank Charges	0	82	120	120
BLIS:BSC	0	85	100	100
BLIS:KGF	0	17,433	19,000	5,000
BLIS:SF	5,000	0	0	5,000
BMH	0	5,555	5,555	0
Bus Shelters Maintenance	780	600	780	780
Chairman's Allowance	527	0	527	581
Employment Expenses ERNI&PAYE	9,453	7,315	9,453	9,500
Employment Expenses Salaries	10,591	8,185	10,591	11,000
Grants: Churchyard Maintenance	1,500	0	1,500	1,653
Grants: Community Centres	5,246	0	3,816	4,205
Insurance Claim	0	954	954	0
Insurance Premium	2,983	2,983	2,983	3,000
Mowing Charges	6,050	4,438	4,438	6,590
Newsletter	2,480	2,614	2,614	2,881
Office Accommodation	817	594	792	900
Open Spaces Maintenance	5,000	58,767	62,000	5,000
Postage	20	0	0	20
Printing and Stationery	20	0	0	20
Rectory Paddock	500	500	500	500
Section 137	25	288	300	25
Subs: Information Commissioner	40	0	35	35
Subs: SLCC	192	187	187	190
Subs: WALC	680	661	661	665
Training and Seminar Expenses	100	144	200	200
Travel Expenses	20	49	80	80
War Memorial Wasperton	108	112	112	124
TOTAL PAYMENTS	53,778	112,778	128,988	59,938
Difference:	9,035	(48,766)	(62,700)	20,661