

**BARFORD SHERBOURNE & WASPERTON JOINT
PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Joint Parish Council
held in Barford Memorial Hall on Mon 13 Feb 23

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

Opening

162 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm

163 Two members of the public were present.

Declarations of Disclosable Interests

164 None was declared.

Public Participation

165 None

Minutes of the Meeting of Council on 9 Jan 23

166 The minutes were approved as a true record. Matters arising:

166.1 Village Green Wildflower Proposal (Minute 159). Cllr Sheard reported no response from Bar Zero. The Chairman undertook to expedite the matter.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee on 23 Jan 23

167 The minutes (as amended (replacing “north” with “south” in the location of the site entrance)) were approved as a true record. There were no further matters arising.

Financial Report

168 Cashbook Balances as at 31 Jan 23

- HSBC £153,135.82
- Santander £75,329.66

The JPC took note.

169 Receipts and Payments

Date	Payee	Category	Total
01 Jan 23	Santander	Bank interest	28.48
03 Jan 23	Stripe	BLIS:BSC	19.42
10 Jan 23	HMRC	Employment Expenses HMRC	(788.00)
10 Jan 23	J V Murphy	s137 venue heating	(12.00)
10 Jan 23	J T Windows	Bus shelter maintenance	(60.00)
13 Jan 23	WALC	Training and Seminar Expenses	(36.00)
13 Jan 23	Fenland Leisure Ltd (JVM)	BLIS:KGF	(82.00)
16 Jan 23	Cool Breeze Technology	s137 WiFi	(70.00)
21 Jan 23	HMRC	Employment Expenses HMRC	(775.37)
21 Jan 23	ICO	Subs: Information Commissioner	(35.00)
21 Jan 23	HSBC	Bank Charges	(8.00)
25 Jan 23	Administration	Office Accommodation	(66.00)
25 Jan 23	Salaries	Employment Expenses Salaries	(995.00)

The JPC endorsed these transactions.

King George's Field

170 Cllr Murphy reported:

- Vandalism damage has largely been repaired.
- Replacement of broken window in hand.
- Ramp to be restored.
- Tennis court to have the moss removed. (It is a necessity that this is repeated quarterly for

- safety reasons).
- Replacement nets to be procured.

Coronation of King Charles III

- 171 The JPC agreed that the suggestion from the WI of a “Street Party” on the Village Green was a good idea. Cllr Murphy confirmed that at no charge both the Barford Memorial Hall would be available and the use the tables.
- 172 The JPC agreed to plant a tree to commemorate the Coronation, preferably a British oak, in a suitable spot in KGF. It was agreed that the tree should be planted by school children rather than a local dignitary.
- 173 To organize this a working group was formed comprising:
- Cllr Clay
 - Cllr Gadsden
 - Cllr Mrs Haynes
 - Cllr Hawkesford
 - Cllr Murphy
 - Cllr Sheard
- 174 Its brief:
- Procure a substantial tree (3-4m high) at a price between £200-£400.
 - Agree a suitable location.
 - Organize a suitably worded plaque.
 - Plan the logistics of planting and how it works with children.
- 175 Cllr Gadsden is to liaise with Barford School both to plan the children’s tree-planting and to learn what other activities the school may have in mind.

South Warwickshire Local Plan

- 176 The Chairman briefed the meeting of the ramifications of the plan insofar as it concerned the JPC, and a working party to monitor its progress was convened comprising:
- Cllr Billingham (W)
 - Cllr Clay (B)
 - Cllr Gadsden (B)
 - Cllr Jackson (S)
 - Cllr Merrygold (B)
 - Cllr Murphy (B)
 - Cllr Phillips (W)
 - Cllr Sheard (B)

Sand & Gravel Action Group (SAGAG)

- 177 The JPC has a mission to prevent the opening of a gravel pit adjacent to Barford through the medium of SAGAG but being uncertain about its legal powers to provide financial assistance through Section 137, appealed to WALC for expert guidance. Which was that a parish council should not put at risk public money by supporting an aim which may not be achieved. With the utmost reluctance therefore the JPC declined to make the grant.
- 178 The JPC thought however that if it were, in its own right, to undertake part of the work for which the grant was requested then the problem would be solved. It provisionally earmarked £5k net to commission an expert study on the threat to public health posed by dust and particulates- a real danger- and present this as evidence at an appeal hearing but would await WALC’s response before committing to the expenditure.

[Afternote: Response from WALC “This is not something which the Council should embark upon. Such a survey would be expensive and time consuming and it would normally form part of the environmental information given by the applicant for the planning application. The council

should discuss this with the Principal authority before undertaking this. Our advice is not to do this.”]

Closure

179 There being no further agenda items the meeting closed at 8:45pm

Date of Next Meeting

180 The next meeting of the JPC is scheduled for Mon 13 Mar 23 in Barford Memorial Hall at 7:30 pm.