

**BARFORD SHERBOURNE & WASPERTON JOINT
PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Joint Parish Council
held in Barford Memorial Hall on Mon 8 Jan 24

Present:	Chairman: Cllr J V Murphy Cllr: J D Billingham, R Clay, J M Hawkesford, G Jackson, Mrs L M Jarratt, Mrs L M Jones, Mrs R Newsome, P B Phillips, B Ranner, M J Sheard, Mrs L A Wallis,
Apologies:	Cllr, J T Barrott, H Gadsden, T Merrygold,

Opening

116 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm

Declarations of Disclosable Interests

117 None was declared.

Public Participation

118 No members of the public attended the meeting.

Minutes of the Meeting of Council on 13 Nov 23

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

Minutes of the Planning Committee on 13 Nov 23

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

121 Minutes of the Planning Committee on 11 Dec 23

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

Financial Report

122 Cash Book Balances as at 31 Dec 23

- HSBC £148,811.83
- Santander £75,898.86

The JPC took note.

123 Receipts and Payments

Date	Payee	Category	Total
01 Nov 23	Parrs (JVM)	OSM	(192.00)
01 Nov 23	Pyments of Campden	OSM	(1,825.20)
01 Nov 23	RoSPA	BSC	(243.00)
01 Nov 23	Santander	Interest	67.24
01 Nov 23	Stripe	BSC	71.49
01 Nov 23	T Fattorini	s137	(76.01)
02 Nov 23	Countryside Services	War Memorial Wasperton	(30.00)
05 Nov 23	St Peter's Barford	s137	(20.00)
09 Nov 23	Frank Mann Farmers	KGF/Mowing	(667.50)
09 Nov 23	Frank Mann Farmers	OSM/Mowing	(582.12)
10 Nov 23	E.on	KGF	(64.44)
14 Nov 23	WALC	Training	(12.00)
15 Nov 23	Salaries	Employment Expenses Salaries	(1,306.07)
21 Nov 23	HSBC	Bank charges	(10.00)
23 Nov 23	David Steel	KGF	540.00
26 Nov 23	Booker (JVM)	KGF	(31.18)
27 Nov 23	Administration	Office Accommodation	(75.00)
27 Nov 23	Right-Light	KGF	(1,296.00)
28 Nov 23	WALC	Training	(24.00)
01 Dec 23	Santander	Bank Interest	65.13
01 Dec 23	Smiths Construction	KGF	(495.00)
01 Dec 23	Stripe	BSC	40.67
02 Dec 23	Water Plus	KGF	(276.09)
08 Dec 23	J T Windows	Bus Shelter Maintenance	(60.00)
09 Dec 23	SLCC	Subs:SLCC	(188.00)
12 Dec 23	Salaries	Employment Expenses Salaries	(978.18)
12 Dec 23	Severn Trent Water	KGF	192.00
13 Dec 23	WDC	Elections	(900.00)
118 Dec 23	HIK Vision	KGF	(2,671.00)

21 Dec 23	Paul Hunt	KGF	(242.69)
21 Dec 23	HSBC	Bank Charges	(8.00)
27 Dec 23	Administration	Office Accommodation	(75.00)
28 Dec 23	BYCC	Allotments Water	(67.43)

The JPC endorsed the payments.

King George's Field

124 The Chairman reported:

- The facility is busy but very wet but happily, the drainage is working well.
- The request to purchase an additional floodlight for use on the MUGA at a cost of approximately £660 + VAT, from Barford Sports Club reserve with a voluntary contribution of 50% from the group concerned (Dads' Football), had been granted. Two had been purchased and installed.
- The CCTV preferred supplier has provided good coverage.

The JPC took note

Barford Youth & Community Centre (BYCC)

125 The Chairman reported:

- Funding is in place.
- A new contractor has been appointed and the contract has been signed.
- Forecast completion in the autumn.

The JPC took note

Funding Offer W/17/0440

126 On 1 April 2021 Warwick District Council (WDC) made a funding offer of £135,776.93 under s106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 "to be applied towards the cost of the creation, improvement or maintenance of public open space in Barford" [*confirmed to include Sherbourne and Wasperton*] and the JPC's bank account was credited with that sum. The offer was conditional upon the JPC seeking approval for any expenditure from it, the keeping of a running record, and that, upon the offer's expiry on 31 Jan 2027, any residual funding could be recovered by WDC.

Within the JPC's cashbook the money was assigned to the Open Spaces Maintenance (OSM) ledger, and it was intended that a Promissory Note for £40,000 as a grant towards the construction of the new Barford Youth & Community Centre (BYCC) should be created which, upon redemption, would be funded from that source.

This arrangement has attendant problems. The construction of BYCC would not have started until funding was assured, but the Promissory Note could not be redeemed until a Certificate of Completion was issued. Only then could WDC be invited to endorse it, with the possibility of rejection. Faced with this dilemma, the Chairman has decided to redeem it from the Precept on completion, bringing certainty to the construction contractor.

The issue now is to ensure that all the remaining funding is spent. The known annual expenditure of a type already approved by WDC is:

MUGA Maintenance	£1,980	Fixed
Mowing	£5,328	2023-24 actual
General OSM tasks (£5k budgeted)	£5,000	
Total	£12,308	

This will continue for three years (until 31 Jan 2027) giving a yield of £36,924 which is more than adequate to meet the outstanding £30,556 (as at 8 Dec 23). Inflation is not included but it works to the JPC's advantage.

Whilst the JPC has the comfort of knowing its debt to WDC will be cleared, it is achieved over a protracted period. This could be shortened by first redeeming the Promissory Note for £40k then submitting the documentation to WDC for validation. If successful, the Funding Offer would be cleared at a stroke.

The JPC took note

Management Accounts at 31 Dec 24

127 Withdrawn

Precept 2024-25

128 The purchasing power of the 2023-24 Precept (£62,757) has been eroded through inflation by 6.7% (CPI Sep 23). To restore this in real terms, the 2024-25 Precept (£66,963) has been increased by 6.7% from that value. The cash required (£4,206) is provided from a reduced Tax Base (958.41) so that each Band D Equivalent has an increase of £4.93 which equates to a weekly increase of nine pence. Of note is that the national average for a Band D Equivalent in 2023-24 was £78.79 whereas for the JPC for 2024-25 it is lower at £69.87.

The JPC set the Precept 2024-25 at £66,963

Budget 2024-25

129 Withdrawn

Closure

130 There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:45pm

Date of Next Meeting

131 Mon 12 Feb 24