

BARFORD, SHERBOURNE AND WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Monday, 29 July 2002 at Wasperton Village Hall
at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr J V Murphy (Chairman)

Cllrs M P Byerley, R Clay, Mrs A Gordon, G P Grima, Mrs M Hayward, K S Hope,
D H Hunt, G G Morris, R G Mulgrue, M Peters, A Roberts, W Worrall, J T Wright.

In attendance: Cllr Mrs M Haywood (WCC), PC R French.

41. Apologies for absence
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs R G Butler (WDC), Mrs J Compton (WCC), Mrs J Jackson, R Tamlin (WDC).
42. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests
Interests were declared as follows:
Cllr J V Murphy – Agenda item 13 – Restoration of Barford War Memorial – Personal interest – wife member of PCC.
Cllr Mrs M Hayward Agenda item 13 – Restoration of Barford War Memorial – Personal interest – member of PCC.
43. Matters for the Constabulary
PC French reported on crime incidents in the area. Concern was expressed regarding the following:
'Exhibition' riding of motor cycles in Bridge Street/Wellesbourne Road, Barford.
Parked vehicles adjacent to the junction of Wasperton Lane adjacent to the flats, Barford causing potential danger to vehicles trying to turn in from Wellesbourne Road.
Vehicles parked too close to traffic calming chicanes in High Street, Barford resulting in ineffective operation.
44. Minutes
The minutes of the following meetings were confirmed.
Planning Committee 11 June 2002
Council 17 June 2002
45. Reports from representatives appointed to serve on other bodies
Cllr R G Mulgrue reported on his attendance at a meeting of Warwick District Councils Planning Committee at which the application to develop the Oldhams Transport site for housing was considered and granted.

Cllr J V Murphy reported on his attendance at a meeting of Warwick District Council's Planning Best Value Group. Although only a small number of representatives were in attendance the meeting had proved useful and a number of suggestions for improvement in operation had been suggested.
46. Parish representation on Warwick District Council's Standards Committee
At the June meeting of the Council nominations were considered for two Parish and Town Council representatives to serve on the District Councils Standards Committee. It was reported that Cllrs Mrs A Gordon and J V Murphy had now been appointed.

47. Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2002
- a. Audit of Accounts – It was reported that the Councils appointed Auditors – Clement Keys- had given notice that the date for the exercise of electors rights to question the auditor about the accounts and make objections would be 19 August 2002.
- It was resolved to note the above.
- b. Accounts 2001/2002 – The Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer submitted the Councils Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2002.
- It was resolved:
That the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2002 including the transfer of £400 to ‘Earmarked’ funds in respect of provision for elections be approved.
- c. Appointment of External Auditor – At the meeting of the Council held on 13 May 2002 authority to appoint a an internal auditor as required by the new account regulations was delegated to the Chairman and Clerk.
- The Clerk reported that Mr Roger Wyton who was employed as an Accountant with Warwick District Council had agreed to act in a private capacity as internal auditor.
- It was resolved to note the report and appointment of Mr Wyton.
- d. Bank charges 2001/2002 – It was reported that during the year 2001/2002 charges by the Councils bankers – HSBC – were as follows:
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| | £ |
| Bank charges | 0.60 |
| Safekeeping of Playing Field deeds | 10.50 |
- It was resolved that the charges be approved.
48. Barford Playing Field – Use by Norton Lindsey JFC
A request by Norton Lindsey Junior Football Club to be granted permission to use the Playing field for the 2002/2003 season was considered.
- It was resolved that permission be granted subject to payment of a fee of £135.00.
49. New Radio Station for the West Midlands – ‘The Storm’
It was reported that the Radio Authority the governing body of commercial radio had recently confirmed that there would be a new radio station to cover the West Midlands region. The Chairman of the proposed station – The Storm – had written to the Council asking if it would support its application for a licence to broadcast.
- Resolved: that the application be not supported.
50. Womens Royal Voluntary Group – Application for grant assistance
An application for grant assistance received from the above organisation was considered.
- Resolved: That no grant be made.

51. Warwick District Parish and Town Boundary Review 2002

A letter received from Warwick District Council setting out proposals to realign the eastern boundary between Budbrooke and the Town of Warwick was considered.

The proposed realignment was along the center of the A46 trunk road and then from the Longbridge traffic island, the southern boundary with the parishes of Sherbourne and Norton Lindsey, along the center of the M40 to where the existing boundary line between the parishes of Budbrooke and Hatton parish is met.

It was resolved: That no objections be raised to the proposed realignment.

52. Multi-sports surface etc at Barford Playing Field

a) It was reported that Warwickshire County Council had confirmed that its Warwick Area Committee has agreed to allocate £5000 from its Well-being budget for 2002/2003 in support of the above project.

b) It was also reported that the Heart of England Community Foundation had advised that the Councils application for a grant from the PIE Community Chest was unsuccessful..

c) Following confirmation of grant assistance by the District and County Councils sufficient funding was now available to enable the scheme to proceed subject to the grant of planning permission on which a decision was currently awaited.

Sport England had registered an objection to the application on the grounds that ‘there would be a loss of a playing field of reasonable quality and of significant value as local amenity land and to the interest of sport’. The Clerk reported that he has discussed with Sport England their objection and they had advised that they had informed Warwick District Council that they had withdrawn their objection.

d) Cllr W Worrall submitted a drawing that he had prepared for the proposed shelter.

It was resolved:

- a) To note the report set out above;
- b) That the drawing for the shelter be approved

53. Restoration of Barford War Memorial

At the meeting with representatives of the Parochial Church Council attended by the PCC’s Architect it was agreed that he should be asked to provide information on his fee for preparing drawings and a specification for the work.

The Architect (from the Hitchman Stone Partnership) had now advised that their fixed fee would be as follows:

a) For preparing the drawings and specification assuming expenditure of a maximum of £10000.00 - fee £600 plus VAT

b) For handling the work totally – fee £1100.)) plus VAT.

No information had been provided information on how the Architects fee would be apportioned between the Council and the PCC in respect of work required for repair of the Church wall.

Concern was expressed at the delay in proceeding with the repairs and that the Council was not free to undertake the work without disturbance to the adjoining wall and the agreement of the PCC.

It was resolved:

a) That the Parochial Church Council be informed that the Council favour option (a) and propose that the fee is apportioned on the basis of 50/50 between the Council and the PCC and;

b) That before a final decision to repair the existing memorial is made a proposal to erect a new Memorial on Barford Village Green should be considered.

c) To enable item (b) the Architect be requested to include in the specification the option of removing the existing plaques and rebuilding the church wall.

54. National Association of Local Councils – Development Strategy Document 2002

A consultation document setting out proposals for the future direction of the Association and the future services it hoped to provide to member councils was considered.

The document set out a number of options.

It was resolved:

The Association be informed that the Council prefers option B the National Regional Model.

55. Bank Balances

The following were noted:

As at 22 July 2002	£
Bank Account	628.56
Building Society Deposit Account	25461.17

56. Proposed Housing Development – Oldhams Transport Depot

It was reported that the applicants Wilson Connolly were offering subject to the granting of planning permission two small pieces of open space within the proposed development to Warwick District Council. It was possible that the open spaces could be transferred to the JPC but were unsuitable for the erection of play equipment since they were too close to houses. In the event of approval of the application the District Council would request a commuted sum for maintenance of the areas and a contribution towards improvement of the existing play facilities.

The District Council had requested the Councils comments on the proposal.

Resolved:

That no objections be raised to the proposal.

57. Payment of Accounts

a) The cheque signatories action in making payment of the following accounts was approved:

MFMS Services – Mowing Barford Playing Field and Village Green - May	£ 135.00
WALC – Copy of model standing orders	6.33
Sherbourne Village Hall Management Committee – Hire of Hall for meetings	20.00

D H Hartwell – May salary & expenses £313.56, reimbursement of printing costs – Staples £0.99, Regent Print £17.00	331.55
MFM Services – Mowing Barford Playing Field and Village Green - June	150.00
Wasperton Village Hall – Hire of hall for meetings	57.00
W J Holmes – Strimming footpath Barford to Wasperton and around Sherbourne & Wasperon Bus Shelters	100.00
D H Hartwell – June salary & expenses £271.65, reimbursement of printing & stationery costs – Staples £36.00.	307.65

b)It was noted that the Councils Bankers HSBC had debited the Councils account with the annual charge for safekeeping of the deeds to Barford Playing Field of £13.00.