

BARFORD SHERBOURNE AND WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Parish Council held at Barford Memorial Hall on Monday 10th January 2005

Present: Cllr J T Wright (Chairman)
Cllr M P Byerley, Cllr R Clay, Cllr Mrs S Dean, Cllr Mrs A Gordon, Cllr G P Grima,
Cllr Mrs M A Hayward, Cllr K S Hope, Cllr Dr M J Metcalfe, Cllr G G Morris, Cllr R G
Mulgrue, Cllr S G Starkey, Cllr W Worrall

In Attendance Cllr R G Butler, Cllr Mrs M B Haywood

Apologies: Cllr Mrs J Compton, Cllr J V Murphy, Cllr Mrs C Sawdon

Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

- 221 Declarations of personal or prejudicial interest:
- Cllr Mrs Hayward – Personal and prejudicial – Grant for churchyard maintenance at Barford
 - Cllr Worrall – Personal and prejudicial – Grant for Barford Memorial Hall

Representations by Members of the Public

- 222 Three Barford electors expressed dissatisfaction with the Special Meeting 25th October 2004 to explore development of land around Barford House and indicated their opposition to any such proposals."

Matters for the Constabulary

- 223 The CBO apologized that personal and professional reasons had prevented him attending the last meeting, and briefed members on law and order events which had occurred recently.
- 224 Asked to address the matter of speeding through Barford by Wellesbourne market traders in the early morning he confessed that little had been done and that indeed the only speed gun owned by the Warwickshire Police was kept at Stratford-upon-Avon.
- 225 Members expressed disquiet that demands placed on the police from elsewhere meant that the CBO was unable to perform his role fully and required their concern to be expressed to Inspector Woodcock.

Minutes of the Meeting of Council 15th November 2004

- 226 Subject to the correction of minor textural and typographical errors, the minutes were accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising

- 227 Minute 194. A copy of the Warwickshire Rural Housing Plan has not been passed to Hawkesford.
- 228 Minute 213. No action had been taken. Cllr Byerley awaited a draft letter from the Chairman for submission to the WDC Arboricultural Officer.
- 229 Minute 214. It appeared that forming a rota to clean bus shelters was not achievable and so the second option of engaging a contractor would be explored.
- 230 Minute 218. Cllr Mulgrue reported that dog waste bins were being emptied.

Minutes of the Planning Committee 15th November 2004

- 231 The minutes were accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising

- 232 The granting of planning permission for application W04/1905 for the erection of a two-storey side extension, rear dormers and detached garage/store at 6 Moat Green , Sherbourne was opposed by the Planning Committee.
- 233 Subsequently Warwick District Council Planning Committee announced that it would hear the application which had a recommendation for acceptance.
- 234 The members for Sherbourne were invited to attend this meeting with the delegated authority of the JPC Planning Committee to speak on its behalf. They attended although circumstances prevented any of them speaking.
- 235 Permission was granted, but examination of evidence laid before WDC suggested it was flawed. The Sherbourne members brought details of these flaws to the JPC which decided to authorize them to continue to speak on its behalf and correspond directly with WDC.

Minutes of the Planning Committee 30th November 2004

- 236 The minutes were accepted as a true record. There were no matters arising.

Reports from Representatives Appointed to Serve on Other Bodies

- 237 Cllr Butler reported:
- 237.1 Drainage works in Barford were now complete; the three manholes outstanding from his last report had been explored and serviced. In Wellesbourne Road 55 gullies and 10 manholes had been serviced.
- 237.2 Repair works to the road edges was nearly complete.
- 237.3 The obscured road signs had been cleared.
- 237.4 In Wasperton Lane horse warning signs had been erected.
- 237.5 Severn Trent had rerouted the water main which had passed over the river bridge. The road surface would be reinstated by mid-February.

Estimates 2005-6

- 238 There were presented draft estimates for 2005-6. Council made certain amendments and adopted the revised estimates.
- 239 Setting the Precept was postponed until a special meeting of Council to be held on Friday 14th January 2005.

Safety Surfacing at Barford Village Green

- 240 Council took note of the competitive quotations for this work and delegated to the Chairman and Clerk the responsibility for selecting the contractor giving best value for money.
- 241 Cllr Byerley required his objections to this proposal to be recorded.

Grants for Churchyard Maintenance

- 242 RESOLVED: That a grant of £300.00 for churchyard maintenance be made to each of the following:
- Barford PCC
 - Sherbourne PCC
 - Wasperton PCC

Grants for Village Halls

- 243 A decision on grants for village halls was deferred pending further information as follows:
- Sherbourne – reserves
 - Wasperton – income and expenditure for a full twelve-month period

Enmainment of Sherbourne Brook

- 244 In the light of Snitterfield Parish Council's written confirmation that it had no objections to the enmainment of Bell Brook, Council considered its future response to the proposal to enmain Sherbourne Brook.
- 245 Opinion remained sharply divided and the discussion was concluded with a vote in which the motion not to withdraw the Council's opposition was defeated.
- 246 Cllrs Morris, Mrs Gordon and Grima left the meeting.

Sherbourne Fruit Farm

- 247 Notwithstanding the assurances by Warwick District Council's Principal Planning Officer that this matter should be resolved "early in the New Year", Council sought absolute assurance that it would be resolved without further delay.

New Local Council Charter

- 248 Insufficient time being available to discuss this matter, members were invited to submit any observation in writing to the Clerk.

ODPM Consultation – Draft Revised Circular on Planning Obligations

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DfT Consultation Update of Roads Circular 1/93 – Setting Local Road Speed Limits

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Cash Balances

- 251 Cash balances at 19th December 2004 stood at:
- HSBC Current Account £ 28,997.24

Payment of Accounts

- 252 Council approved the payments of:
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| • MFM Services (mowing October) | £110.00 |
| • WDC (Supply and installation of dog bins) | £451.20 |
| • Barford St Peter's School (grant) | £1,700.00 |
| • Prontaprint (photocopying) | £56.21 |
| • Barford Parish Plan (printing) | £180.00 |
| • Barford Parish Plan (stationery) | £137.13 |
| • Miss D M Hadley (allotment land hire) | £37.50 |
| • Mrs R J Smith (allotment land hire) | £37.50 |
| • SLCC (annual subscription) | £91.00 |
| • Claridges of Warwick (photocopying) | £103.20 |
| • Viking (stationery) | £71.60 |
| • Viking (stationery) | £5.04 |
| • Dream Direct (office equipment) | £25.48 |
| • Inland Revenue PAYE November | £135.79 |
| • Clerk's office allowance | £ 41.67 |
| • Clerk's remuneration November | £481.44 |

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• Clerk's office allowance	£ 41.67
• Clerk's remuneration December	£481.44
• Clerk's expenses December	£ 9.25

Any Other Business

253 Members reported the following:

253.1 Road signs on the A429N from Junction 15 of the M40 are obscured.

253.2 The bus shelters are now complete.

253.3 A wire (thought to be a telephone wire) is in the carriageway of the Wasperton Lane south of Barford.

253.4 The wall at Barford House continues to give concern.

253.5 Ownership of the village shop in Barford is to change. It was agreed to invite the new owner to attend a future meeting of the Council.

253.6 The Barford Parish Plan questionnaire has been distributed and to date 344 have been completed and returned. Analysis should be completed by the end of January.

254 Council approved the extension of the mowing contract with MFM Services for a further year.

255 The Clerk reported an invitation from Warwick District Council for one member of Council to attend a Freedom of Information Act 2000 seminar to be held in January or February.
[Afternote; Cllr Mulgrue has offered to attend.]

Date of Next Meeting

257 The next special meeting of Council is on Friday 14th January 2005 at 7:30 pm in Sherbourne Village Hall

258 The next ordinary meeting of Council is on Monday 14th February 2005 at 7:30 pm in Sherbourne Village Hall