

BARFORD SHERBOURNE AND WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Parish Council held at Wasperton Village Hall on Tuesday 21st March 2006

Present: Cllr Dr M J Metcalfe, (Chairman)
Cllr R Clay, Cllr R G Mulgrue, Cllr W Worrall, Cllr G P Grima, Cllr E G Scrannage,
Cllr J T Wright,
Apologies: Cllr M P Byerley, Cllr Mrs M A Hayward, Cllr K S Hope, Cllr J V Murphy, Cllr S G
Starkey, Cllr Mrs A Gordon, Cllr Mrs J A Jackson, Cllr G F Smith, Cllr L Caborn, Cllr
Mrs Sawdon

Opening

- 311 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm
- 312 One member of the public was present.
- 313 Apologies for absence were noted.

Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

- 314 Cllr Mulgrue declared a personal interest in the agenda item on the Barford Parish Plan

Matters for the Constabulary

- 315 The CBO was unable to attend the meeting..

Minutes of the Meeting of Council 21st February 2006

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

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council 27th February 2006

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 21st February 2006

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

Reports from Representatives Appointed to Serve on Other Bodies

- 319 Cllr Mulgrue reported on the public inquiry on the Oldham's site development.
- 320 Cllr Mulgrue reported on the new local development framework.
- 321 Cllr Scrannage reported on the M40 J15 improvement scheme ("A46 Sherbourne Bypass") public meeting on 2 Mar 06 at the Shire Hall, Warwick.
- 322 Cllr Clay reported on the meeting of the Barford Bypass Liaison Group on 14 Mar 06.

Cash Balances as at 10th March 2006

323 Members took note of the following cash balances:

	Reconciled	Cash Book
HSBC	£3,821.92	£1,815.81
Alliance & Leicester	£17,326.50	£17,422.68
Total	£21,148.42	£19,238.49

Receipts and Payments

324 Members endorsed the following:

Date	Cheque	Payee	Category	HSBC		Alliance & Leicester	
				Debit	Credit	Debit	Credit
19 Feb 06		HSBC	09 Interest		0.54		
23 Feb 06	101542	WTP	08 Training and seminar expenses	20.00			
25 Feb 06	101543	M J Cooper	01 General repairs and maintenance	327.00			
28 Feb 06	101544	J F Johnson	08 Travel	98.29			
28 Feb 06	101545	J F Johnson	08 Postage	36.27			
28 Feb 06	SO	Inland Revenue	08 Employment Expenses	304.77			
28 Feb 06	SO	J F Johnson	08 Employment Expenses	633.24			
28 Feb 06	SO	J F Johnson	08 Office Accommodation	42.95			
3 Mar 06		Alliance & Leicester	09 Interest				42.59
3 Mar 06	101546	Prontaprint	08 Printing and stationery	58.59			
8 Mar 06	101547	S&D Window Cleaners	02 Repairs and maintenance	45.00			

Barford Parish Plan

325 Members took note of a report of the Working Party on the implementation of the Action Plan of the Barford Parish Plan and authorized its release to the Barford Annual Parish Meeting.

Barford Relief in Need Charity

326 Members received a briefing on the activities of this charity and took note.

Barford Village Store and Post Office

327 Cllr Worrall, speaking on behalf of the Contact Group, summarized such progress as there had been. There was little to report (despite considerable efforts by members of the Group) with no certainty about the location or management of a post office and minimal prospects of opening a village store.

328 The Contact Group had drafted a letter to the Post Office Rural Transfer Officer urging him to continue to work with it to provide post office facilities in Barford for the three villages. This he had acknowledged and promised his best endeavours to achieve that end, but he warned that once the original post office had been closed for eighteen months there was no mechanism to allow it to reopen.

Barford Allotments

- 329 Members fixed the following:
- Annual rent 2006-7 set at £0.05 per square metre
 - Uplift for 2007-8 to be RPI plus 1%.
- 330 The provision of water is to be the subject of further study.

Wasperton Village Hall Grant

- 331 Cllr Wright briefed members on funding for the village hall and spoke of applications for grants and a review of its charging policies.
- 332 The JPC endorsed the application for a WDC Rural Initiatives Grant.
- 333 Members were content to authorize the release of the final tranche of £750 of the £1,000 grant from the JPC, conditional only upon it not being used for repairs and maintenance without the prior approval of WDC (if it is required).

Any Other Business

- 334 It was reported that the footpath from Barford Church was obstructed and diverted. The Clerk to bring this to the attention of WCC.
- 335 Members' attention was drawn to the change in the Assisted Travel Scheme, replacing taxi tokens with bus passes.
- 336 The felling of a mature, healthy tree at Mallards Reach, Barford had caused great offence to many in the village. The Clerk had obtained details of the conditions imposed when planning permission was granted to Mallards Reach. One of them was that, with the exception of two identified groups of trees, no felling or lopping was permitted. Further investigation to establish whether the felled tree was one of those specified trees is taking place. If it was not then WDC will be asked to explain how a flagrant breach of planning conditions was permitted.
- 337 A complaint had been made to the Sherbourne councillors about the sign on the business premises adjacent to the Sherbourne Village Hall and the increase in the volume of traffic that firm generated. Members agreed that although each may be undesirable, neither probably breached planning regulations and decided to take note only.
- 338 There being no other business the meeting closed at 9:27 pm.

Date of Next Meeting

- 339 The next meeting of Council is the Annual Meeting on Monday 8th May 2006 at 7:30 pm in Barford Memorial Hall