

BARFORD SHERBOURNE AND WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Parish Council
held at Wasperton Village Hall on Monday 9th July 2007

- Present:** Cllr J V Murphy (Chairman)
Cllrs: Mrs P W Barlow, M P Byerley, R Clay, Mrs D S Cobb, Mrs M A Hayward, R G Mulgrue, A B Rhead, S G Starkey, W Worrall, Mrs A Gordon, Mrs P L Johnston, Mrs P W Wilkinson, J T Wright,
- Apologies:** Cllrs: Dr M J Metcalfe, N F J Thurley,

Opening

- 89 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm
- 90 No members of the public were present.
- 91 Apologies for absence were noted.

Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

- 92 The following members declared a personal interest in the agenda item on the Barford Shop:
- Mrs M A Hayward
 - Mrs P L Johnston
 - R G Mulgrue
 - W Worrall

Police Matters

- 93 Cllr Worrall briefed the meeting on the Western Area Safer Neighbourhoods held on 15th June 2007 which provoked a lengthy discussion producing these action points:
- 93.1 Cllr Worrall was to recommend that consideration be given to only allowing prioritised actions/policies to remain in place for two quarters and that in consequence other matters should be allowed to assume priority - this was due to fear that insoluble/enduring problems would prevent other matters assuming priority. It was believed that "insoluble/enduring" problems should be moved on to other levels within the Police network rather than preoccupying the WASNT.
- 93.2 It was proposed that the £10K budget allocated to Safer Neighbourhoods scheme could be best used to facilitate the presence of "Police" across the whole of their area including our parishes and that this view should be promoted to those controlling the scheme.
- 93.3 It was proposed that the reported lack of intention to provide speed monitoring within our parishes was unacceptable, given a perceived problem with speeds both within Barford post-Bypass and also on the Bypass itself, and that we request at least some occasional speed monitoring presence from the team who we believe now have access to the appropriate equipment and have received training.
- 93.4 That letters be sent to the Chief Constable and the MP expressing our concerns over the poor levels of policing in our parishes and expressing support for the provision of further resources for the provision of such cover, whilst understanding that the Police are doing their best given the limited resource at their disposal.

Minutes of the Meeting of Council 11th June 2007

94 The minutes were accepted as a true record, subject to the inclusion of an additional minute:

“56(2) Minute 44. Cllr Mrs Johnston commented with concern upon the very late finish to the meeting, and there was support for the view that in future members should aspire to the maximum duration of the meeting being no more than two hours and assist by confining their remarks to that which is strictly relevant and not repetitive.”

Matters Arising

95 Minute 56(1). Cllr Mulgrue updated members on the correspondence between the JPC and the Chief Executives of Warwick District Council and Warwickshire County Council over their reaction to the Barford Parish Plan. The former had nominated points of contact for each function and the latter a single point of contact “locality partnership arrangements”.

96 Minute 59. Cllr Mulgrue asked if the priority list of road issues had been submitted; it had not, but subject to a meeting would be submitted in the immediate future. (Later in the meeting it was agreed that the standing water in upper Church St opposite Verdon Place entrance should be included as a major priority, and the Chairman confirmed that the WCC engineer had confirmed that action would occur within the next few weeks).

97 Minute 69. Councillor attendance - The criterion for analysis of the data was changed; no longer was attendance to be recorded on a rolling yearly basis but on a cumulative basis starting from the annual meeting on 14th May 2007. The results, indicating attended/possible were to be made available for publication on the Barford website.

98 Minute 71. Skateboard ramp noise - Work could start as soon as the “before-works” sound levels had been measured.

99 Minute 74. WCC had rejected the appeal for a 50mph speed limit. Cllr Clay recommended a change of tack and pressed for measures to enforce or preferably reduce the existing 60mph limit to reduce noise. This item is to be included on the next agenda.

100 Minute 76. Barford Playing Fields Graffiti removal - Cllr Worrall informed the meeting that the vehicle had not yet been deployed but that he would continue to request it.

101 Minute 78. Wasperton-Barford footpath -The footpath remains overgrown.

102 Minute 80. Post Bypass traffic volume/speeds - Details of traffic densities and speeds had now been received and Cllr Mulgrue promised to analyse the data and disseminate a summary of his findings.

103 Minutes 81. Barford Local Services signage - No progress has been made on this matter.

104 Minutes 83. Post-Barford bypass 30 mph sign positioning - No progress has been made on this matter.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 11th June 2007

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

Reports from Representatives Appointed to Serve on Other Bodies

106 Cllr Clay reported his attendance on 12th June 2007 at a WDC symposium on climate change called “A Shared Vision”.

107 Cllr Mulgrue reported contact with multiple agencies over the provision of affordable and shared equity housing in Barford.- interested parties had been contacted and details had been posted on notice boards.

- 108 Cllr Mrs Gordon reported on the liaison meeting on 4th July 2007 over the M40/A46 junction 15 (Longbridge) Bypass.- there was little news but a decision was expected in October or November and the proposed start date remained February 2008

Receipts and Payments

- 109 Members endorsed the following:

Date	Payee	Category	Sum
1 Jun 07	Alliance & Leicester	Bank Interest	64.40
4 Jun 07	MFM Services	Mowing Charges	(189.00)
4 Jun 07	BMHMC	Barford Post Office	(370.00)
6 Jun 07	Travis Perkins	Noticeboards	(25.03)
8 Jun 07	Prontaprint	Printing and Stationery	(67.21)
10 Jun 07	S Plowman	Allotment Rents	10.55
10 Jun 07	S Plowman	Allotment Water Charges	9.33
12 Jun 07	Regent Lazerprint	Barford Parish Directory (CVS)	(916.50)
13 Jun 07	S&D Window Cleaners	Bus Shelters Maintenance	(45.00)
16 Jun 07	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(587.93)

Cash Balances as at 26th June 2007

- 110 Members took note of the following cash balances:

HSBC	£ 2,531.63
Alliance & Leicester	£27,890.71
TOTAL	£30,422.34

Management Accounts as at 26th June 2007

- 111 Members received the management accounts at Annex A to these minutes.

Standing Orders and Chairmanship

- 112 Members, having had prior sight of the model document "Standing Orders and Chairmanship", agreed to delegate authority to a working party to edit it to meet the JPC's needs, for presentation and approval at a later meeting.

- 113 The composition of the working party to be:

- J V Murphy (Chairman)
- Mrs P L Johnston
- R G Mulgrue
- J T Wright

Public Attendance at JPC Meetings

- 114 It was agreed that in future the agenda item dealing with the public's contribution to JPC meetings should be entitled "Public Participation" with the rubric "With the permission of the Chairman members of the public may have up to three minutes each to address the JPC on matters of concern."

Land Registration

- 115 The JPC endorsed the decision by the Chairman to withdraw instructions to register the three plots of land at Barford (the Memorial Hall, the Car Park and the Village Green) from the solicitors, Moore and Tibbits, who currently hold the title deeds.

Barford Village Shop – Restrictive Covenant on Land

- 116 The Clerk briefed members on progress towards granting a lease on land for the shop.
- 117 Mrs Kirsty Healey representing the Barford Village Shop Community Interest Company (BVSCIC), the legal title for the shop group, had obtained agreement from Mr Smith-Ryland to vary the restrictive covenant on the conveyance of the land to allow the construction of a shop there for the consideration of £2.5 k (subject to confirmation).
- 118 She and the Clerk attended the solicitors' office on 6th July 2007 to meet Mr Smith-Ryland and enshrine this verbal agreement legally. Unfortunately Mr Smith-Ryland did not appear so the solicitors were briefed to propose to him:
- The drawing up of a deed of variation to the conveyance to modify the restrictive covenant (for execution by Mr Smith-Ryland and the JPC).
 - The drafting of a deed to ensure that the consideration was paid to him by BVSCIC (for execution by him and the BVSCIC)
- The outcome of the solicitors' contact is awaited.
- 119 Also discussed at that meeting was the lease to be granted by the JPC to the BVSCIC. The clerk rehearsed the details of the conversation and accordingly received the following instructions and delegated authority:
- To provide the solicitors with details of the terms of the lease.
 - To execute the lease on behalf of the JPC as soon as practically possible.
- 120 Finally attention turned to legal fees (Mr Smith-Ryland's, BVSCIC's and the JPC's) all of which are to be met by the JPC. It was RESOLVED that £2,000 be earmarked in the accounts to cover this expenditure. The JPC would look to the BVSCIC for any monies above this sum.

Any Other Business

- 121 Sherbourne Bus Shelter. Arising from the discussion over the management accounts (Minute 111) Cllr Mrs Gordon reported that the exterior of the bus shelter was overgrown with vegetation. The Chairman undertook personally to inspect the structure.
- 122 Minerals Extraction. Cllr Mrs Hayward gave a warning that there were indications that gravel extraction in the area of Wasperton Farm was again becoming a live issue.
- 123 Barford War Memorial. A survey to identify necessary refurbishment of the memorial was to be arranged as lettering was deteriorating and some had been "enhanced" by unknown, unofficial individuals .
- 124 Barford Play Area. It was reported that some timber components may need repair and the wooden protection at the entrances to the concrete tubes had been removed some time ago. There were no reported incidences but a fear that such might occur.
- 125 Dog Fouling. This anti-social activity was becoming increasingly prevalent and publicity should be given to it in Plurality to warn irresponsible dog owners of the possible consequences of their actions.
- 126 Village Design Statement. Cllr Mulgrue gave a progress report. There would be a public participation exhibition on Sunday July 15th.
- 127 A429 Crossing. Cllr Caborn (prevented from attending the meeting because of a civic engagement) sent the message that proposals for this project would be received by the JPC in August and would be considered by WDC in September.

Closure

- 128 There being no other business the meeting closed at 9:40 pm.

Date of Next Meeting

129 The next ordinary meeting of Council is on Monday 10th September 2007 at 7:30 pm in Barford Memorial Hall.

Annex A

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS AS AT 26 JUL 07

2007-8	Budget	YTD	FOO
RECEIPTS			
Allotment Rents	244	105	750
Allotment Water Charges	0	93	0
Bank Interest	660	120	660
Barford Playing Field Lettings	160	0	160
Concurrent Services Contribution (WDC)	1,770	1,770	1,770
Precept (WDC)	25,982	12,946	25,982
VAT prior year (HMRC)	1,000	575	575
Wayleave	4	0	4
TOTAL RECEIPTS	29,820	15,610	29,901
PAYMENTS			
Advertising and Publicity	0	0	(150)
Allotments Hire of Land	(150)	0	(150)
Allotment Infrastructure	0	(2,730)	(2,730)
Allotments Maintenance	(1,000)	(50)	(500)
Audit Fees	(367)	0	(367)
Bank Charges	(20)	0	(20)
Barford Parish Directory (CVS)	0	(917)	(917)
Barford Parish Plan	(640)	0	0
Barford Post Office	(1,600)	(370)	(6,600)
Bus Shelters Maintenance	(640)	(150)	(2,000)
Chairman's Allowance	(363)	0	(363)
Election Expenses	(4,500)	0	(1,500)
Employment Expenses	(12,375)	(2,608)	(12,375)
Grants: Churchyard Maintenance	(1,066)	0	(1,066)
Grants: Village Halls	(2,620)	0	(2,620)
Insurance	(930)	(922)	(922)
Legal Fees	0	0	(500)
Mowing Charges	(1,638)	(378)	(1,638)
Noticeboards	(200)	(25)	(500)
Office Accommodation	(555)	(93)	(555)
Open Spaces Maintenance	(1,040)	0	(1,000)
Postage	(384)	(27)	(384)
Printing and Stationery	(960)	(287)	(960)
Skateboard Ramps	0	0	(1,000)
Subs: Information Commissioner	(35)	0	(35)
Subs: SLCC	(125)	0	(125)
Subs:WALC	(376)	(373)	(373)
Training and Seminar Expenses	(155)	0	(155)
Travel Expenses	(465)	(67)	(465)
Venue Hire	(80)	0	(80)
TOTAL PAYMENTS	(32,284)	(8,997)	(40,050)
NET TOTALS	(2,464)	6,613	(10,148)