

BARFORD SHERBOURNE AND WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Parish Council
held at Barford Memorial Hall on Monday 10th September 2007

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

Opening

- 130 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm
- 131 Three members of the public were present.
- 132 Apologies for absence were noted.

Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

- 133 The following members declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the agenda item on the maintenance of the Barford bus shelter and absented themselves from the meeting during consideration of it:
- M P Byerley
 - R G Mulgrue
- 134 The following members declared a personal interest in the agenda item on the Barford Bypass noise abatement:
- M P Byerley
 - R Clay
- 135 The following members declared a personal interest in the agenda item on the Barford village shop:
- R G Mulgrue
 - Mrs M A Hayward
 - Mrs D S Cobb
 - W Worrall
 - A B Rhead
 - N F J Thurley
- 136 Cllr Mrs P Johnston declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the agenda item on the Barford village shop and absented herself from the meeting during consideration of it.
- 137 The following members declared a personal interest in the agenda item on the Barford Parish Plan:
- R G Mulgrue
 - W Worrall

Police Matters

- 138 Cllr Worrall explained why his efforts to obtain use of the machine for removing graffiti had been unsuccessful. The machine had been bought by WDC, but there was insufficient revenue to finance its operation. It was given to Leamington which now charges other parishes for its hire, not on an occasional use basis but by an annual subscription.
- 139 The merits of this arrangement were questioned and Cllr Caborn promised to have it discussed at the next meeting of the WDwasNP.
- 140 He also agreed to have the matter of inadequate street lighting included on its agenda.
- 141 It was agreed to debate whether the JPC should subscribe at the next meeting.
- 142 Cllr Mrs Cobb reported instances of offensive graffiti in Barford. Cllr Byerley undertook to paint them out.

Minutes of the Meeting of Council 9th July 2007

- 143 The minutes were accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising

- 144 Minute 101. The footpath had been cleared but the gate was padlocked.
- 145 Minute 102. Speed checks in Barford High Street post-bypass were demanded. Cllr Caborn reported that speed checks had been arranged.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 9th July 2007

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 30th July 2007

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 20th August 2007

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

Receipts and Payments

- 149 Members endorsed the following:

Date	Payee	Category	Sum
30 Jun 07	J F Johnson	Office Accommodation	(46.25)
1 Jul 07	J V Murphy	Chairman's Allowance	(363.00)
1 Jul 07	J F Johnson	Postage	(47.48)
1 Jul 07	J F Johnson	Travel Expenses	(36.83)
1 Jul 07	Barford PCC	Allotment Infrastructure	450.00
3 Jul 07	MFM Services	Mowing Charges	(189.00)
3 Jul 07	Alliance & Leicester	Bank Interest	82.43
6 Jul 07	J V Murphy	Open Spaces Maintenance	(35.77)
6 Jul 07	Claridges of Warwick	Barford Parish Plan	(20.00)
16 Jul 07	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(587.93)
20 Jul 07	Norton Lindsey JFC	Barford Playing Field Lettings	160.00

31 Jul 07	J F Johnson	Employment Expenses	(422.27)
31 Jul 07	J F Johnson	Office Accommodation	(46.25)
4 Jun 07	BMHMC	Barford Post Office	(370.00)
12 Jun 07	Regent Lazerprint	Barford Parish Directory (CVS)	(916.50)
3 Jul 07	Louise Best	Audit Fees	(60.00)
11 Jul 07	Clement Keys	Audit Fees	(334.88)
18 Jul 07	S&D Window Cleaners	Bus Shelters Maintenance	(60.00)
18 Jul 07	Prontaprint	Printing and Stationery	(105.12)
30 Jul 07	J F Johnson	Postage	(15.87)
30 Jul 07	J F Johnson	Travel Expenses	(22.43)
3 Aug 07	MFM Services	Mowing Charges	(153.00)
8 Aug 07	Alliance & Leicester	Bank Interest	89.54
16 Aug 07	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(407.93)
22 Aug 07	S&D Window Cleaners	Bus Shelters Maintenance	(45.00)
31 Aug 07	R Barnes	Allotment Infrastructure	(136.50)
31 Aug 07	J F Johnson	Employment Expenses	(593.14)
31 Aug 07	J F Johnson	Office Accommodation	(46.25)

Cash Balances as at 31st August 2007

150 Members took note of the following cash balances:

HSBC	£ 1,580.96
Alliance & Leicester	£25,562.68
TOTAL	£27,143.64

Completion of Audit 2006-7

151 The JPC took note of the External Auditor's unqualified audit opinion.

Standing Orders and Chairmanship

152 The JPC accepted the recommendations of the Standing Orders Working Party and adopted the new standing orders, the definitive copy of which (initialed by the Chairman) is held by the Clerk.

Barford Bypass – Noise Abatement

153 Cllr Clay reported that traffic noise from the Barford Bypass was increasing due, he believed, not only from some vehicles exceeding the 60 mph speed limit but also other vehicles traveling close to that speed. He urged the JPC to consider appealing again for a 50mph limit, not on the grounds of safety (as had the first appeal) but of noise abatement.

154 To make the case, objective evidence is required and the first prerequisite is to have the noise levels measured. Thereafter the appeal could be made to the appropriate authorities to review the earlier decision in the light of the new evidence.

155 The issue could also be taken up by the WDWASNP with the help of Cllr Caborn.

Barford War Memorial

157 The JPC RESOLVED to accept the single tender of £306.00 + VAT from Hornton Masonry company Ltd for the refurbishment of the Barford War Memorial on the grounds that the price was reasonable and the company, having built the memorial, was well suited to do the work well.

Barford Bus Shelter

- 158 The JPC began to consider a quotation for the refurbishment of the brick bus shelter in Barford but postponed a decision until the other five bus shelters were inspected to see what work was required on them.
- 159 Cllrs Mrs Johnstone and Rhead agreed to draw up a specification for the refurbishment programme.

Barford Village Shop

- 160 The Chairman informed the meeting that progress, albeit slow, was being maintained in drawing up the lease for the village shop.
- 161 The Barford Village Shop Community Interest Company was in negotiation with Mr R Smith-Ryland over the consideration for modifying the restrictive covenant in the conveyance so as to allow the construction of a shop on the village green.

Report from the Parish Plan Implementation Working Party

- 162 Cllr Mulgrue delivered a report on progress made by the Parish Plan Implementation Working Party.
- 163 Item 3: "Ensure regular, visible Police presence in the Village and swifter investigation of offences, especially speeding" was a most intractable ambition. The Chairman advised that the matter should be referred to the WDWASNP and if that proved fruitless to canvass the opinion of adjoining parishes.
- 164 Item 26: "Request the introduction of cycle ways to Sherbourne Corner (connecting with the existing way to Warwick) and to Wellesbourne". Cllr Caborn informed the JPC that consultation would take place by the end of the year with funding planned for the next.

Affordable Housing Allocation

- 165 Cllrs Byerley and Mulgrue reported that WDC appears to have reneged upon the promise that in the allocation of affordable housing at the Oldhams site in Barford those resident in or with connections to Barford (then Sherbourne and Wasperton) would be given preferential treatment, quoting specific cases when:
- Couples cannot apply for houses.
 - There is conflict in allocation of two-bed roomed houses.
 - The web site bars applicants and only telephone applications are accepted.
- 166 This news was greeted with dismay and Cllrs Byerley, Mulgrue and Rhead were invited to form a working party to coordinate the JPC's response to WDC seeking a return to the status quo ante as understood at the drafting of the Section 106 agreement, with an assurance from WDC that until this difference is resolved there would be a moratorium on the allocation of any housing at the site.

Any Other Business

- 167 Cllr Caborn would investigate the failure to lop the tree in Sandy Way.
- 168 Residents may now communicate by email to the JPC at yourviews@barford.org.uk
- 169 Dog fouling is on the increase and residents are urged to "blow the whistle" on dog owners who flout the law.

170 Fly tipping is a growing blight and residents are urged to be vigilant and report offenders to the police.

171 It was noted that Oakley Woods are for sale and it was wondered whether WDC was empowered and, if so, willing to purchase it for the public good.

Closure

172 There being no other business the meeting closed at 9:05 pm.

Date of Next Meeting

173 The next ordinary meeting of Council is on Monday 8th October 2007 at 7:30 pm in Sherbourne Village Hall.