

# **BARFORD SHERBOURNE AND WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Parish Council held at Sherbourne Village Hall on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2009

**Present:** Cllr J V Murphy (Chairman)  
Cllrs: Mrs W Barlow, R Clay, Mrs M A Hayward, D C Morrow, R G Mulgrue, A B Rhead, W Worrall, Mrs A Gordon, Mrs P Johnston, Mrs P W Wilkinson, Dr M J Metcalfe, N F J Thurley, J T Wright,  
**Apologies:** Cllrs: Mrs D S Cobb,  
**In Attendance:** Cllrs: Mrs C Sawdon, Cllr L Caborn (from 8:24pm)

## **Opening**

- 310 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm
- 311 No members of the public were present.
- 312 Apologies for absence were noted.
- 313 The Chairman welcomed Cllr Morrow to his first meeting.

## **Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests**

- 314 The following personal interests were declared:
  - 314.1 Cllr Clay:
    - Village Hall Grants
    - Barford Village Green
  - 314.2 Cllr Mrs Hayward:
    - Churchyard Maintenance Grants
  - 314.3 Cllr Murphy;
    - Village Hall Grants
  - 314.4 Cllr Rhead:
    - Churchyard Maintenance Grants
  - 314.5 Cllr Mrs Wilkinson:
    - Village Hall Grants
  - 314.6 Cllr Dr Metcalfe:
    - Churchyard Maintenance Grants

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Council 12<sup>th</sup> January 2009**

- 315 The minutes were approved as a true record.

## **Matters Arising**

- 316 Minute 290. There had still been no progress on the development of a generic Section 106 agreement for Affordable Homes allocations despite Cllr Rhead's efforts to expedite. Nevertheless he informed the meeting that he had expressed the JPC's wish and willingness to be involved and had extracted a promise that when it was being drafted the JPC would be consulted.
- 317 Minute 291. The letter of guarantee for the roof of the Wasperton shelter which had been promised at Cllr Rhead's meeting with Mr Sollis (the contractor for the renovation of bus shelters) had been received. The meeting accepted that the matter of the 2008 bus shelter repairs was now closed.
- 318 Minute 292. Cllr Mulgrue had complained that he had been unable to obtain details of progress on the s.106 funding, especially relating to the bus shelters, from the Oldham's development. He now reported that a site meeting had been arranged for 10 Feb 09 where he would advocate raised kerbs at the bus shelters (no other suggestion having been received in response to his invitation).
- 319 Minute 294. Although Cllr Mrs Hayward's request that the stiles on the Saddler's footpath be replaced with a kissing gates had been met the outcome was not exactly as hoped – 4 gates had been provided as promised but one was at a different location leaving one old stile still in place, albeit currently bypassed by an open gateway. The design of kissing gate had also perhaps been "less rural" than might have been hoped. (See also Minutes 336 and 337)
- 320 Minute 304. Under Section 19 of the FOIA, public authorities also have an obligation to produce and maintain a Publication Scheme that contains basic information about the organization, lists information that is routinely available to the public and states whether the information is chargeable. The Clerk informed the meeting that he had already drafted such a document which would be forwarded to the Working Party for approval prior to submission to the JPC for adoption.
- 321 Minute 305. Cllr Byerley had drawn attention to undesirable activities by young people in Westham Lane late at night. The area was strewn with litter and there was suspicion that drugs were being used there. He had been asked to bring this matter to the attention of the police on behalf of the JPC, but he was absent from this meeting and so unavailable to offer further information. Cllr Rhead thought this matter of sufficient importance to take over the responsibility of reporting it to the police.
- 322 Minute 306. Cllr Mulgrue had informed the JPC of the Sub-Postmaster's wish to alter the opening times of the Post Office. The JPC had taken note, but wondered if it were possible to standardize the opening times at 1430-1800 on all three opening days (Tue-Thu). The request is being considered by Post Office Ltd. **AFTERNOTE:** *The Postmaster has standardized his proposed times to 14.00-17.30 but still awaits PO HQ rubberstamping.*
- 323 Minute 307. Cllr Wright reported that his comments to the police on the parking congestion on Wellesbourne Road by Barford Burrows had had a mixed response and there had been no marked improvement. The consensus was that the police should adopt a more forceful approach towards offenders.

## **Reports on Contacts with Other Bodies**

- 324 Cllr Mrs Barlow reported that in her role as point of contact with Barford Pre-School she was now working with them on a regular basis and was pleased to report improved management.

## **Cash Balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2009**

- 325 Members took note of the following cash balances:

HSBC	£ 3,211.73
Alliance & Leicester	£32,849.39

## **Receipts and Payments**

326 Members endorsed the following:

Date	Payee	Category	Total
6 Jan 09	A&L	Bank Interest	30.57
14 Jan 09	Regent	Printing and Stationery	(17.99)
16 Jan 09	RoSPA	Open Spaces Maintenance	(136.30)
20 Jan 09	Jane Symonds	Section 137	(123.04)
20 Jan 09	Warwick Area Committee	Grants	300.00
22 Jan 09	Information Commissioner	Subs: Information Commissioner	(35.00)
27 Jan 09	S&D Window Cleaners	Bus Shelters Maintenance	(60.00)
31 Jan 09	J F Johnson	Postage	(18.63)
31 Jan 09	J F Johnson	Travel Expenses	(45.73)
31 Jan 09	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(518.52)
31 Jan 09	J F Johnson	Employment Expenses	(679.03)
31 Jan 09	J F Johnson	Office Accommodation	(48.25)

## **Grants for Churchyard Maintenance**

327 Members recognized the differing and demanding needs of each of the three churchyards and the following grants were approved:

- Barford £371
- Sherbourne £371
- Wasperton £371

## **Grants for Village Hall Maintenance**

328 Members again recognized the very different situations of the three village halls, especially Barford which was well managed, very well used and held significant reserves. The other two halls were less fortunate and in considerably greater financial need. After discussing various approaches and proposals the following grants were approved:

- Barford Nil
- Sherbourne £1,368
- Wasperton £1,368

## **Mowing Contract 2009**

329 The contract was awarded to MFM Services. Members recognized the excellent service which the JPC had received over several years from this contractor.

## **Barford Allotment Gardens**

330 Cllr Clay presented his report:

- 330.1. The site is being expanded from 30 to 35 plots with a possible 36<sup>th</sup> to be arranged.
- 330.2. Four plots have been surrendered by tenants.
- 330.3. Four plots have not been worked and these will be reallocated after giving notice to existing tenants.
- 330.4. Eight plots have not been properly utilised. Tenants will be asked to review their holdings with a view to possibly reducing the area of these in future.
- 330.5. Those contactable on the waiting list have been interviewed. The list now stands at nine firm requirements. It is intended that all of these will have land made available to them shortly.

330.6. The PCC Allotments Manager has been advised that the JPC is of course willing to accept other names on its waiting list and he will make people aware of this.

330.7. The Chairman may consider making a similar statement in Plurality.

330.8. The meters have been recently read and the water system checked. All appears to be functioning satisfactorily

331 He went on to make the following recommendations, all of which were accepted by the JPC:

331.1 Land charge raised by RPI for 2010-2011.

331.2 Water charge for 2009-2010 be set at £3.50 per standard 150 m<sup>2</sup> plot.

331.3 Water and land charges to be consolidated in future but not until the average usage and cost have been better established.

331.4 The Clerk be directed to send letters to effect Minutes 330.3 and 330.4 above.

331.5 Priority on waiting list:

1<sup>st</sup> Barford

2<sup>nd</sup> Sherbourne and Wasperton

3<sup>rd</sup> Others

### **Housing Needs Survey**

332 The results of the survey by WRCC had been circulated to members of the JPC. Members noted its content and agreed to the establishment of a working party to liaise with the Rural Housing Enabler, the composition being:

- Cllr Murphy
- Cllr Mrs Johnston
- Cllr Rhead
- Cllr Mulgrue
- Cllr Morrow

### **Barford Village Green**

333 Barford Gardening Club wishes to provide a bench for the Barford Village Green using its closing funds. The site is to be agreed with the JPC Chairman maintaining Village Green flexibility and to blend with the newly installed play equipment. Members took note.

### **Meetings 2009-10**

334 The following is a schedule of meetings in 2009-10

Date	Place	Meeting
Mon 6 Apr 09	Barford	Annual Parish
Thu 23 Apr 09	Sherbourne	Annual Parish
Mon 20 Apr 09	Wasperton	Annual Parish
Mon 11 May 09	Barford	JPC Annual
Mon 8 Jun 09	Sherbourne	JPC Ordinary
Mon 13 Jul 09	Wasperton	JPC Ordinary
Mon 14 Sep 09	Barford	JPC Ordinary
Mon 12 Oct 09	Sherbourne	JPC Ordinary
Mon 9 Nov 09	Wasperton	JPC Ordinary
Mon 11 Jan 10	Barford	JPC Ordinary
Mon 8 Feb 10	Sherbourne	JPC Ordinary
Mon 8 Mar 10	Wasperton	JPC Ordinary

Members took note

## **Any Other Business**

- 335 Cllr Clay drew attention to the need to fence off the children's play area on Barford Village Green to allow the grass to become established.
- 336 Cllr Clay drew attention to the need to improve the drainage on the Saddler's footpath and to improve the damaged ground at the stiles with geofabric and stone. The Chairman remarked that a proper measurement of the materials required was needed in order that a firm proposal could be brought forward for approval.
- 337 Cllr Clay drew attention to the "narrowings" (a hangover from FMD precautions) created in the fencing on the Saddler's footpath which prevented the passage of pushchairs and those of a certain girth. The Chairman undertook to speak to the landowner.
- 338 Cllr Mrs Hayward reported that the telephone kiosk in Barford had been decommissioned and thought that it had also had its electrical supply terminated. If that were the case this gave them more flexibility on relocating it and they were also considering full renovation works. The Chairman invited the Barford Heritage Group to submit proposals to the JPC.
- 339 Cllr Mrs Hayward gave details of a walk along the Joseph Arch Way to mark the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death.
- 340 Cllr Worrall reported that the speed gun was available and that there was a need to compile a list of volunteers to be trained in its use. The Chairman was liaising with the SN team to arrange operator training.

## **Closure**

- 341 There being no other business the meeting closed at 8:41pm.

## **Date of Next Meeting**

- 342 The next meeting of the JPC is on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at 7:30 pm in Wasperton Village Hall