

BARFORD SHERBOURNE AND WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Parish Council held at Wasperton Village Hall on Monday 9th March 2009

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

Opening

- 343 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm
- 344 Three members of the public were present.
- 345 Apologies for absence were noted.

Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

- 346 See Annex A to these minutes

Minutes of the Meeting of Council 9th February 2009

- 347 Subject to the replacement of the words "liaison officer" with "point of contact" in Minute 324 the minutes were approved as a true record.

Matters Arising

- 348 Minute 316. There had still been no progress on the development of a generic Section 106 agreement for Affordable Homes although WDC had again indicated its intention to contact and involve the JPC.
- 349 Minute 318. Cllr Mulgrue gave details of progress on the s.106 funding for bus shelters from the Oldham's development. A site meeting had been taken place at which it was agreed that raised kerbs at the bus shelters could be afforded from the £8k budget and the work would be undertaken in the next few weeks. In addition the relocation of the timetable case and road markings could probably be funded.
- 350 Minute 321. Cllr Byerley, who had at an earlier meeting drawn attention to undesirable activities by young people in Westham Lane late at night, reported that the problem had been ameliorated by erecting a barrier at night.
- 351 Minute 322. Cllr Mulgrue had informed the JPC of the Sub-Postmaster's wish to alter the opening times of the Post Office replacing the Monday opening with one on Wednesday. The JPC had taken note, but wondered if it were possible to standardize the opening times at 1430-1800 hrs on all three opening days (Tue-Thu). The request had been considered by Post Office Ltd and the change of day had been agreed but the closure time had to remain unaltered at 1730 hrs.
- 352 Minute 323.
- 352.1 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 CPSO had posted warning notices on offending cars but they had gone unheeded.

- 352.2 Cllr Mulgrue agreed that parking there remains a hazard and wondered whether double yellow lines at the junction would ease the problem. He was invited to present a paper at the next meeting of the JPC with recommendations after liaising with WCC officers to consider the feasibility of such a scheme.
- 353 Minute 330. Cllr Clay gave an updated report saying that all allotment gardens were now let.
- 354 Minute 335. Cllr Mrs Cobb drew attention to the need to continue to keep the children's play area on Barford Village Green fenced-off to allow the grass to become established. It was agreed that it should be for another month at least.
- 355 Minute 340. Cllr Worrall reported that the traffic speed gun had been used successfully in Barford. The Chairman hoped to obtain the use of it again as soon as it became available.

Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 23rd February 2009

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

Reports on Contact with Other Bodies

- 357 Cllr Worrall reported his attendance at the inaugural meeting of the Warwick Rural West Community Forum on 26th February 2009. His notes are at Annex B to these minutes.
- 358 Cllr Murphy reported his attendance at a meeting of the South Warwickshire Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership on 25th February 2009. His notes are at Annex C to these minutes.
- 359 Cllr Mrs Hayward reported on an issue arising during the Barford Councillors' surgery namely the continued noise nuisance created by the skate board ramps on the playing fields. There followed a detailed discussion which concluded with the Chairman undertaking to prompt the Environmental Health Officer to give a progress report on his investigations.
- 360 Cllr Mrs Cobb reported that her efforts to win the support of neighbouring villages for a 40mph speed limit on the A429 had not been successful. She reluctantly concluded that this was no longer worth pursuing and that hope must be pinned on the announcement that the proposed blanket 50mph speed limit for most A roads would bring some relief.

Cash Balances as at 28th February 2009

- 361 Members took note of the following cash balances:

HSBC	£ 1,879.93
Alliance & Leicester	£29,015.22

Receipts and Payments

- 362 Members endorsed the following:

Date	Payee	Category	Total
4 Feb 09	A&L	Bank Interest	14.83
10 Feb 09	Barford PCC	Grants: Churchyard Maintenance	(371.00)
10 Feb 09	Sherbourne PCC	Grants: Churchyard Maintenance	(371.00)
10 Feb 09	Wasperton PCC	Grants: Churchyard Maintenance	(371.00)
10 Feb 09	Sherbourne Village Hall	Grants: Village Halls	(1,368.00)
10 Feb 09	Wasperton Village Hall	Grants: Village Halls	(1,368.00)
24 Feb 09	Wasperton Village Hall	Venue Hire	(86.00)
28 Feb 09	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(518.52)
28 Feb 09	J F Johnson	Employment Expenses	(679.03)

28 Feb 09	J F Johnson	Office Accommodation	(48.25)
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Management Accounts as at 28th February 2009

363 Members took note of the management accounts at Annex D to these minutes

Formal Consultation - proposal to increase the admission number of Barford St Peter's C of E (Voluntary Aided) Primary School

364 The JPC had been invited by Warwickshire County Council to comment on a proposal to improve the accommodation and increase the admission number of Barford St Peter's C of e Primary School from 17 to 20 pupils per year with effect from September 2010 admissions. This proposal would increase the accommodation and facilitate "extended services" including relocation of the Barford Preschool from the Barford Memorial Hall.

365 It supported the proposal.

JPC Members' Attendance Record

366 Members took note of the record of attendance at all meetings of the JPC from May 07 to Feb 09 shown below:

Name	Meetings	Present	%
Cllr Mrs P W Barlow	20	14	70%
Cllr M P Byerley	20	13	65%
Cllr R Clay	20	15	75%
Cllr Mrs D S Cobb	20	14	70%
Cllr Mrs M A Hayward	20	17	85%
Cllr D C Morrow	1	1	100%
Cllr R G Mulgrue	20	18	90%
Cllr J V Murphy	20	18	90%
Cllr A B Rhead	20	12	60%
Cllr W Worrall	20	20	100%
Cllr Mrs A Gordon	20	20	100%
Cllr Mrs P L Johnston	16	11	69%
Cllr Mrs P W Wilkinson	20	17	85%
Cllr Dr M J Metcalfe	20	16	80%
Cllr N F J Thurley	20	19	95%
Cllr J T Wright	20	19	95%

Application for Grant – Friends of Oakley Wood

367 RESOLVED: That a grant of £50 be made to the Friends of Oakley Wood (a Section 137 grant).

Minerals Strategy

368 Cllrs Mrs Barlow, Byerley and Mulgrue left the meeting for this agenda item having declared a prejudicial interest.

369 Members had been notified of the consultation on the revised spatial options for the Warwickshire Minerals Core Strategy

370 The JPC decided to form a Minerals Working Party (MWP) with the remit to work up a submission and then keep an active watch on progress.

371 The MWP was empowered to submit comments on the JPC's behalf, after considering any input submitted by members in the interim, and report in retrospect at the May JPC.

- 372 MWP Membership:
- Cllr Mrs Gordon
 - Cllr Mrs Hayward
 - Cllr Dr Metcalfe
 - Cllr Morrow
 - Cllr Murphy

Recording Declaration of Interests

373 It was proposed that when interests are declared and reasons given, it would be appropriate to state those reasons in the minutes. This would give clarity and transparency to all concerned. The Code of Conduct states that the nature of the interest should be stated in all cases at the time of declaration.

374 The JPC adopted the proposal that the nature of the interests should be recorded in the minutes.

Tree Planting in Barford

375 The WI would like to plant a commemorative tree to mark its 90th anniversary. A site at the south end of Wellesbourne Road adjacent to the junction with the bypass is proposed well clear of the roadway to allow for its mature size. It is hoped to acquire a well established disease resistant Elm to replace some of the many that have been lost from the area over the last several decades.

376 The JPC approved this application.

Freedom of Information

377 The JPC was invited to adopt a draft Publication Scheme, but following questions on whether the source document listing the JPC's powers was current, the draft was withdrawn for presentation at a future meeting.

Tree Planting in Wasperton

378 Cllr Thurley drew members' attention to the fact that the Birmingham Angling Association had planted some 13,000 trees on the bank in the bend in the river defining the south west boundary of Wasperton. Although it is not a planning issue (no earthworks are involved) the Environment Agency has expressed concern about the change of use from pasture to woodland with its effect on the river's flood plain, and plans an urgent inspection.

379 Opinion was divided on whether this was good or bad news and the Clerk was instructed to write to the Environment Agency asking for clarification.

Closure

380 There being no other business the meeting closed at 9:17pm.

Date of Next Meeting

381 The next meeting of the JPC is the Annual Meeting on Monday 11th May 2009 at 7:30 pm in Barford Memorial Hall

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

Name	Agenda Item	Type	Reason
Cllr Clay	Proposal to increase the admission number of Barford St Peter's C of E Primary School	Personal	Spouse is governor of the school.
Cllr Mrs Cobb	Proposal to increase the admission number of Barford St Peter's C of E Primary School	Personal	Daughter due to start at this school in September 09
Cllr Mrs Gordon	Proposal to increase the admission number of Barford St Peter's C of E Primary School	Personal	I am a governor of another school in the area.
Cllr Worrall	Proposal to increase the admission number of Barford St Peter's C of E Primary School	Personal	I am a trustee of the school.
Cllr Mrs Barlow	Grant – Friends of Oakley Wood	Personal	Member of Friends of Oakley Wood.
Cllr Mrs Hayward	Grant – Friends of Oakley Wood	Personal	Member of Friends of Oakley Wood.
Cllr Mulgrue	Grant – Friends of Oakley Wood	Personal	Member of Friends of Oakley Wood.
Cllr Murphy	Grant – Friends of Oakley Wood	Personal	My spouse and I are members of Friends of Oakley Wood.
Cllr Mrs Barlow	Minerals Strategy	Prejudicial	One of the sites proposed in the WCC strategy can be seen from my home and thus I would be more affected visually and by noise and dust than the majority of people in Barford.
Cllr Byerley	Minerals Strategy	Prejudicial	One of the sites proposed in the WCC strategy can be seen from my home and thus I would be more affected visually and by noise and dust than the majority of people in Barford.
Cllr Mulgrue	Minerals Strategy	Prejudicial	One of the sites proposed in the WCC strategy can be seen from my home and thus I would be more affected visually and by noise and dust than the majority of people in Barford.
Cllr Clay	Tree Planting in Barford	Personal	Spouse is member of WI Tree Group.

Warwick Rural West Community Forum

Inaugural meeting held on 26th February 2009 at Lapworth Village Hall

Present:	Tim Healey (WCC-Secretary), Cllr Chris Davis (WCC-Warwickshire Police Authority), Chief Inspector McNairn (Police), Cllr Mrs. Josie Compton (WCC), Cllr Les Caborn (WCC), Phil Evans (WCC Liaison), Mike Show (WDC Liaison), Inspector Woodcock (Police), PCSO Whitehouse (Police).
JPC Representation	Cllr J. V. Murphy, Cllr R. Mulgrue, Cllr W. Worrall

- 1 The Terms of Reference were discussed and accepted by consensus with one alteration namely under `Membership and Meeting Arrangements` bullet point 4 the word `joint` was removed. We should remember that we have no choice as to join or not join the form and the draft `Terms of Reference` are expected to be adopted by all Forums.
- 2 PCSO Whitehouse gave a verbal report which included the following:
 - 2.1 Main effort of Police activity was on the 3 priorities as defined at the last SN meeting. Namely:
 - Anti Social Behaviour
 - Speeding
 - Dangerous Behaviour.
 - 2.2 Reminded that speed checking equipment is available to parishes in the Western Area
 - 2.3 Official speed checks have been undertaken in Lapworth. Most miscreants were local to the area
 - 2.4 We were informed that no action can be taken on speeding motorists in Leek Wootton as the 30 mph signs are illegal. Further discussion revealed that Barford speed limit signs are also illegal. From this it was suggested that this could be a widespread problem throughout the county. Phil Evans undertook to investigate this with County Highways Dept. He would not give a "result by" date but asap.
 - 2.5 Hatton Police post being used as office for Western Area while Warwick Police station being decorated. Will move back to Warwick when complete. From the floor asked why not use Hatton (and other) local posts instead of moving back to Warwick. Reply - Warwick will have more staff in same area therefore more crowded.
 - 2.6 All the revised/additional speed limits will be in force by the end of March.
- 3 Chief Inspector McNairn reported:
 - 3.1 Serious & violent crime down. Criminal damage up but coming down
 - 3.2 Reminded members of `Crime Mapping Web Site`
 - 3.3 Agreed to try to include crime figures (with previous period) in The Week That Was.
 - 3.4 All posts in the Western Area filled which will be maintained for 2 yrs.
- 4 Comment from the floor:
 - 4.1 Generally agreed that T.W.T.W very good (The model to be used for other areas)
 - 4.2 Very poor response to emails – telephone useless.

- 4.3 Hatton Park reported problem with commercial vehicles parked on footpath. Insp. Woodcock reminded the meeting that there is no offense of Parking on Footpath – Obstruction only recourse which has to be proved (difficult).
- 5 A Police item to be placed on all future Forum agendas as first item after housekeeping.
- 6 Clarification on the policy of abstraction is sought.
- 7 The new Community Forum Priorities for the next period were agreed as:
- Speeding generally with particular reference to M. Cycles meeting at The Waterman public house and within a 7+ mile radius.
 - Anti social parking including footpaths – particular reference to Barford Playing Field Track.
 - Presence to reduce attempted break ins – particular reference to Bishops Tachbrook.
- 8 Question asked if any data available to show if specific campaigns simply moved the problems to other areas.
- 9 The chairman reminded members that the Forum is not specifically for Police matters.
- 10 The secretary reminded the meeting that there is still a budget of 10k available which he believed would be carried over into the new financial year and in addition he understood a similar amount would be allocated for the new financial year starting in April.
- 11 Hatton Park had tabled a request for 2k for installing seats and tables in an area of grass to try to move problem youths from around the shop area. It was agreed by consensus that the officers would provide assistance to Hatton Park to make an application to the WDC Rural Initiatives for a 50% grant towards the cost.
- 12 From the floor it was proposed and agreed that quotations be obtained for Mobile Variable Speed Detectors which would for use within the area.
- 13 Involvement of The Public to be considered at the next meeting.
- 14 Leader Project – no result yet but it is expected that a positive announcement will be made in March which will provide approx £1.5 million for use on Horticultural and arts projects within the county.
- 15 Inspector Woodcock distributed and commented on the Police Pledge document. He pointed out this was a nationally distributed document and was `Pledge` not a `Promise`. However, Warwickshire Police have signed up to this and will aspire to meet the conditions.
- 16 A remind that the JPC must appoint 2 representatives to the Forum. Others may attend as members of the public.
- 17 Next Meeting to be held on 23rd April 2009 at 19:30 hrs venue probably Leamington Spa Town Hall (to be confirmed)

February 25th JVM attended the inaugural meeting of:

South Warwickshire Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership at Stratford Civic Hall

Held as a public meeting but very few “public” in attendance – mostly appointees and a few PCs

Brings together Police, WCC, WDC and Stratford DC and replaces the old Warwick Crime Reduction Partnership and the Stratford equivalent.

Now have a “duty” to produce a “Strategic Assessment” and identify “Priorities”

Countywide priorities for 2008-9 are Serious Violent Crime (Fighting and attacks), Antisocial behaviour and Serious Acquisitive Crime (Theft and burglary).

Jemma Dealtry from “Warwickshire Observatory” (a body which assembles and analyses statistics relating to crime, planning and economics) reported extensively on their findings and how they might be used by the SWCDRP.

The most notable figure provided was that SW (South Warwickshire = WDC + StrDC) have 42% of the total crime in Warwickshire, but that our “crime rate” is low/good at only 64 crimes per 1000 residents. The low rating comes as the Warwickshire average is about 70/1000 and national average is about 90/1000. On questioning she clarified that the 42% becomes “low” due to the population numbers involved – “Lies, damned lies and statistics” went through my mind! A further dilution effect is as a result of the large geographic area covered.

SWCDRP Joint Partnership Plan has set local priorities as:

- **Serious Violent Crime and Domestic Abuse** – this is lead by Warwickshire Police, focuses on the larger communities/settlements, is mostly alcohol related, stems mostly from the “night time economy” of pubs and clubs, is dealt with by PREVENT, EDUCATE & ENFORCE activity and is not financially supported by the establishments which lead to the issues.
- **Antisocial Behaviour** – includes criminal damage/vandalism, is lead by the DCs, is tackled by “early intervention” and a “modify at first offence” approach with targeted action planning using PREVENT, DIVERSION & ENFORCEMENT
- **Alcohol and drugs related issues**
- **Acquisitive Crime**
- **Road safety**

All figures and results are reviewed MONTHLY and strategy adjusted accordingly with the Police and Las well aware of displacement effects when there are intensive “operations” staged.

Stratford District’s OPERATION PUTTENHAM to manage town centre problems:

- **OFFENDER MANAGEMENT** – Most are known, identify and concentrate on top 5 offenders, proactive approach, home visits and “warnings”, social issues identified, premium or “full attention” service to the culprits.
- **PREMISES MANAGEMENT** – More engagement/visits with premises owners/managers, set up “watch schemes”, act on problem premises, identify premises which do not cooperate, robust use of “points system” to inform/influence licensing and set up meeting/recovery plans post-incidents.
- **PATROL STRATEGY** – Improve analysis of events/statistics, set up “micro-beats” to increase knowledge and presence with intense and effective briefings and directives, enhance staff levels
- **ARREST & DISPOSAL STRATEGY** – Act early before escalation of events, increase arrest rate for minor events in problem locations, remove known trouble makers and establish separate “custody teams” to take away offenders and allow beat officers back on site.
- **CRIME MANAGEMENT** – enhance overall control

Closing note: The current economic situation is already leading to increases in shoplifting and acquisitive crime and is likely to get worse.

A similar meeting will be held in WDC area and is scheduled for Tuesday 24th March, venue to be confirmed – it would be good for members to attend to get a greater understanding of how our police service works and to see how it might be influenced if that was wished.

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS AS AT 28 FEB 09

	Budget	YTD	FOO
RECEIPTS			
Allotments Rents	666	185	817
Allotments Water Charges		86	233
Bank Interest	783	786	810
Barford Playing Field Lettings	167	167	167
Barford Telephone Kiosk		500	500
Barford Village Shop		1,734	1,734
Concurrent Services Contribution (WDC)	1,820	1,820	1,820
Grants		300	300
Precept (WDC)	27,974	27,974	27,974
VAT prior year (HMRC)	800	810	810
Wayleave	4	4	4
TOTAL RECEIPTS	32,214		35,169
PAYMENTS			
Allotments Hire of Land	(150)	(75)	(150)
Allotments Maintenance	(50)		
Allotments Water charges		(42)	(42)
Audit Fees	(395)	(395)	(395)
Bank Charges	(20)		(20)
Barford Parish Plan	(2,463)		
Barford Post Office	(1,670)	(5,970)	(5,970)
Barford Telephone Kiosk		(1)	(1)
Barford Village Shop		(2,585)	(2,585)
Bus Shelters Maintenance	(465)	(1,600)	(1,600)
Chairman's Allowance	(379)	(379)	(379)
Consideration Covenant Release		(4,350)	(4,350)
Dog Bins		(315)	(315)
Employment Expenses	(13,535)	(12,077)	(13,539)
Grants: Churchyard Maintenance	(1,113)	(1,113)	(1,113)
Grants: Village Halls	(2,735)	(2,736)	(2,736)
Insurance	(962)	(963)	(963)
Mowing Charges	(1,716)	(1,320)	(1,320)
Noticeboards	(50)		
Office Accommodation	(579)	(531)	(579)
Open Spaces Maintenance	(1,200)	(1,250)	(1,250)
Postage	(275)	(179)	(200)
Printing and Stationery	(777)	(545)	(600)
Section 137	(2,000)	(2,309)	(2,709)
Subs: Information Commissioner	(35)	(35)	(35)
Subs: SLCC	(135)	(133)	(133)
Subs: WALC	(373)	(390)	(390)
Training and Seminar Expenses	(50)	(155)	(200)
Travel Expenses	(393)	(301)	(393)
Venue Hire	(84)	(86)	(160)
TOTAL PAYMENTS	(31,605)		(42,126)
NET TOTALS	610		(6,957)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Opening Balance 1 Apr 08	36,362
Less Excess Expenditure over Income	<u>(6,957)</u>
Closing Balance 31 Mar 09	<u>29,405</u>
Designated Funds	
Barford Parish Directory (CVS)	83
Barford Parish Plan	537
Barford Telephone Kiosk	500
Barford War Memorial	535
Consideration Covenant Release	10,000
Election expenses (reserve for 2011)	<u>2,000</u>
Total Designated Funds	<u>13,655</u>
Risk Management Reserve	10,589
Discretionary Reserve	<u>5,161</u>