

BARFORD SHERBOURNE AND WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Parish Council held at Wasperton Village Hall
on Monday 1 March 2010

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

Opening

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

Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

346 The following declarations were made:

Name	Agendum	Type	Reason
Cllr Mrs Barlow	Notice board	Personal	Member of Heritage Group
Cllr Mrs Hayward	Notice board	Personal	Chairman of Heritage Group

Minutes of the Meeting of Council 8 February 2010

347 The minutes were approved as a true record.

Matters Arising

- 348 Minute 317. Cllr Morrow reported limited response to his enquiry about the need for civic facilities in the area of Barford Burrows.
- 349 Minute 318. Cllr Mulgrue reported that the negotiations on the "Model Section 106 Agreement" had failed to persuade WDC to give equal priority to letting two-bedroom accommodation to single people or couples without children, other than at first allocation. This does not conform with JPC views to date but WDC feels constrained by other policies.
- 350 Minute 337. The Chairman reported that he had contacted the School and the School Trust who had agreed to remove the damaged and now redundant noticeboard.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 1 February 2010

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

[Cllr Mrs Cobb joined the meeting]

Cash Balances as at 28 February 2010

352 The JPC took note of the following cash balances

HSBC	£ 2,854.40
Alliance & Leicester	£32,122.25

Receipts and Payments

353 The JPC endorsed the following:

Date	Payee	Category	Total
4 Feb 10	J F Johnson	Postage	(7.62)
4 Feb 10	J F Johnson	Travel Expenses	(26.26)
4 Feb 10	A&L	Bank Interest	2.46
10 Feb 10	Regent	Printing and Stationery	(41.45)
11 Feb 10	Barford PCC	Grants: Churchyard Maintenance	(375.00)
11 Feb 10	Sherbourne PCC	Grants: Churchyard Maintenance	(375.00)
11 Feb 10	Wasperton PCC	Grants: Churchyard Maintenance	(375.00)
28 Feb 10	J F Johnson	Employment Expenses	(669.22)
28 Feb 10	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(521.30)
28 Feb 10	J F Johnson	Office Accommodation	(50.67)

NALC Development Strategy

354 The JPC decided to respond to the consultation paper and convened a working party comprising;

- Cllr Clay
- Cllr Metcalfe
- Cllr Murphy
- Cllr Mrs Wilkinson

355 The working party received a mandate to respond on behalf of the JPC directly to NALC.

[Cllr Mrs Sawdon joined the meeting]

Notice Board on Barford Village Green

356 The Barford Heritage Group sought permission to have a notice board erected on Barford Village Green.

357 A meeting with WDC Planning Officer, Ms Debby Prince, had revealed that if the JPC erects the sign it does not require planning permission because it is deemed to be a Local Authority Information Board and as such is in the Class 1 category of no more than 1.55m².

358 The JPC adopted this project and the Barford Heritage Group accepted responsibility for:

- Purchase
- Installation
- Repair and maintenance
- Removal

WCC Draft Joint Protocol for Working with Parishes in the Development of Parish Plans

359 The JPC took note.

360 Cllr Mrs Wilkinson drew attention to the incongruity of Paragraph 9 of the Protocol whose 109 words may be summarized as "No budget, no action".

Reports on Contacts with Other Bodies

361 Cllr Mrs Barlow who maintains an interest in Barford Preschool for the JPC reported:

- There has been a transformation from "flat broke" with few pupils to a thriving establishment.
- Its Ofsted inspection earned an "Outstanding" grade
- Fund raising activities are a success.

- Parental contribution is invaluable.
- It produces an excellent newsletter.

362 Cllr Mrs Wilkinson moved a vote of thanks to Cllr Mrs Barlow which was heartily endorsed by the JPC.

Any Other Business

363 The Chairman reported on a meeting he had had with R Barnard, WCC Footpaths Officer, to discuss installing a gate on the track to the Barford allotments. It was very unproductive with Mr Barnard refusing permission for a gate (with no appeal allowed) suggesting instead bollards (an urban solution to a rural problem).

364 Cllr Caborn agreed to pursue the matter.

365 He also reported on a Barford Parish Meeting called to consider the Sharba proposals for development in Barford. There had been little confidence in the nature, conduct and outcome of the consultation and an independent survey had been requested (which Sharba agreed to consider funding).

366 Bishops Tachbrook Parish Council had produced an Alternatives Options document in response to WDC Draft Core Strategy and had invited the JPC and other local PCs to attend a meeting at BT on 2nd March to consider jointly the "WDC - Alternative sites" consultation which had recently been received. The Chairman indicated that he would attend.

367 Bishops Tachbrook Parish Council had invited the JPC to collaborate in a LEADER Project to work up a scheme for the footpath between the two villages. This was accepted with Cllr Mrs Barlow and Cllr Morrow volunteering to be the JPC representatives.

368 The Chairman indicated that he had received a copy letter from Mr Robin Smith-Ryland indicating that he did not intend to renew the lease on Sherbourne Village Hall when it expires in 2022 and advising that steps to find a replacement be started sooner rather than later

369 Cllr Clay gave the year-end report on the Barford allotments. There was still concern over some tenants not fully utilising their plots and an outstanding waiting list. It was therefore agreed to consider setting a minimum cultivation level requirement after examination of the contract detail.

370 Cllr Morrow (vide Minute 348) reported having distributed sixty questionnaires to Bremridge Close residents but with only eight responses. The two major issues identified were street lighting and parking near the junction with Wellesbourne Road. The chairman undertook to prompt the Police for more strenuous parking enforcement and consideration of lighting will be included in the agenda for the next meeting after investigation of ownership and responsibilities therefor.

Closure

371 There being no other business the meeting closed at 8:31pm.

Date of Next Meeting

372 The next meeting of JPC is the Annual Meeting on Monday 10 May 2010 at 7:30 pm in the Barford Memorial Hall