

BARFORD SHERBOURNE AND WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Parish Council held at Wasperton Village Hall
on Monday 12 July 2010

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

Opening

- 65 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm
- 66 No members of the public were present.
- 67 Apologies for absence were noted.

Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

- 68 No declarations were made. [But see also declarations made during "Reports from Representatives Appointed to Serve on Other Bodies" and "Any Other Business".]

Minutes of the Meeting of Council 14 June 2010

- 69 The minutes were approved as a true record.

Matters arising

- 70 Minute 43. Cllr Mrs Barlow reported progress on the creation of a walkway and landing stage on WCC land next to the river at the south end of the village. There had been an initial meeting with WCC Highways Officer who seeing no related highway issues was broadly supportive and had promised to bring the matter to the attention of other relevant WCC officers. We were now awaiting a further WCC response and hoped to be able to start the project during the winter when vegetation had died back.
- 71 Minute 57.2 Cllr Murphy had had no further contact with the WCC Footpaths Officer about the Barford Allotments footpath/track gate plans but had been promised a response on the officer's return from holiday.
- 72 Minute 58.1
- 72.1 Cllr Mrs Hayward reported that work on the Glebe Hotel Cedar tree had started. Initial excavation around the tree had revealed a hard, impervious pan of resin-bound aggregate overlaying hardcore encircling the tree. This would be broken out, a circular dwarf wall built around the tree and backfilled with topsoil and mulch.
- 72.2 The reserve tree had not been planted but it was agreed to delay pursuing this until the main tree works were completed.
- 73 Minute 58.2. Baron's Lodge, Hareway Lane (the subject of recent planning enforcement to have the decking stained) now presented a mix of colours. JPC members had requested that the

finished colour scheme should be inspected again to ensure it conformed to the conditions of the planning permission. WDC Planning Enforcement had confirmed that all conditions had been met and the case was closed.

74 Minute 58.3. Cllr Mulgrue confirmed that the Barford website had indeed an out of date bus timetable and that he had now corrected it.

75 Minute 59.1. Cllr Thurley said that despite the promise that the south-bound bus stop sign at Wasperton would be replaced before this meeting, nothing had happened and he would investigate.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 14 June 2010

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

Cash Balances as at 31 May 2010

77 The JPC took note of the following cash balances
 HSBC £ 2,775.36
 Alliance & Leicester £ 33,689.38

Receipts and Payments

78 The JPC endorsed the following:

| Date | Payee | Category | Total |
|-------------|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| 3 Jun 10 | A&L | Bank Interest | 2.66 |
| 4 Jun 10 | J F Johnson | Postage | (5.96) |
| 4 Jun 10 | J F Johnson | Travel Expenses | (24.96) |
| 6 Jun 10 | MFM Services | Mowing Charges | (213.00) |
| 9 Jun 10 | Viking Direct | Printing and Stationery | (77.26) |
| 14 Jun 10 | S&D Window Cleaners | Bus Shelters Maintenance | (45.00) |
| 21 Jun 10 | Clement Keys | Audit Fees | (334.88) |
| 28 Jun 10 | HMRC | Employment Expenses | (535.18) |
| 28 Jun 10 | J F Johnson | Employment Expenses | (677.41) |
| 28 Jun 10 | J F Johnson | Office Accommodation | (50.00) |

Management Accounts as at 30 Jun 10

79 The JPC took note of the management accounts at Annex A to these minutes.

Annual Audit of JPC Accounts

80 The external auditor (Clement Keys) had given an unqualified audit opinion on 18 Jun 10. Public notices advertising the conclusion of the audit were posted on 20 Jun 10. The JPC took note.

Reports from Representatives Appointed to Serve on Other Bodies

81 Affordable Housing. (Cllr Murphy)

[Cllr Mulgrue declared a prejudicial interest because his house overlooks the preferred site and absented himself from the meeting.]

[Cllr Mrs Johnston declared a personal interest in that her mother is the land owner of a potential site for affordable housing.]

81.1 A meeting with the WRHA Housing Enabler revealed that three sites had been identified in Barford with the preferred one being the St John's College land off Wasperton Lane. This was now the subject of a feasibility study.

- 81.2 No account had yet been taken of the possibility of affordable housing being constructed on the Barford House or Sherbourne Nursery sites.
- 82 Barford Residents' Association (BRA). (Cllr Worrall)
- 82.1 BRA had been reconstituted with a new management committee.
- 82.2 Tenders have been invited from firms to conduct an independent survey on residents' attitudes to the Barford House development proposals the results of which should be available for publication in September-October.

Inconsistency of Speed Limits on Local Roads

- 83 Cllr Mrs Gordon had obtained from the Highways Agency (HA) a map of the local area coloured to show the different speed limits on local roads. It showed a varied and inconsistent distribution which, it is generally acknowledged, to be bad and unsafe practice.
- 84 With this evidence she approached WCC to ask if the highways department was aware of the situation. It was not, and whilst it agreed that the matter should be investigated, whatever the outcome nothing would be done to change the status quo because of the lack of funding.
- 85 It was agreed that with the funding moratorium the best that could be attempted was to maintain a watching brief.

Road Safety on Barford Bypass

- 86 The first (northern-most) exit off the Barford Bypass into Barford is a very dangerous turn and remedial action must be taken if serious accidents are to be prevented there.
- 87 Cllr Rhead had brought this to the attention of WCC, and whilst it held the view that the accident history demonstrated the safety and not otherwise of the turning, it did offer an on-site meeting to explore the issue further.
- 88 Cllr Rhead brought this offer to the meeting and sought its sanction to proceed. This was granted together with a list of those from the JPC who would also attend, they being:
- Cllr Clay
 - Cllr Murphy
 - Representative from Sherbourne
- 89 Cllr Mulgrue remarked that if this turning was considered dangerous because of the threat from traffic following at 50mph, how much more so was the second (southern-most) exit from the bypass into Barford where the following traffic was at 60mph and it was agreed to raise this matter at the site meeting.

Any Other Business

- 90 Barford First Responders' Group.

[Cllr Rhead declared a prejudicial interest and absented himself from the meeting; he and his wife are closely involved with the management of the group.]

Permission was given for the use of Barford Village Green for a pig roast on 12 Sep 10 by the group subject only to an undertaking to make good all damage and to hold adequate public liability insurance.

- 91 WDC Wild Play. This is scheduled for 4 and 11 Aug 10, at 10.30am on Barford Playing Fields.
- 92 Saddlers' Footpath and Kissing Gate. The kissing gates need crushed stone at their bases otherwise, come wet weather, they will be muddy underfoot. Cllr Murphy had made this request to the Footpaths Officer but received no response to date. [Cllr Rhead to expedite.]

- 93 WALC Warwick Area Committee (WALCWAC). The Chairman urged attendance at the inaugural meeting of WALCWAC scheduled for 19 Jul 10.
- 94 WI Notice Board. Cllr Mrs Hayward conveyed concern about the future of the notice board situated by the old Post Office. The Chairman said that it was currently uncertain which, if any, planning permission on the old PO site would be enacted and whether a new board would finally be incorporated, but if it had to be moved then efforts would be made to identify a suitable alternative site for it.
- 95 Barford Telephone Kiosk. The kiosk has been partly refurbished and was awaiting replacement glass.
- 96 Resurfacing Hareway Lane.
- 96.1 Cllr Worrall expressed profound disquiet at what he saw as a profligate use of funds (urgently needed elsewhere) expended on this unnecessary work. He urged that the JPC should demand the right of sanctioning work in its area to avoid repetition of such waste.
- 96.2 The strength of his feeling communicated itself to other members and there followed an animated discussion on how to exercise such control. Cllr Mrs Wilkinson encapsulated the mood of the meeting in a concise summary and was immediately rewarded by an invitation from the Chairman to work this up into a resolution for presentation to the WALCWAC (vide Minute 93).

Closure

- 97 There being no other business the meeting closed at 8:50 pm.

Date of Next Meeting

- 98 The next meeting of the JPC is on Monday 13 September 2010 at 7:30 pm in Barford Memorial Hall.

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS AS AT 30 JUN 10
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

| | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Opening Balance 1 Apr 10 | 31,173 |
| Add Excess Income over Expenditure | <u>109</u> |
| Closing Balance 31 Mar 11 | <u>31,283</u> |
| Designated Funds | |
| Barford Parish Directory (CVS) | 83 |
| Barford Telephone Kiosk | 500 |
| Barford War Memorial | 535 |
| Election expenses (reserve for 2011) | 2,000 |
| Playing Field Hedge | 500 |
| Section 145 (1st Barford Show) | <u>298</u> |
| Total Designated Funds | <u>3,916</u> |
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| Risk Management Reserve | 11,336 |
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| Discretionary Reserve | <u>16,030</u> |

| | Budget 2010-11 | YTD | FOO | Diff |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| RECEIPTS | | | | |
| Allotments Rents | 700 | 431 | 700 | |
| Bank Interest | 20 | 7 | 26 | 6 |
| Barford Playing Field Lettings | 173 | | 173 | |
| Concurrent Services Contribution (WDC) | 2,480 | 2,480 | 2,480 | |
| Precept (WDC) | 29,515 | 14,758 | 29,515 | |
| VAT prior year (HMRC) | 400 | 357 | 357 | (43) |
| Wayleave | 4 | | 4 | |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | 33,291 | 18,032 | 33,254 | (37) |
| PAYMENTS | | | | |
| Allotments Hire of Land | (150) | | (150) | |
| Allotments Maintenance | (150) | | (150) | |
| Allotments Water Charges | (50) | | (50) | |
| Audit Fees | (395) | (410) | (410) | (15) |
| Bank Charges | (20) | | (20) | |
| Bus Shelters Maintenance | (465) | (499) | (715) | (250) |
| Chairman's Allowance | (392) | | (392) | |
| Consideration Covenant Release | (5,000) | (5,000) | (5,000) | |
| Employment Expenses | (14,515) | (3,638) | (14,515) | |
| Grants: Churchyard Maintenance | (1,136) | | (1,136) | |
| Grants: Village Halls | (2,831) | (944) | (3,775) | (944) |
| Insurance | (980) | (1,026) | (1,026) | (46) |
| Mowing Charges | (1,562) | (396) | (1,562) | |
| Notice Boards | | (309) | (309) | (309) |
| Office Accommodation | (600) | (150) | (600) | |
| Open Spaces Maintenance | (1,200) | | (1,200) | |
| Postage | (200) | (20) | (200) | |
| Printing and Stationery | (600) | (231) | (600) | |
| Subs: Information Commissioner | (35) | | (35) | |
| Subs: SLCC | (135) | | (135) | |
| Subs: WALC | (448) | | (448) | |
| Training and Seminar Expenses | (150) | | (150) | |
| Travel Expenses | (387) | (117) | (387) | |
| Venue Hire | (180) | | (180) | |
| TOTAL PAYMENTS | (31,581) | (12,740) | (33,145) | (1,564) |
| NET TOTALS | 1,710 | | 109 | |