

**Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Parish Council held at Barford Memorial Hall  
on Monday 13 September 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, W Worrall, Mrs A Gordon, Mrs P Johnston, Mrs P W Wilkinson,  
M J Metcalfe,  
**Apologies:** Cllr: N F J Thurley, J T Wright  
**In Attendance:** Cllr: B MacKay, Mrs C Sawdon

**Opening**

- 111 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm
- 112 Two members of the public were present.
- 113 Apologies for absence were noted.
- 114 The Chairman welcomed Cllr MacKay (Chairman Warwick District Council) to the meeting.

**Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests**

- 115 No declarations were made.

**Public Participation**

- 116 Mr E Scrannage reported the details of his traffic accident on 23 Jun 10 at the junction of the A429 and Fulbrook Lane, Sherbourne. The JPC took note and resolved to discuss the matter of road safety on the Barford Bypass at its next meeting.

**Minutes of the Meeting of Council 12 Jul 10**

- 117 The minutes were approved as a true record with the exception that Cllr Mrs Johnston's name had been omitted from the attendance list.

**Matters Arising**

- 118 Minute 70: 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. A meeting had been arranged with the WCC Highways Officer for 22 Sep 10.
- 119 Minute 71: Cllr Murphy had used information provided by Cllr L Caborn to establish contact with the WCC Footpaths Officer about the Barford Allotments footpath/track gate plans but had received no response.
- 120 Minute 92: The kissing gates on the Saddlers' Footpath 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 Mr Richard Barnard, who agreed the need but had stated that due to lack of resources there could not be a response in the immediate future, however the requirement had been noted.
- 121 Minute 95: The Barford telephone kiosk has been fully refurbished. The key is kept by Cllr Mrs Barlow and Cllr Murphy mows the grass around it.

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council 23 Aug 10**

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

### Minutes of the Planning Committee 5 Jul 10

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

### Minutes of the Planning Committee 26 Jul 10

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

### Minutes of the Planning Committee 23 Aug 10

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

### Cash Balances as at 31 Aug 10

126 The JPC took note of the following cash balances:

- HSBC £ 4,420.48
- Alliance & Leicester £28,694.18

### Receipts and Payments

127 The JPC endorsed the following:

Date	Payee	Category	Total
1 Jul 10	J F Johnson	Postage	(15.08)
1 Jul 10	J F Johnson	Travel Expenses	(30.62)
2 Jul 10	MFM Services	Mowing Charges	(213.00)
3 Jul 10	A&L	Bank Interest	2.51
6 Jul 10	J V Murphy	Open Spaces Maintenance	(14.45)
9 Jul 10	TPC	Printing and Stationery	(53.13)
28 Jul 10	J F Johnson	Employment Expenses	(677.41)
28 Jul 10	J F Johnson	Office Accommodation	(50.00)
15 Jul 10	S&D Window Cleaners	Bus Shelters Maintenance	(60.00)
28 Jul 10	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(535.18)
2 Aug 10	J F Johnson	Postage	(12.09)
2 Aug 10	J F Johnson	Travel Expenses	(36.79)
2 Aug 10	TPC	Printing and Stationery	(20.30)
3 Aug 10	A&L	Bank Interest	2.29
5 Aug 10	MFM Services	Mowing Charges	(213.00)
23 Aug 10	S&D Window Cleaners	Bus Shelters Maintenance	(45.00)
23 Aug 10	BSGSG	Allotments Water Charges	(116.24)
28 Aug 10	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(535.18)
28 Aug 10	J F Johnson	Employment Expenses	(677.41)
28 Aug 10	J F Johnson	Office Accommodation	(50.00)

### Changes in the Provision of Services

128 The JPC received a paper by Cllr Mrs Wilkinson on changes in the provision of services and considered its contents sufficiently important to be discussed at a special meeting subsequently scheduled for 30 Sep 10 in Barford Memorial Hall . Cllr Mrs Sawdon undertook to arrange attendance by a representative of the Department for Local Government. In the Clerk's impending absence on holiday the Chairman would arrange the venue and Cllr Mrs Wilkinson would provide a suggested agenda for the meeting for circulation by the Clerk in time for the meeting.

## Reports from Representatives Appointed to Serve on Other Bodies

- 129 Exercise Watermark. (Cllr Worrall)
- 129.1 Cllr Worrall gave a detailed resumé of the briefing he had attended of the exercise planned for 4-11 Mar 11 (simulating November).
- 129.2 It was agreed that individual participation by villages (as opposed to the JPC) was the preferred response. Barford (represented by Cllr Clay) and Sherbourne (represented by Cllr Mrs Gordon) intended to participate. Wasperton would take a decision later.
- 130 Oakley Woods.(Cllr Mrs Barlow)
- 130.1 Construction of the access road and loading area had not begun and hence the first stage of tree clearance work had been delayed for a further year.
- 131 WALC Area Committee. (Cllr Mulgrue)
- 131.1 Cllr Mulgrue spoke for all members of the JPC who had attended the meeting on 19 Jul 10 and was forthright in his condemnation of its content and conduct.
- 131.2 In particular he cited:
- A presentation given by Cllr Gill Lewis of Hampton in Arden on the High Speed Rail Link which was heavily biased – a situation only partly salvaged by the excellent and objective contribution made by Mr Andy Cowan, WCC County Planning Officer.
  - Discussion of the Helen Lay Care Centre (not on the agenda) upon which a vote was taken, a procedurally improper action.
- 131.3 Without reassurance that the quality would be markedly improved, members of the JPC would be unwilling to attend future meetings. In mitigation it was stated that the Warwick branch had only newly been resurrected and Cllr Murphy (JPC) and Cllr Brookes (BT) had been delegated to produce a suitable constitution to regularize activities of the new branch.
- 132 WCC Localities Review. (Cllr Murphy)
- 132.1 The JPC had been invited to comment upon this but the suspense date was before its next scheduled meeting.
- 132.2 It was decided to seek an extension to the date and, if granted, to consider the matter at the next ordinary meeting. If not, a special meeting would be convened.
- 132.3 Cllr Murphy, along with Cllr Brookes (BT) and Cllr Caborn had been invited to meet with Nick Gower-Johnson (WCC Community Partnership Team manager) and some of his team to discuss the report and the operation of our forum in particular.
- 132.4 [Afternote: In the event a special meeting was held on 22 Sep 10.]

## Any Other Business

- 133 Cllr Murphy announced that, contrary to earlier advice from WALC, the annual parish meetings were being conducted properly and no changes in procedures were needed.
- 134 Cllr Mulgrue advised the meeting that, as a cost-cutting measure by WCC, the No 18 bus route would not become a quality bus corridor under the current Local Transport Plan, however, it should be noted that it had been requested that it should be included in the emerging LTP3.
- 135 Cllr Mrs Hayward noted work on installing subterranean badger fencing to prevent undermining the school field had interrupted the village power supply and the work had been put on hold pending provision of further detail plans of the services in that area.

- 136 Cllr Mrs Hayward requested that an earlier decision by the JPC that the bond deposited by the Barford Heritage Group to indemnify the JPC from future costs of ownership of the Barford telephone kiosk be reduced from £500 to £200 be now implemented. This was agreed.

**Closure**

- 137 Cllr MacKay addressed the meeting.

- 138 The meeting closed at 9:12 pm.

**Date of Next Meeting**

- 139 The next meeting of the JPC is on Monday 11 Oct 10 at 7:30 pm in Sherbourne Village Hall.