

# Barford Sherbourne and Wasperton Joint Parish Council

## Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Parish Council held at Sherbourne Village Hall on Monday 14 Feb 11

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

### Opening

- 228 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm
- 229 No members of the public were present.
- 230 Apologies for absence were noted.

### Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

- 231 See Annex A to these minutes.

### Minutes of the Meeting of Council 10 Jan 11

- 232 The minutes were approved as a true record.

### Matters Arising

- 233 Minute 209-10 ( Rural Enhancement Grants: Alteration to Existing Lighting Columns in Barford)
- 233.1 The JPC had considered an offer from WDC's Principal Architect Planner (Mr Alan Mayes) to modify the tall lamp posts in Barford at the junction of Church Street, Bridge Street and Wellesbourne Road by cutting down the existing columns and, using an embellishment kit, installing a small swan neck style bracket with a lantern to match those already installed in the conservation area. The cost of the project (estimated by WCC at £7-8k) would be met from the WDC Rural Enhancement Grant Scheme, and whilst JPC members were unwilling to forego any additional funding available for Barford, there was a concern that this might not be the most effective use of the money and to that end decided to obtain a schedule of all lamp standards in Barford (especially in the conservation area) to decide where the greatest need for improvement existed and then to have a meeting with Mr Mayes to decide the final use for the funds.
- 233.2 The Clerk reported that Mr Mayes had been informed of this decision and that the revised schedule of lamp standards had been provided by Ms Monica Brown (Engineers/Contractors WDC). Ms Brown had told the Clerk of a proposal she had put to Mr Mayes; she argued that the lamps in question had been installed by WCC and any alterations should be funded by it. This would free the money earmarked for the project which she could use to best advantage on the street lighting most in need of refurbishment in Barford. Mr Mayes was reported to be "thinking about it".
- 233.3 This would be the best possible outcome for Barford because, given Ms Brown's encyclopedic knowledge of street lighting, the money would be wisely spent and the JPC spared the chore of making its own analysis. Ms Brown was encouraged to press for this result.

234 Minute 212 (Road Safety Improvements)

- 234.1 The JPC had requested WCC Cllr Caborn to support a bid for funding at Warwick Area Committee Traffic Seminar on 1 Feb10, for Barford Bypass junction improvements and Sherbourne 30mph speed limit implementation. The funding request was for £6k for a feasibility study on the Barford Bypass junctions and £15k for feasibility and towards the Sherbourne scheme. The JPC further requested that investigation of weight limit issues in Sherbourne, Wasperton A429 turn and Wasperton 20mph speed limit request might also be included within these proposals. Cllr Caborn reported that a recommendation of a total of £15K for work at Sherbourne and on the Barford Bypass junctions had been proposed.
- 234.2 Cllr Caborn reported that in the investigations to support this application it had been discovered that the Wasperton junction had a history of poor road safety - 9 collisions with 15 injuries. This changed the complexion of the problem and he was amending the bid which was to be put before the Warwick Area Committee for ratification to include a further £20k for improvement to that junction.
- 234.3 Members of the JPC were surprised and delighted by this news and thanked Cllr Caborn for his efforts.

[Cllr Caborn left the meeting]

**Minutes of the Planning Committee 10 Jan 11**

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

**Minutes of the Planning Committee 25 Jan 11**

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

**Cash Balances as at 31 Jan 11**

237 The JPC took note of the following cash balances:

- HSBC £10,632.90
- Santander £28,704.01

**Receipts and Payments**

238 The JPC authorized the following:

Date	Payee	Category	Total
29 Dec 10	WALC	Training & Seminar Expenses	(30.00)
5 Jan 11		Bank Error	10.00
13 Jan 11	TPC	Printing and Stationery	(45.68)
15 Jan 11	Santander	Bank Interest	1.95
25 Jan 11	BS&GSG	Allotments Water Charges	(43.56)
28 Jan 11	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(535.18)
28 Jan 11		Employment Expenses	(677.41)
28 Jan 11	J F Johnson	Office Accommodation	(50.00)
31 Jan 11	S&D Window Cleaners	Bus Shelters Maintenance	(60.00)

**Grants: Churchyard Maintenance**

239 The JPC made the following grants:

- Barford £380
- Sherbourne £380
- Wasperton £380

## **Grants: Village Halls**

- 240 The JPC made the following grants:
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| Barford    | £940 |
| Sherbourne | £940 |
| Wasperton  | £940 |

## **Purchase of Defibrillator**

- 241 The case for the purchase of a defibrillator was deferred to the March meeting of the JPC to allow Cllr Rhead to explain fully the proposals.

## **Barford Playing Fields**

- 242 After a detailed discussion the following decisions were made:
- The moles in Barford Playing Field should be eradicated as soon as possible.
  - The cost should not exceed £200.
  - The field was to remain open for use during the eradication.
  - Competitive quotes were to be obtained.
  - The Chairman or Clerk was authorized to let the contract without further reference to the JPC.

## **Allotments - Charges 2012-13**

- 243 The JPC set the charges for 2012-13 for a 150m<sup>2</sup> standard plot at £20 inflated by RPI.

## **Friends of Oakley Wood**

- 244 The Friends of Oakley Wood are appealing for a Leader grant for horse logging in the wood and would like endorsement for this from the nearest parish councils. Cllr Mrs Barlow sought and was given this by the JPC (but without financial commitments) and authorized to convey this message to Friends of Oakley Wood.

## **Parish Boundary - Barford/Wasperton**

- 245 There has been no progress on the realignment of the boundary. The text of a message from WDC states however: " I haven't forgotten you – I just need to look into what the procedure is."

## **Risk Assessment**

- 246 The annual return requires that: "The council assessed the significant risks to achieving its objectives and reviewed the adequacy of arrangements to manage these." The JPC adopted the risk assessment at Annex B to these minutes.

## **Reports from Representatives Appointed to Serve on Other Bodies**

- 247 Warwickshire Rural West Community Forum. Cllr Worrall reported the proceedings of the Forum held on 27 Jan 11.
- 248 Big on Play. Cllr Worrall introduced a WDC scheme which provides free play equipment for children. [It was agreed the Cllr Worrall should register an interest on behalf of the JPC and that an ad hoc group would meet to agree the requirement of the three villages and prepare a submission to the next meeting of the JPC.
- 249 Barford Residents' Association. Cllr Worrall announced that the results of the survey on the public reaction to the Sharba Homes proposals for the land near Barford House would be published on 15 Feb 11. A summary would be posted to every household and full details would be available on the village website.
- 250 The Big Society. Cllr Mulgrue's written report on a WCC symposium on this topic was read to the JPC by the Chairman.

251 WDC Standards Committee. Cllr Mrs Gordon announced that, notwithstanding the dissolution of the Standards Board, the WDC Standards Committee is growing in size and gives no indication that it is aware of its plight.

**Any Other Business**

[Cllr Mrs Wilkinson joined the meeting]

252 Rededication of Wasperton War Memorial. The JPC was informed of the rededication of the war memorial in Wasperton on 9 Apr 11 to which members were invited

**Closure**

253 There being no other business the meeting closed at 9:16 pm.

**Date of Next Meeting**

254 Monday 14 Mar 11 at 7:30 pm in Wasperton Village Hall.

**DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS**

Name	Agendum	Type	Reason
Cllr Mrs Barlow	Friends of Oakley Wood	Personal	Member Friends of Oakley Wood
Cllr M J Metcalfe	Grants: Churchyard Maintenance	Personal	Spouse member of Wasperton PCC
Cllr J V Murphy	Grants: Churchyard Maintenance	Personal	Spouse member of Barford PCC
Cllr J V Murphy	Grants: Village Halls	Prejudicial	Treasurer Barford Memorial Hall Management Committee
Cllr W Worrall	Grants: Village Halls	Personal	Member Barford Memorial Hall Management Committee