

Barford Sherbourne and Wasperton Joint Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Parish Council held at Wasperton Village Hall on Monday 14 Mar 11

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

Opening

- 255 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm
256 One member of the public was present.
257 Apologies for absence were noted.

Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

- 258 See Annex A to these minutes.

Minutes of the Meeting of Council 14 Feb 11

- 259 The minutes were approved as a true record..

Matters Arising

- 260 Minute 233 (Rural Enhancement Grants: Alteration to Existing Lighting Columns in Barford). The JPC was still waiting on Mr Mayes' and Ms Monica Brown's deliberations over how best to utilize the grant for the betterment of street lighting in the Barford Conservation Area.
- 261 Minute 251 (WDC Standards Committee). The Chairman informed the meeting that notwithstanding forecasts of the demise of the WDC Standards Committee a request for nominations for membership of that committee had been received and that it would be dealt with at the May meeting of the JPC.

Minutes of the Planning Committee 14 Feb 11

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

Cash Balances as at 28 Feb 11

- 263 The JPC took note of the following cash balances:
- HSBC £ 5,232.35
 - Santander £28,705.97

Receipts and Payments

264 The JPC authorized the following:

Date	Payee	Category	Total
4 Feb 11	J F Johnson	Postage	(9.94)
4 Feb 11	J F Johnson	Travel Expenses	(59.02)
4 Feb 11	WALC	Training and Seminar Expenses	(74.00)
5 Feb 11	Santander	Bank Interest	1.95
14 Feb 11	Barford PCC	Grants: Churchyard Maintenance	(380.00)
14 Feb 11	Sherbourne PCC	Grants: Churchyard Maintenance	(380.00)
14 Feb 11	Wasperton PCC	Grants: Churchyard Maintenance	(380.00)
14 Feb 11	Barford Memorial Hall	Grants: Village Halls	(940.00)
14 Feb 11	Sherbourne Village Hall	Grants: Village Halls	(940.00)
14 Feb 11	Wasperton Village Hall	Grants: Village Halls	(940.00)
28 Feb 11	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(535.18)
28 Feb 11		Employment Expenses	(677.41)
28 Feb 11	J F Johnson	Office Accommodation	(50.00)

Barford Bypass - Sale of Land to Parish Council

265 The Chairman gave a progress report. Despite some uncertainties over the exact boundaries of the plot, negotiations were at an advanced stage and the JPC was poised to conclude the purchase subject to minor clarifications which were awaited from WCC.

Purchase of Defibrillator

266 The JPC approved the purchase of one HeartSafe Package (for external use) with ZOLL AED Plus Defibrillator at a cost of £2,150 + VAT to be donated to the Barford First Responders Group which would be responsible for all future expenditure to maintain and insure the machine.

Barford Playing Fields - Eradication of Moles

267 Competitive quotes having been obtained the JPC confirmed its intention to attempt to eradicate the moles and let the task to www.mole-man.com at a cost of £70 for the first mole and £30 for each subsequent mole up to a limit of £220, subject to confirmation that:

- The mole-catcher's method was legal.
- The playing fields would remain open during the eradication.

SpeedAware - Changes to the Current Scheme

268 WCC Road Safety had reported a reduction in the services it offers because of budgetary constraints and offer two new options (the first for a fee of £250, the second free) to ameliorate the impact of these changes whilst still allowing local councils to implement speed control and safety measures.

269 The JPC recognized that Barford already had measures in place through the Warwick Rural West Community Forum but approved expenditure of £250 for the first option to be exercised in Sherbourne and Sherbourne councillors were invited to contact WCC directly to make the necessary arrangements.

270 [Afternote:] The scheme is designed for roads with local speed limits. Sherbourne has none although officers indicate that Sherbourne could qualify for this scheme if or when speed limits are implemented.

Big On Play

- 271 An application for one set of three pieces of children's play equipment (to be positioned on Barford Playing Fields) has been made to WDC which, if successful, the JPC will be required to fund (installation costs and safety surface) at an estimated of £2,500 + VAT. The JPC approved the necessary expenditure.

Warwick Rural West Community Forum Meeting 28 Feb 11

- 272 Cllr Worrall brought to the attention of the JPC the following:

"At the recent, single issue WRW Community Forum there were several presentations on the proposed reforms to the National Health Service. These were very informative, however the JPC is disappointed that no effort was made to present any opposing views when many involved within the Health Service as well as lay persons have grave reservations as to the wisdom of implementing the proposals.

Any opposite views presented would simply have balanced, and still could balance, the argument. Furthermore the JPC is disappointed that this extra forum, which it was hoped could inform the implementation process was used primarily as a means of disseminating predetermined information to the wider public, rather than to gather wider public opinion".

- 273 His criticism centred upon the presentation being the vehicle for the announcement of a top-down decision rather than for a bottom-up debate on the merits of the proposal.
- 274 It was agreed that he and Cllr Mrs Wilkinson should draft a letter conveying these concerns and forward it to the Clerk for onward transmission.

Reports from Representatives Appointed to Serve on Other Bodies

Exercise Watermark - 8 Mar 11

- 275.1 Cllr Clay reported that the exercise had proved to be a valuable tool and important lessons had been learned.
- 275.2 He was encouraged to amend the Community Emergency Plan in the light of these experiences in anticipation of that document's annual rewrite at the start of next year.

Any Other Business

WDC Local Plan.

- 276.1 Cllr Rhead asked if the plan had been received for consultation. It had not.
- 276.2 He promised to expedite its delivery to the JPC and offered to invite WDC officers to make a presentation to the JPC either at a special meeting of the JPC or at a public meeting for all three villages.

"Get Growing"

- 277.1 Cllr Mrs Cobb described this LEADER funded project to enable individuals to engage in small-scale horticulture.
- 277.2 It was designed for those who did not have the time or ability to tend a garden or full-size allotment but who would be grateful for the opportunity to grow a few vegetables in pots, grow-bags or raised beds.

277.3 To that end she was discussing with Cllr Clay (the Allotments Manager) the allocation of one of the allotments for general use and was hoping to arrange for a poly-tunnel to be located there for use by the public. She invited any interested parties to speak to her.

278 Planning Enforcement.

278.1 Cllr Rhead explained that he was encouraging the enforcement of the obligation placed on Country Car in Barford to plant a hedge on its perimeter and hoped for results in the near future.

278.2 The Chairman said that County Cars claimed progress was being prevented because its planting scheme was not being approved by WDC.

279 Bus Service Reductions.

279.1 The peremptory letter from WCC announcing bus service reductions to the three villages had caused offence. Whilst there was a recognition that the financial climate dictated cuts, it was argued that these could best be achieved with consultation. There had been none.

279.2 Cllr Rhead undertook to speak to Cllr L Caborn (WCC) who is to be chairman of the next Community Forum and ask him to include this on the agenda and, importantly, to get him to extract information about budgets for bus services and load factors for bus trips from WCC for consideration by the JPC and other forum participants in advance of the Community Forum.

[Cllrs Mrs Gordon and Mrs Wilkinson left the meeting]

280 Cemetery/Playing Fields Hedge.

280.1 Cllr Murphy informed the meeting that work was well advanced on repairing the boundary.

280.2 He warned however that the because of cost the finished product would be primarily functional with no effort being made to replace the original like for like. The JPC reiterated that the main concern was to prevent loose dog access into the cemetery.

Closure

281 There being no other business the meeting closed at 9:20 pm.

Date of Next Meeting

282 Mon 16 May 11 at 7:30 pm in Barford Memorial Hall.

DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

Name	Agendum	Type	Reason
Cllr Mrs Barlow	Purchase of defibrillator	Personal	Member Barford First Responders Group
Cllr R G Mulgrue	Purchase of defibrillator	Personal	Member Barford First Responders Group
Cllr R G Mulgrue	"Get Growing"	Personal	Vice-Chair Central Warwickshire Villages LEADER European Funding Scheme
Cllr A B Rhead	Purchase of defibrillator	Personal	Member Barford First Responders Group