

# BARFORD SHERBOURNE AND WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Parish Council held at Wasperton Village Hall  
on Mon 14 Nov 11

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr J V Murphy,(Chairman) Cllr: Mrs W Barlow, R Clay, J M Hawkesford, S J McVeigh, P A P Morris, D C Morrow, A B Rhead, R A Shotton-Oza, Mrs A Gordon, Mrs R Newsome, Mrs P K Payne, M J Metcalfe, N F J Thurley, J T Wright
<b>Apologies:</b>	Cllr: Mrs J L Longfield,

## Opening

- 197 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm
- 198 No members of the public were present.
- 199 Apologies for absence were noted.

## Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

- 200 Cllr Hawkesford declared a personal interest in the item on the WDC Proposed Development Review.

## Minutes of the Meeting of Council 10 Oct 11

- 201 The minutes were approved as a true record.

## Matters Arising

- 202 Minute 168. Cllr Metcalfe asked for clarification on which footpaths near Wasperton remained blocked and was told it was the one (W101) running from Wasperton Lane to Hiron's farm and that it had been reported.
- 203 Minute 169. Cllr Mrs Gordon said that the land behind the Sherbourne Bus Shelter was too litter-strewn to be cleared by self-help and that WCC should be tasked again with its clearance.
- 204 Minute 170. Cllr Shotton-Oza offered the WP's report on the Queen's Diamond Jubilee beacons which the Chairman said would be taken at the end of the meeting before Any Other Business.
- 205 Minute 181. Cllr Rhead reported that he and Cllr Caborn (WCC) had attended a meeting with the Housing Minister to obtain clarification on the interaction of the Localism Bill with the National Planning Policy Framework but none was forthcoming.
- 206 Minute 187. Cllr Mrs Gordon summarized her response to the "Waste Core Strategies - Preferred Options and Policies" consultation (made on behalf of the JPC) with three main points:
- Lift charges at waste disposal sites to discourage fly-tipping.
  - Avoid land-fill tipping and reclaim farmland which had been used for this purpose.
  - Make greater use of incineration as a means of disposal and energy recovery.
- 207 Minute 190. Cllr Mrs Gordon had attended the presentation on "Free Trees for Your Community" and discovered there was a fund of £4m for the project. She considered this an opportunity and would return to the JPC with proposals for tree planting schemes with costs.

[Cllr McVeigh joined the meeting]

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 10 Oct 11

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

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 28 Oct 11

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

### Cash Balances as at 31 Oct 11

210 The JPC took note of the following cash balances:

- HSBC £ 8,394.50
- Santander £40,571.51

### Receipts and Payments

211 The JPC endorsed the following:

Date	Payee/Payer	Category	Total
1 Oct 11	WDC	Precept	15,050.00
1 Oct 11	S&D Window Cleaners	Bus Shelters Maintenance	(45.00)
1 Oct 11	Administration	Postage	(10.70)
1 Oct 11	Administration	Travel Expenses	(15.28)
1 Oct 11	Western Power Distribution	Wayleave	4.39
5 Oct 11	MFM Services	Mowing Charges	(219.00)
6 Oct 11	Santander	Bank Interest	2.42
10 Oct 11	Barford WI	Grants/Donations	500.00
10 Oct 11	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(542.92)
18 Oct 11	TPC	Printing and Stationery	(50.11)
21 Oct 11	Playsafety Ltd	Open Spaces Maintenance	(183.60)
28 Oct 11	WCC	Legal Fees	(400.00)
28 Oct 11	Salaries	Employment Expenses	(696.92)
28 Oct 11	Administration	Office Accommodation	(52.00)

### Barford Allotments - Polytunnel

212 The JPC received a briefing from Cllr Clay.

213 The Community Polytunnel on the Barford allotments suffers a number of problems:

- Structurally unsound
- Insecure
- Used by a very small number of allotment holders – some possibly denied access?
- Used by non-allotment holders

214 He suggested, and the JPC approved, the following remedial actions:

- Engage an approved contractor to achieve structural integrity
- Renovate and repair the installation
- Improve security
- Draw up and enforce allocation rules
- Obtain a quote for resheeting the tunnel

215 Funding. The budget allocation for "Allotment Maintenance" was increased to £300.

216 Insurance. The tunnel is insured for public liability but not against the risk of damage.

### **Mowing Contract Renewal**

- 217 Of four contractors invited to quote for the mowing contract 2012, the incumbent (MFM Services), was the cheapest.
- 218 The JPC approved the expenditure of £1,650 for mowing in 2012 by MFM Services.

### **Alternative HS2 Route**

- 219 The JPC considered recently publicized alternative routes for HS2 including west of the M40 as far as and beyond Warwick.
- 220 The JPC decided that the plans were too immature for it to make meaningful comment and as the consultation period had closed prior to their publicity the JPC merely took note pending any further developments.

### **WDC Proposed Development Review Forum (Barford House)**

- 221 Some members of the JPC attended the forum on 31 Oct 11 where Sharba Homes had presented proposals to build 58 homes, including 23 Affordable Homes of a mix of sizes on land round Barford House along with additional public parking, management of tree belts and provision of public open space. A planning application should be expected in the near future.
- 222 The JPC took note.

### **Development of Sherbourne Nurseries**

- 223 The agents for the developer of land at Sherbourne Nurseries had made an informal approach asking if they might make a presentation to the JPC to provide details of a scheme which they intend to bring forward in the New Year.
- 224 The JPC decided that if a formal request were to be received the Clerk should respond positively.
- 225 More generally, it was agreed that with the change of ethos in planning to embrace Localism there should in future be a presumption that requests such as this should be accommodated.
- 226 Cllr Mrs Barlow widened the debate by suggesting that at meetings with developers the JPC should not just chose from what was on offer but should be equipped with details of total housing needs and aspirations in Barford and place an obligation on the developer to meet some or all of them. The housing needs survey conducted some three years ago dealt only with affordable housing. It was suggested that it should be updated and its scope expanded to include market housing needs. As WRCC at previous meetings had indicated that it could undertake/manage such a survey they would be asked to provide further information, including costs to the JPC, for such a survey.
- 227 For further discussion at the JPC's January meeting.

### **Warwickshire County Council Active Partnering Scheme**

- 228 WALC had announced that Warwickshire County Council plans to build on the Local Councils' Charter and is drafting a document which will describe closer working relationships with parish and town councils and that before a formal document is drawn up WALC would welcome the JPC's views on the proposals in Cornwall Council's model scheme. It transpired that WCC had not consulted with WDC on such a plan and therefore commenting on the Cornwall scheme, primarily intended for unitary authorities, would be nugatory. The JPC lamented the waste of members' time this false assumption had caused.

## Meeting Dates 2012-13

229 The JPC took note of the dates of meetings in 2012-13 shown in the table below:

Mon 2 Apr 12	APM B	Mon 3 Sep 12	B
Mon 23 Apr 12	APM W	Mon 8 Oct 12	S
Mon 30 Apr 12	APM S	Mon 12 Nov 12	W
Mon 14 May 12	B	Mon 14 Jan 13	B
Mon 11 Jun 12	S	Mon 11 Feb 13	S
Mon 9 Jul 12	W	Mon 11 Mar 13	W

## Queen's Golden Jubilee Beacons

- 230 Cllr Shotton-Oza gave a progress report on progress by the WP.
- 231 Suitable sites had been identified and the owner of the preferred site was willing to cooperate.
- 232 A gas-fired beacon was favoured over a bonfire.
- 233 The WP is to provide an estimate of the cost for inclusion in the 2012-13 budget to be set at the January meeting.
- 234 The JPC's insurance covers the event always provided that the insurers are supplied with a risk assessment. The WP was tasked with providing one.
- 235 This matter to be discussed in detail at the January meeting of the JPC.

## Any Other Business

- 236 Signs. The JPC's wish to have the brown road sign "Sherbourne Nurseries" removed was possibly in conflict with the owner's wish to retain it in case there should be a to continue the nursery business.
- 237 Parking. Cllr Wright said poor parking in Bremridge Close continues with nothing apparently being done to control it. The Chairman confirmed that he had been assured by both WCC Cllr Caborn and WCC Officer Graham Stanley that the yellow lines would be painted as soon as possible given the limitations of the recent changes in WCC contractors and their schedules.
- 238 Infrastructure. Cllr McVeigh's offer to distribute a paper on "Infrastructure Projects" was accepted.
- 239 Oakley Wood. Cllr Mrs Barlow gave a progress report including the fact that £12.5k had been allocated for horse-logging.

## Closure

- 240 There being no other business the meeting closed at 9:05pm.

## Date of Next Meeting

- 241 The next meeting of the JPC is on Mon 16 Jan 12 at 7:30 pm in Barford Memorial Hall.