

BARFORD SHERBOURNE AND WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Parish Council
held at Barford Memorial Hall
on Mon 3 Sep 12

Present: Cllr: J V Murphy (Chairman)
Cllr: R Clay, J M Hawkesford, 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
Apologies: Cllr: Mrs W Barlow, S J McVeigh, D C Morrow,
In Attendance: Cllr: L Caborn (WCC)

Opening

- 106 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm
107 Five members of the public were present.

Declarations of Interests

- 108 None was declared

Public Participation

- 109 Mr T Oliver asked the following with regards to the WRHA Wasperton Lane Scheme:
- Q. What is the price of affordable housing? A. Not known.
 - Q. Why the particular plot of land had been chosen? A. Determined by WDC and WCC.
 - Q. Would planning permission be requested before or after the outcome of the Taylor Wimpey application. A. Not known.
 - Q. What was the follow-on from the formal consultation planned for 26 Sep 12? A. The findings will be considered by the JPC for endorsement, subject to which WRHA will apply for planning permission.
- 110 Mrs D Sheridan, claiming to speak for the residents of Barford, declared an opposition to all future development in the village.
- 111 A third member of the public saw the WRHA scheme as the thin edge of a wedge with the possible eventual outcome of the construction of "300 or more houses".

Minutes of the Meeting of Council 9 Jul 12

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 9 Jul 12

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

Cash Balances as at 31 Aug 12

- 114 The JPC took note of the following cash balances:
- HSBC £ 5,665.81
 - Santander £41,967.29

Receipts and Payments

115 The JPC endorsed the following:

Date	Payee/er	Category	Total
1 Jul 12	Administration	Postage	(28.20)
1 Jul 12	Administration	Travel Expenses	(24.57)
8 Jul 12	Santander	Bank Interest	2.81
9 Jul 12	MFM Services	Mowing Charges	(225.00)
9 Jul 12	TPC Digital Solutions	Printing and Stationery	(56.03)
9 Jul 12	WALC	Training/Seminar Expenses	(50.00)
10 Jul 12	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(551.45)
19 Jul 12	Clement Keys	Audit Fees	(342.00)
28 Jul 12	Salaries	Employment Expenses	(711.24)
28 Jul 12	Administration	Office Accommodation	(54.92)
28 Jul 12	Allotments	Allotments Rents	21.12
2 Aug 12	J F Johnson	Postage	(3.60)
2 Aug 12	J F Johnson	Travel Expenses	(13.20)
2 Aug 12	MFM Services	Mowing Charges	(225.00)
3 Aug 12	Santander	Bank Interest	3.08
3 Aug 12	J V Murphy	Open Spaces Maintenance	(32.67)
10 Aug 12	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(551.45)
28 Aug 12	Salaries	Employment Expenses	(711.24)
28 Aug 12	Administration	Office Accommodation	(54.92)

Coronation Oak

116 The JPC considered a request from Mrs Tallis of Hampton on the Hill that the oak tree planted on Barford Playing Field to commemorate the Queen's coronation by Barford Village School (at which she was then a pupil) should have suitable identification.

117 After lengthy and varied discussion it was decided to consider this matter again at the next meeting.

Community Emergency Plan

118 The JPC gave authority for the Clerk to purchase three containers suitable for use as a "Parish Emergency Box" at a net cost of £150 or less.

119 The location of these boxes would be discussed at the next meeting.

120 The Clerk reminded members that the Community Emergency Plan was intended for the eyes of parish councillors only, it was not a public document.

Housing Needs Survey 2012

121 The JPC adopted the report.

Highways Projects

122 The JPC noted with regret WCC's statement that the Police and WCC Safety Engineering will not support the imposition of a 50mph speed limit along the A429. Members wondered why, if such a response had been predictable, it was presented as an option to them originally.

- 123 Cllr Caborn confirmed that the funding he had secured for highway projects in the JPC area, if not spent in this financial year would not be carried over into the next. There was a strong feeling that the money should be spent rather than risk losing it by indecision and delay. The JPC voted therefore to inform WCC that the scheme for speed and weight limits in Sherbourne was its preferred choice.

Survey of Sport and Recreational Facilities

- 124 The Chairman reported that this was progressing well with five organisations providing scheme proposals and associated costs (four received, one awaited). It was proposed that these would be reviewed by the working party with a view to arranging a public consultation event this autumn. The schemes were ambitious and would require significant grant monies and fundraising as part of the scheme.

Riverside Land

- 125 The Chairman gave an update:
- 125.1 Excellent progress had been maintained, particularly with the orchards, and the site was now being used on a regular basis by a significant number of residents.
- 125.2 Mowing presented a problem:
- The wild-flower meadow area requires mowing once a year after the flowers had seeded and the cuttings raked up and moved off site to prevent the build up of thatch. The JPC does not own machinery capable of this task.
 - The paths, in season, require mowing three or four times a month, each mow taking up to four hours. There is insufficient voluntary labour for this.
- The Chairman reflected that these tasks might have to be contracted out and said he would return to the next meeting with options and costs.
- 126 Cllr Hawkesford said that some people still did not know the location of the "Riverside Land". The Chairman replied that it was the policy not to erect signs because, quite apart from their intrinsic unattractiveness, they had the disadvantage of catching the attention of strangers to the area which could constitute a traffic hazard. He did however undertake to have a location map published in Plurality.

WRHA Wasperton Lane Affordable Homes Scheme

- 127 The Chairman confirmed that a public consultation would be held in Barford Memorial Hall on Wed 26 Sep 12. He provided publicity material to representatives of Sherbourne and Wasperton for distribution.

Sherbourne Nursery Development

- 128 Taylor Wimpy had applied for planning permission. [Application No: W/12/1083]

Calendar of Meetings 2013-14

129 The JPC took note of:

Date	Type	Location	Date	Type	Location
Tue 2 Apr 13	Annual Parish	Barford	Mon 2 Sep 13	JPC	Barford
Mon 15 Apr 13	Annual Parish	Wasperton	Mon 14 Oct 13	JPC	Sherbourne
Mon 22 Apr 13	Annual Parish	Sherbourne	Mon 11 Nov 13	JPC	Wasperton
Mon 13 May 13	JPC Annual	Barford	Mon 6 Jan 14	JPC	Barford
Mon 10 Jun 13	JPC	Sherbourne	Mon 10 Feb 14	JPC	Sherbourne
Mon 8 Jul 13	JPC	Wasperton	Mon 10 Mar 14	JPC	Wasperton

Any Other Business

- 130 Cllr Wright drew attention to the continued obstruction caused by the illegal and irresponsible parking of cars and car-transporters at the Bremridge Close junction. The Chairman will talk to the site owner or staff or both.
- 131 Cllr Wright wished continued concern over the safety of vehicles leaving the layby and joining the A429 south of the Wasperton junction to be recorded.
- 132 Cllr Clay was anxious that the JPC should do whatever was in its power to support Mr Barnes' appeal against WDC's refusal to grant retrospective planning permission for the extension to his house at 7 Mill Lane, Barford. There was no doubting that the mood of the JPC was most sympathetic (the Planning Committee had supported the application for permission by returning "No objection") but after some discussion it was agreed that there was nothing more to be done and events must take their course.
- 133 Cllr Mrs Gordon asked that the subject of the purchase of red telephone kiosks be added to the October agenda.

Closure

- 134 There being no other business the meeting closed at 8:55pm

Date of Next Meeting

- 135 Mon 8 Oct 12 at 7:30 pm in Sherbourne Village Hall.