

BARFORD SHERBOURNE AND WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Parish Council
held at Wasperton Village Hall on Mon 11 Nov 13

Present:	Cllr J V Murphy,(Chairman) Cllr: Mrs W Barlow, I Boak, R Clay, S J Coop, J M Hawkesford, Mrs J L Longfield, Mrs A Gordon, T Merrygold, Mrs R Newsome, M J Metcalfe, N F J Thurley, J T Wright,
Apologies:	Cllr: A B Rhead, P A P Morris, R A Shotton-Oza,

Opening

170 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm

171 No members of the public were present.

Declarations of Disclosable Interests

172 None was declared

Minutes of the Meeting of the JPC 14 Oct 13

173 The minutes were approved as a true record.

Matters Arising

174 Minute 152.3. Cllr Merrygold reported that it was the consensus of Sherbourne and Wasperton councillors that the putative neighbourhood plan for Barford should not be amended to include either or both of the smaller villages to avoid unnecessary delay. It was agreed that he should continue to attend meetings of the neighbourhood plan group acting as an observer for both Sherbourne and Wasperton.

175 Minute 166. Cllr Mrs Barlow declared that the Barford Heritage Group would meet half the cost of one kissing gate on the Riverside Land.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 14 Oct 13

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

Cash Book Balances as at 31 Oct 13

177 The JPC took note of the following cash balances

- HSBC £31,466.70
- Santander £37,813.77

Receipts and Payments

178 The JPC endorsed the following:

Date	Payee/er	Category	Total
1 Oct 13	WALC	Training Seminar Expenses	(50.00)
1 Oct 13	E Kennedy	Allotments Maintenance	(50.00)
1 Oct 13	R Mulgrue	Barford Neighbourhood Plan	(12.49)
1 Oct 13	P Ransome	Barford Neighbourhood Plan	(16.00)
1 Oct 13	R J Smith	Allotments Hire of Land	(37.50)
1 Oct 13	D M Hadley	Allotments Hire of Land	(37.50)
1 Oct 13	WDC	Precept	14,534.50
1 Oct 13	WDC	Transitional Grant	1,145.00

3 Oct 13	WTP	Training Expenses	(70.00)
3 Oct 13	WTP	Training Expenses	(105.00)
4 Oct 13	WPD	Wayleave	4.63
7 Oct 13	Santander	Bank Interest	2.57
7 Oct 13	MFM Services	Mowing Charges	(407.00)
10 Oct 13	Playsafety Ltd	Open Spaces Maintenance	(181.20)
10 Oct 13	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(565.84)
15 Oct 13	S&D Window Cleaners	Bus Shelters Maintenance	(45.00)
15 Oct 13	Grant Thornton	Audit Fees	(240.00)
16 Oct 13	WALC	Printing and Stationery	(55.99)
24 Oct 13	WDC	Grants/Donations	3,000.00
31 Oct 13	Salaries	Employment Expenses	(730.26)
31 Oct 13	Administration	Office Accommodation	(56.35)

Appointment of Member of the Planning Committee

179 Cllr R Clay was appointed a member of the Planning Committee to fill the vacancy created by the departure of D C Morrow.

Assets of Community Value

180 Cllr Mrs Barlow reported the following:

- Wasperton had submitted a list.
- The Barford list was still being compiled.
- The Sherbourne list was tabled by Cllr Mrs Gordon.

181 There was some uncertainty on the definition of what constituted an "Asset of Community Value" and it was agreed that to prevent nugatory effort in completing the lists, advice would be sought from Joe Baconet at WDC on the eligibility of the proposals made by the three villages.

WDC Local Plan – Fighting Fund

182 It was agreed to earmark funds (£1 for each entry on the electoral roll, currently 1,341) as a contingency against possible costs if the JPC +/- other WDC parish and town councils agreed to challenge the WDC New Local Plan proposals.

Review of Playing Field Facilities

183 The Chairman reported very little progress. The diocese would not make any decision on the outline paddock proposals without which it was impossible to go forward on such a plan. The group which had so readily volunteered to offer help and advice was disillusioned and had resolved with the Chairman's agreement to regroup to consider the practicalities of locating their proposals on the Barford Playing Fields. The group was currently meeting and the Chairman would reconvene the JPC Playing Field Working party, including the volunteers, to bring the project forward. The ambitious timeline was devise scheme and raise funds in 2014 and complete the project in 2015.

Rural Footway Lighting (Sherbourne)

184 Cllr Mrs Gordon reported that the required funding had been secured for the project as follows:

- £3,000 from WRW Community Forum.
- £3,480 from Barford Community Charity utilising donations from Barford Village Shop
- The balance of some £1,600 to be paid by the JPC to WDC in five equal, annual tranches.

185 The work would probably be done next February.

186 She thanked all concerned for their help in bringing this project to fruition.

Standing Orders

- 187 It was agreed that the Clerk should bring the new set of model standing orders by NALC to the January meeting having incorporated the necessary amendments, and to present it either for adoption or for delegation to a working party for closer inspection.

Sherbourne Village Hall Refurbishment

- 188 The JPC considered an application for match funding for refurbishment of toilets at Sherbourne Village Hall from its management committee and earmarked up to £2,675 for the contract, always provided it was completed in full and to specification.

JPC Meetings 2014-15

- 189 The JPC took note of the proposed dates shown in the table below:

Date	Type	Place
Mon 7 Apr 14	Annual Parish	Barford
Mon 14 Apr 14	Annual Parish	Sherbourne
Tue 15 Apr 14	Annual Parish	Wasperton
Mon 12 May 14	Annual	Barford
Mon 9 Jun 14	JPC	Sherbourne
Mon 14 Jul 14	JPC	Wasperton
Mon 1 Sep 14	JPC	Barford
Mon 13 Oct 14	JPC	Sherbourne
Mon 10 Nov 14	JPC	Wasperton
Mon 5 Jan 15	JPC	Barford
Mon 9 Feb 15	JPC	Sherbourne
Mon 9 Mar 15	JPC	Wasperton

Any Other Business

- 190 The Chairman informed the meeting:
- The WDC Development Forum would meet on 18 Nov 13 to discuss the proposal for a significant development between the Asps, Banbury Road and Europa Way. It was in Barford's interests to be represented.
 - The Barford Community Charity was considering funding a safety barrier by the weir on the river and would initially liaise with nearby landowners and later with all the appropriate authorities.
 - WDC's New Local Plan proposals for the villages and rural areas would be considered by the Executive this week to decide whether to put it out for consultation.
- 191 Cllr Hawkesford remarked upon the increasing peak-time traffic congestion in Church Street. Whilst acknowledging that nothing could be done to limit access to a public highway by road-users he did wonder if a programme of road improvement might be contemplated.
- 192 Cllr Mrs Barlow repeated the growing number of complaints she had received about the state of the track by the playing fields. It was now virtually impassable for pushchairs. The Chairman would raise the matter again with the County Highway Engineer.

Closure

- 193 There being no other business the meeting closed at 8:35pm.

Date of Next Meeting

- 194 The next meeting of the JPC is on Mon 6 Jan 14 at 7:30 pm in Barford Memorial Hall.