

BARFORD SHERBOURNE & WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Parish Council held at Barford Memorial Hall
on Mon 1 Sep 14

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

Opening

- 98 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm.
- 99 Apologies for absence were accepted.
- 100 Six members of the public were present.

Declarations of Disclosable Interests

- 101 None was declared.

Changes in JPC Membership

- 102 Appointments: Mr Harry Gadsden was appointed as a coopted member for Barford. Cllr Gadsden took his seat.
- 103 Resignation: Cllr Richard Shotton-Oza resigned on 29 Aug 14.
- 104 Vacancy: Cllr Shotton-Oza's resignation had created a vacancy for a Barford councillor on the JPC. A "Notice of Councillor Vacancy" was displayed on village notice boards on 1 Sep 14. Unless by 19 Sep 14 ten local government electors for Barford request an election to fill the vacancy, the JPC will be empowered to coopt a person to do so.

Public Participation

- 105 Four of the members of the public present addressed the JPC on the matter of the Barford House wall which was to be considered by the Planning Committee meeting immediately following the JPC meeting. Members took note.

Minutes of the Meeting of Council 14 Jul 14

- 106 The minutes were approved as a true record.

Matters arising

- 107 Minute 83. Cllr Metcalfe reported a continued lack of response to Wasperton's request to list its paddock and allotments as Assets of Community Value. Cllr Mrs Barlow replied that, in the case of the paddock, a decision had been reached the previous Friday and a letter of confirmation was being sent (but to whom was unclear). As for the allotments, it was believed that they had already been listed but no written confirmation had been received.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 14 Jul 14

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 29 Jul 14

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

Cash Book Balances as at 31 Aug 14

110 The JPC took note of the following cash balances

- HSBC £26,649.03
- Santander £37,838.90

Receipts and Payments

111 The JPC endorsed the following:

Date	Payee/er	Category	Total
3 Jul 14	Interest	Bank Interest	2.57
4 Jul 14	S&D Window Cleaners	Bus Shelters Maintenance	(60.00)
4 Jul 14	Administration	Postage	(8.57)
4 Jul 14	Administration	Travel Expenses	(84.11)
5 Jul 14	Charles Brown	Sherbourne Village Hall	(2,675.00)
8 Jul 14	MFM Services	Mowing Charges	(436.00)
10 Jul 14	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(588.03)
14 Jul 14	W Barlow	Barford Neighbourhood Plan	(36.60)
20 Jul 14	Sims Garden Machinery	Open Spaces Maintenance	(29.40)
20 Jul 14	Mister Solutions Ltd	Open Spaces Maintenance	(13.51)
25 Jul 14	Grant Thornton	Audit Fees	(240.00)
30 Jul 14	Salaries	Employment Expenses	(758.04)
30 Jul 14	Administration	Office Accommodation	(58.03)
1 Aug 14	Countryside Services	Wasperton War Memorial	(25.00)
2 Aug 14	Administration	Postage	(9.99)
2 Aug 14	Administration	Travel Expenses	(26.33)
4 Aug 14	Interest	Bank Interest	2.49
5 Aug 14	Warwick District Council	Barford Memorial Hall	(97.50)
9 Aug 14	MFM Services	Mowing Charges	(491.00)
10 Aug 14	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(588.03)
13 Aug 14	S&D Window Cleaners	Bus Shelters Maintenance	(45.00)
30 Aug 14	Salaries	Employment Expenses	(758.04)
30 Aug 14	Administration	Office Accommodation	(58.03)

Barford Leisure Improvement Scheme

112 The Chairman reported:

- There had been four public consultations; all had been successful
- Of the ten to twelve suppliers contacted, three had been placed on the short list.
- The current proposed timetable was for completion of the Play Area in the spring of 2015 with the remaining works hopefully finished by that year's end, dependent on funding availability.
- Nine applications for grants had been made with all being progressed. Of note was a promise of £30k from the Barford Community Charity and £86k arising from the Section 106 agreement on the development of the Nurseries site. The latter to be delivered in two tranches: 50% when 50% of the housed have occupants and the remaining 50% on 90% occupancy.
- Members of the Working Party were to visit the Saltex exhibition to gather further ideas and inspiration.

WDC New Local Plan

113 The Chairman stated there was little further progress to report.

Gypsy & Traveller Sites

- 114 WDC has settled upon its Preferred Options for Gypsy and Traveller permanent sites:
- 15 pitches on land east of Stratford Road, Warwick.
 - 15 pitches on the Leamington Football Club site, Harbury Lane (always provided the club is willing to move).
 - 1 pitch on land east of Europa Way.
 - Plus 6 transit pitches on the Europa Way site.
- 115 This removes the previous options of sites in and near Barford.
- 116 Cllr Mrs Gordon deplored the profligacy of the whole exercise:
- It had taken an inordinate time
 - Many people had invested a great deal of time in challenging the validity of proposed sites which had been evaluated according to a set of criteria which was inconsistently applied.
 - Communities (such as Barford) had been disturbed by the prospect of ill-considered allocation of sites in their vicinities.
 - Some land-owners had faced the prospect of compulsory purchase of their land.
- 117 Now WDC had arrived at a solution which had appeared obvious to many at the outset; to use WDC/WCC land wherever possible. She wondered if a cash value could be put upon the waste of resources expended.

Barford Neighbourhood Development Plan

- 118 The serious impediment to progress reported at the last meeting has been removed. By an accelerated process WDC has confirmed the changes to Barford's parish boundaries and Barford Neighbourhood Development Plan's "Designated Area" had been agreed without further consultation. This means that the statutory six-week consultation can start and be completed in time to hopefully avoid having to return the unspent funding at the year end.
- 119 Cllr Mrs Barlow delivered a synopsis of the Working Party's schedule of work.
- 120 It was agreed that the JPC should have an early sight of the draft plan.

Closure

- 121 There being no other business the meeting closed at 8:04pm.

Date of Next Meeting

- 122 The next meeting of the JPC is on Monday 13 Oct 14 at 7:30 pm in Sherbourne Village Hall.