

BARFORD SHERBOURNE & WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Parish Council held at Sherbourne Village Hall
on Mon 8 Jun 15

Present:	Cllr J V Murphy,(Chairman) Cllr: Mrs W Barlow, R Clay, H Gadsden, Mrs A Gordon, T Merrygold, Mrs R Newsome, M J Metcalfe, J T Wright,
Apologies:	Cllr: P A P Morris, N F J Thurley ,
In Attendance:	Cllr: L Caborn (WCC), P Phillips (WDC)

Opening

25 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm

26 One member of the public was present.

Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

27 None was declared.

Public Participation

28 There was no public participation

Co-opted Member for Barford

29 The JPC co-opted Mr S Coop as a member for Barford.

30 Cllr Coop took his seat at the meeting.

Minutes of the Meeting of Council 11 May 15

31 The minutes were approved as a true record.

Matters arising

32 Minute 8. Cllr Mrs Gordon had reported at the last meeting that the maintenance of the bicycle route from the Longbridge roundabout into Barford had been done well in the vicinity of the M40 but to a lesser standard elsewhere. The chairman confirmed he had chased up the appropriate officers who had agreed to undertake the required work.

33 Minute 21. Cllr Wright's concern over traffic breaking the speed limit in Wasperton had been reported in Plurality but only as a night-time phenomenon. He said it was a problem during daylight hours too. The Chairman promised rectification to the article in the next edition.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 11 May 15

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 21 May 15

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

Cash Book Balances as at 31 May 15

- 36 The JPC took note of the following cash balances
- HSBC £26,828.57
 - Santander £57,954.58

Receipts and Payments

- 37 The JPC endorsed the following:

Date	Payee/er	Category	Total
1 May 15	WDC	Precept	20,621.50
1 May 15	WDC	Council Tax Reduction Scheme	1,281.50
1 May 15	WDC	Concurrent Services Contribution	2,410.00
1 May 15	David Robotham	BLIS	(300.00)
1 May 15	Louise Best	Audit Fees	(85.00)
1 May 15	Came & Company	Insurance	(798.03)
1 May 15	Geo Clifford & Sons	War Memorial Barford	(64.80)
1 May 15	HMRC	VAT prior year (HMRC)	1,634.80
3 May 15	Administration	Travel Expenses	(52.26)
5 May 15	Santander	Bank Interest	19.68
5 May 15	S&D Window Cleaners	Bus Shelters Maintenance	(45.00)
10 May 15	MFM Services	Mowing Charges	(563.00)
10 May 15	TPC Digital Solutions	Printing and Stationery	(17.22)
10 May 15	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(621.29)
17 May 15	Viking	Printing and Stationery	(170.23)
20 May 15	Wasperton Village Hall	Venue Hire	(120.00)
30 May 15	Salaries	Employment Expenses	(797.64)
30 May 15	Administration	Office Accommodation	(59.42)

Barford Leisure Improvement Scheme (BLIS)

- 38 The rubric on the agenda for this item was:

<p>The JPC to approve continuation of the project by adopting one of two options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option 1. (The preferred option because it will gain economies of scale and minimize disruption in the area.) Implementation of the entire scheme for completion before 31 Dec 15 to comply with time-linking of some elements of funding provision, OR • Option 2. (The fall back) – Implementation of the Children’s Play Area, MUGA/Tennis courts and All Weather Court for completion before 31 Dec 15 to comply with time linking of some elements of funding provision and time-limited quotations on some of the elements. <p>Any decision to proceed is contingent upon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Permission • Final quotations • Funding availability to the satisfaction of the RFO*. <p>*Funding availability includes funds already received or allocated, grants awarded and awaited, applications pending but due over the next few months, local fundraising coming via both the JPC and the Barford Community Charity (BCC), planned fundraising events, Taylor Wimpey s.106 provision and monies provided via BCC through unsecured private loans to the BCC the against which there will be further local fundraising as required.</p> <p>At any decision point the Chairman and RFO will ensure that the funding position is robust through a clear financial statement of funds with the JPC, funds available from BCC and any other pending funding providers. To reinforce that secure financial status it is intended, as implementation approaches, to arrange for BCC to transfer any monies it holds to the JPC.</p>

- 39 The Chairman gave a detailed commentary on the statement, the salient points of which were;

- The best price for the contract was £485k (which included a 10% contingency).
- Funding was strong and there was no financial risk to the JPC.
- To complete the project in a single phase was the most economic and efficient option.
- Some of the funding had to be used within prescribed time limits or be surrendered which argued for as early a start as possible.
- The best play area quote was close to its expiry date (which had already been extended twice).
- The planning application would be considered by WDC on 26 Jun 15.

40 Taken as a piece these factors determined that the contract should start as soon as practical after planning permission was granted.

41 RESOLVED: That the JPC approves the continuation of the Project by the adoption of Option 1 and that if this is prevented by any of the Contingent Factors (Planning, Quotations and Funding) then by the adoption of Option 2.

Any Other Business

42 Sand & Gravel Extraction.

42.1 Cllr Caborn informed the JPC of a consultation on the extraction of sand and gravel in the area which would be considered by WDC from 7 Sep 15.

42.2 Two of the sites to be considered are:

- Wasperton Hill Farm (1.8m tons)
- Glebe Farm (0.3m tons)

42.3 Church Farm in Sherbourne was not being considered.

43 WDC New Local Plan.

43.1 With the Inspector having found the proposed plan not sound, Cllr Merrygold wondered what effect this would have generally and on the Barford Neighbourhood Development Plan in particular. Cllr Phillips gave his assessment of the situation but was unable to give any comfort in the matter of BNDP's ability to fend off opportunist developers applying for planning permission to build in the villages.

44 Brown Road Signs.

44.1 Cllr Merrygold observed that with the changes taking place in the neighbourhood the brown signs had become outdated and asked what could be done.

44.2 The signs were privately funded and it is unlikely that they will be willingly changed by their "owners". Nevertheless Cllr Caborn undertook to make enquiries.

45 Wasperton Lane.

45.1 Cllr Mrs Barlow pointed out that damage to the road's edges had made this a de facto single carriageway with very few passing places and constituted a hazard to vehicles.

45.2 The Chairman said he would consult WDC to establish what, if anything, could be done.

Closure

46 There being no other business the meeting closed at 8:12pm.

Date of Next Meeting

47 The next meeting of the JPC is on Mon 13 Jul 15 at 7:30 pm in Wasperton Village Hall.