

BARFORD SHERBOURNE & WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Parish Council held at Barford Memorial Hall
on Mon 7 Sep 15

Present:	Cllr J V Murphy,(Chairman) Cllr: Mrs W Barlow, R Clay, H Gadsden, J Hawkesford, Mrs A Gordon, Mrs R Newsome, M J Metcalfe, N F J Thurley , J T Wright,
Apologies:	Cllr: S Coop, T Merrygold, A B Rhead
In Attendance:	Cllr: P Phillips (WDC)

Opening

69 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm

70 No members of the public were present.

Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

71 None was declared.

Public Participation

72 There was no public participation

Minutes of the Meeting of Council 13 Jul 15

73 The minutes were approved as a true record.

Matters arising

74 Minute 64. Cllr Thurley reported that the traffic hazard of poor sightlines at the Wasperton Village Road junction with the A429 caused by dense growth in the ditches and verges on WCC land had been addressed but only to the extent of flailing vegetation and not the removal of complete trees and saplings. Cllr Caborn (WCC) having met with Cllr Murphy had promised to support finding a more acceptable remedy.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 13 Jul 15

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 27 Jul 15

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

Cash Book Balances as at 31 Aug 15

77 The JPC took note of the following cash balances

- HSBC £9,728.72
- Santander £164,252.34

Receipts and Payments

78 The JPC endorsed the following:

Date	Payee/er	Category	Total
1 Jul 15	Grant Thornton	Audit Fees	(360.00)
1 Jul 15	Countryside Services	War Memorial Wasperton	(25.00)
10 Jul 15	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(621.29)
11 Jul 15	MFM Services	Mowing Charges	(449.00)
11 Jul 15	ICON	BLIS	(82.50)
13 Jul 15	S&D Window Cleaners	Bus Shelters Maintenance	(45.00)
15 Jul 15	BS&GSG	Allotments Water Charges	(74.77)
22 Jul 15	Fields in Trust	BLIS	(50.00)
22 Jul 15	Administration	Postage	(51.26)
22 Jul 15	Administration	Travel Expenses	(74.69)
26 Jul 15	RPrint	BLIS	(278.00)
26 Jul 15	M Griffin	BLIS	(11.00)

28 Jul 15	Barford School Trust	BLIS	25,000.00
30 Jul 15	Salaries	Employment Expenses	(797.64)
30 Jul 15	Administration	Office Accommodation	(59.42)
3 Aug 15	Countryside Services	War Memorial Wasperton	(25.00)
3 Aug 15	BCC	BLIS	21,200.51
5 Aug 15	Santander	Bank Interest	19.06
8 Aug 15	Santander	Bank Interest	39.43
10 Aug 15	MFM Services	Mowing Charges	(426.00)
10 Aug 15	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(621.29)
13 Aug 15	S&D Window Cleaners	Bus Shelters Maintenance	(45.00)
19 Aug 15	Barford Community Charity	BLIS	(5,375.00)
27 Aug 15	HMRC	VAT Refund	176.54
30 Aug 15	Salaries	Employment Expenses	(797.64)
30 Aug 15	Administration	Office Accommodation	(59.42)

Notice Board

- 79 The notice board by the Scout Hut in Barford is 25 years old. The original donor wants to provide and install a replacement in remembrance of the late Mr Tim Barlow. He undertakes to donate the cost to the JPC and let it make the purchase in order to bring the new notice board into its ownership and under its care. There are no planning impediments to the proposal.
- 80 The JPC resolved to:
- Accept and acknowledge the funding and donation in memory of Mr Tim Barlow
 - Suspend the need for competitive quotes (Financial Regulation 10.3) because the project is at nil cost to the JPC.
 - Give authority to place the order.

Joint Standards Committee for Warwick District

- 81 The JPC resolved:
- “That the Barford, Sherbourne & Wasperton JPC supports the continuation of the Joint Standards Committee for Warwick District and the proposal for representation of the Parish / Town Councils, that there should be four representatives one representing Warwick Rural East Community Forum area, one representing Warwick Rural West Community Forum area and two representing the areas covered by the four towns.”

Barford Leisure Improvement Scheme (BLIS)

- 82 The Chairman gave a progress report:
- The recent event on Barford Village Green had been a great success despite the adverse weather.
 - Funding was now totally in place.
 - Contractors had now been appointed for the majority of the scheme.
 - Some details remain to be finalized concerning the store/WC building
 - Any unspent funds would remain as a sinking fund for future maintenance of the facilities and other related necessary expenditure.
 - A Management Committee (a sub-committee or working party of the JPC) would be established to provide oversight.
 - An online booking facility would be developed to allocate usage of the facilities
 - Whilst user registration would be required to reserve bookings it was intended that use would remain free of charge for the foreseeable future.

Sherbourne Park - Swingers Festival 10-13 Sep 15

- 83 Members expressed concern that this event could be the source both of noise nuisance to residents (as have other events at this venue in the recent past) and traffic congestion.
- 84 Following a wide-ranging debate the Clerk was instructed to report these concerns to Mr Richard Hall, Head of Health and Community Protection at WDC. The text of that letter is shown below:

At its meeting tonight the Barford, Sherbourne & Wasperton Joint Parish Council (the JPC) expressed grave concerns over aspects of this event and I am instructed to bring them to your attention.

There is a strong belief that the application for permission to hold it furnished partial and incomplete details of its nature. This is supported by a response by Matthew Shirley⁽¹⁾ to an enquiry by Cllr Alan Rhead (WDC):

A Temporary Event Notice (TEN) was granted for a 'Lifestyle and Wellbeing' festival at Sherbourne Park for the 10th-13th September 2015. There were no further details on the application form regarding the nature of the event which have since come to light, therefore the application had to be assessed on the details provided by the applicant⁽¹⁾. After discussions with the land owner, our department agreed a number of noise controls including written notification to local residents regarding the event⁽²⁾, and the requirement for event staff to regularly monitor the volume of noise at agreed locations around the site. In addition to this, we will also be arranging for our own officers to monitor the noise in Sherbourne (and possibly beyond) to ensure that the volume of music is kept at an acceptable level. We are also liaising with our licensing colleagues to determine whether we will need officers available to check compliance with other licensing requirements throughout the event.

The first consequence of this misapprehension is, it is believed, a real possibility of unacceptable noise nuisance. In an attempt to mitigate this the landowner was obliged to give written notice to local residents⁽²⁾. Those living within earshot of the event live in three villages- Barford, Sherbourne and Wasperton- yet only a few of Sherbourne's residents received a written notice.

Matthew Shirley's response went on to say:

The attendance capacity under a temporary event notice is limited at 500 people. This includes all staff, caterers, organisers, as well as the attending guests themselves. There is no legal obligation on the event organisers to put traffic management measures in place, although this is generally expected for larger events. Where traffic concerns are expected, Warwickshire Police would generally raise this with the event organiser as part of the application process⁽³⁾. As I understand there were no objections raised by Warwickshire Police on this occasion, however, I am currently waiting to hear back from PC Rob Davies who has recently met with the land owner to discuss this event.

The second consequence is the likelihood of traffic congestion notwithstanding the relaxed attitude of Warwickshire Police⁽³⁾. Sherbourne is a small village and the influx of the anticipated volume of traffic will be hard to accommodate, particularly in view of the fact that the organizers have said that the main entrance to the venue will be closed to vehicular traffic diverting it onto village roads.

What is missing in the consideration of granting a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) is a recognition of the scale and type of an event and its impact on such a small village. This could surely be avoided were details of applications more widely shared so that early reaction could be taken into account.

Concern was also raised by the suggestion that the granting of this TEN meant that a further eleven events could be staged on the site at monthly intervals with no requirement for additional permissions.

Ideally the JPC would wish, in the light of this more recent evidence, that the permission is revoked. If that, for whatever reason, is beyond your powers then the very least which would calm its fears would be an assurance that any future event is granted permission only after meticulous examination of the details of the application.

Any Other Business

- 85 Cllr Clay drew attention to the poor state of the road markings at the Longbridge roundabout. The Clerk will bring this to the attention of WCC Highways.
- 86 Cllr Gadsden asked why the promised repair of the Barford House wall had not started and was told the funding had yet to be secured. (Cllr Phillips undertook to investigate the matter further.)
- 87 Cllr Metcalfe asked if there was any news on the Minerals Plan, but none was currently available although the consultation was expected to start later in September.

Closure

- 88 There being no other business the meeting closed at 8:17pm.

Date of Next Meeting

- 89 The next meeting of the JPC is on Mon 12 Oct 15 at 7:30 pm in Sherbourne Village Hall.