

BARFORD SHERBOURNE & WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Parish Council
held at Sherbourne Village Hall
on Mon 8 Oct 18

Present:	Cllr T Merrygold (Chairman) Cllr: Mrs W Barlow, R Clay, H Gadsden, Mrs A Gordon, Mrs D Haynes, Mrs V Hunt, Mrs L Jones, J V Murphy, Mrs R Newsome, Mrs K E Thomson, N F J Thurley, J T Wright
Apologies:	Cllr: J M Hawkesford, M J Metcalfe, A B Rhead,
In Attendance:	Cllr: L Caborn (WCC), P Phillips (WDC)

Opening

- 99 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm
- 100 Three members of the public were present.
- 101 The "Protocol for the Reporting at Meetings of the Council or Committees" was taken as read by members of the JPC and drawn to the attention of the public attending this meeting by means of printed leaflets.

Declarations of Disclosable Interests

- 102 None was declared.

Public Participation

- 103 Mrs S Steel spoke on the reporting of S&GAG in the parish magazine "Plurality".

Minutes of the Meeting of Council 10 Sep 18

- 104 The minutes were approved as a true record.

Matters Arising

- 105 Minute 81. The Chairman had advised the proprietor of the Joseph Arch about the suitability of the signs and Cllr Phillips would prompt the planners at WDC to become involved.
- 106 Minute 83. The poor state of the road markings at Junction 15 continued to be criticized by members of the JPC and the delay in taking remedial action deplored. Cllr Phillips would attempt to expedite action by WDC. Cllr Wright thought that without swift action a major accident was likely.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 10 Sep 18

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

Cash Book Balances as at 30 Sep 18

- 108 The JPC took note of the following cash balances
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| HSBC(1) | £49,362.16 |
| HSBC(2) | £13,807.18 |
| Santander | £51,652.55 |

Receipts and Payments

- 109 The JPC endorsed the following:

Date	Payee/er	Category	Total
1 Sep 18	Bank Interest	Bank Interest	21.93
2 Sep 18	Countryside Services	War Memorial Wasperton	(27.00)
3 Sep 18	Frank Mann Farmers	Mowing Charges	(748.80)
4 Sep 18	Sign Express	Noticeboards	(214.94)
4 Sep 18	Barford Heritage Group	Grant	179.12
7 Sep 18	PKF Littlejohn	Audit Fees	(480.00)
10 Sep 18	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(650.00)
23 Sep 18	Mimi's Designs	BSC	(180.00)

23 Sep 18	Steve Howes	BSC	115.00
24 Sep 18	D H Roofing	Bus Shelters Maintenance	(550.00)
24 Sep 18	WDC	Council Tax Reduction Scheme	236.00
24 Sep 18	WDC	Precept	22,732.50
30 Sep 18	Salaries	Employment Expenses	(830.00)
30 Sep 18	Administration	Office Accommodation	(63.42)

Management Accounts as at 30 Sep 18

110 The JPC took note of the Management Accounts at Annex A.

JPC Audit 2018 – Notice of Completion

111 The Clerk explained the External Auditor's comments on the audited accounts. Notice of completion had been posted on the community website

Funding for Northern Junction to Barford Bypass

112 Cllr Caborn confirmed that the £228k arising from the s106 agreement on Bremridge Close was earmarked for both junctions (north and south) on the bypass. Exploratory work had started.

Sherbourne Village Hall Lease

113 In a wide-ranging discussion the following emerged:

- a Lady Smith-Ryland's failure to respond to the Chairman's letter seeking to invoke her support for the retention of the building on lease to preserve a village hall amenity in Sherbourne was unsurprising and he thought a repetition would be nugatory.
- b In an open letter to Sherbourne residents the landowner had made the following statement:

The lease from my family comes to an end in years on 29 September 2022. I am writing this letter well in advance to see whether we all feel we want a replacement.
The Lease was granted for one shilling a year for 60 years at a time when our little community used it several days a week, but now it is seldom used more than once a month. The only parking is at the church, which is 300 metres away, if residents are not going to be inconvenienced.
A new Lease on the existing building will not be granted, so the question arises - does the village want another facility which has space for parking?
I would consider gifting a piece of land on which to build it or it could be built on the public land by the A46*.

*The *quid pro quo* for this offer was not stated.

- c Hoping for the best but planning for the worst, it was agreed that time is of the essence if planning for an alternative village hall facility is to be successful and serious attention should be given to the matter.

114 The Chairman passed responsibility for starting the process to the Sherbourne Village Hall Committee.

Highways England (HE) Land by Sherbourne Roundabout

115 The Chairman informed the meeting that work had started on the installation of a secure fence and the task was expected to take three weeks.

Nominative Trustee for Barford Relief in Need Charity (BRINC)

116 Two Nominative Trustees were appointed to take office on 15 Nov 18:

- Mr Gerrard Veness
- Mrs Angela Watkins

Parking in Church Lane Barford

117 The JPC spent some time seeking solutions to the parking problems but without success. Cllr Mrs Barlow cautioned against making this a special case so as to avoid alienating residents living on other roads with parking problems. Cllr Caborn will obtain advice from WCC.

Sand & Gravel

118 There was nothing new to add and the JPC is powerless to influence events until the start of the consultation period.

Closure

119 There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:31pm

Date of Next Meeting

120 The next meeting of the JPC is on Monday 12 Nov 18 at 7:30 pm in Wasperton Village Hall

Management Accounts As at 30 Sep 18

Executive Summary		
Opening Balance 1 Apr 18	94,040	
Add Excess Income over Expenditure	(3,298)	
Closing Balance 31 Mar 19	90,742	
Designated Funds		
Barford Leisure Improvement Scheme		
King George's Field	23,358	Residue of initial grants for BLIS
Barford Sports Club	6,017	Ledger total
BLIS Sinking Fund	15,000	Provision for long-term refurbishment
Barford Memorial Hall	771	Ledger total
Barford Telephone Kiosk	200	Bond deposited by Barford Heritage Group for future costs
Election Expenses (reserve from 2015)	2,000	JPC policy to reserve this early in the election cycle
Neighbourhood Watch	100	Current Balance
Provision for new mower	1,600	Purchase approved by JPC
Public Access Defibrillator	302	Ledger total
Riverside Walk Gates	418	Site security
Section 106	3,140	Reserved for specific housing developments
War Memorial Barford	470	Raised by public subscription for specific purpose
Total Designated Funds	53,376	
Total Reserve	37,365	Closing balance 31 Mar 19 less Designated Funds
Key Man Self Insurance	13,713	75% of Clerk's costs
Discretionary Reserve	23,653	Unallocated reserve

	Budget 2018-19	YTD	Outturn 31 Mar 19
RECEIPTS			
Allotments Rents	1,000		1,000
Bank Interest	120	130	260
BSC		4,114	4,114
Council Tax Reduction Scheme	472	472	472
Grants		629	629
Precept (WDC)	45,465	22,733	45,465
VAT	1,000	440	1,000
Wayleave	5		5
TOTAL RECEIPTS	48,062	28,518	52,945
PAYMENTS			
Allotments Hire of Land	500	250	500
Allotments Maintenance	150		150
Allotments Water Charges	117	88	180
Audit Fees	597	620	620
Barford Leisure Improvement Scheme SF	5,000		5,000
Barford Memorial Hall		876	876
Barford Parish Directory		7	7
Barford Sports Club		5,300	5,300
Bus Shelters Maintenance	525	745	1,075
Chairman's Allowance	490		490
Employment Expenses	17,523	9,629	17,523
Grants: Churchyard Maintenance	1,386		1,386
Grants: Community Centres	4,885		4,885
Insurance	1,782	1,784	1,784
King George's Field		1,406	1,406
Mowing Charges	5,950	4,801	5,950
Noticeboards		215	215
Office Accommodation	761	442	761
Open Spaces Maintenance	5,000	2,424	5,000
Postage	140	25	75
Printing and Stationery	260		260
Rectory Paddock	500	500	500
Rural Footway Lighting	906	906	906
Section 137	100	30	100
Subs: Information Commissioner	35		35
Subs: SLCC	163		163
Subs: WALC	527	560	560
Training and Seminar Expenses	150	30	150
Travel Expenses	300	49	100
Venue Hire	180	132	180
War Memorial Wasperton	100	81	108
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	48,028	30,900	56,243
NET TOTALS	34	(2,382)	(3,298)

