

**BARFORD SHERBOURNE & WASPERTON JOINT  
PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Joint Parish Council  
held in Barford Memorial Hall on Mon 14 Nov 22

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr: T Merrygold (Chairman) Cllr: J T Barrott, J D Billingham, H Gadsden, J M Hawkesford, Mrs S Jarratt, Mrs L M Jones, M J Metcalfe, J V Murphy, Mrs R Newsome, M J Sheard,
<b>Apologies:</b>	Cllr: R Clay, Mrs D E Haynes, G Jackson, P B Phillips,

**Opening**

119 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm

120 No members of the public were present.

**Declarations of Disclosable Interests**

121 Cllr Barrott declared a prejudicial interest in the matter of appointing nominative trustees to the BRINC board, his being one of that number, and absented himself from the meeting whilst it was being considered.

**Public Participation**

122 None

**Minutes of the Meeting of Council on 10 Oct 22**

123 The minutes were approved as a true record. There were two matters arising:

123.1 Minute 108. The level of consultation with the public remains to be agreed.

123.2 Minute 113. The Land Around Barford House Working Party (LABHWP) held a meeting on 18 Oct 22 and progress is being maintained in accordance with the wording of that minute.

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee 24 Oct 22**

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

**Financial Report**

125 Cashbook Balances as at 31 Oct 22

- HSBC £223,675.81
- Santander £75,276.63

The JPC took note

126 Receipts and Payments

Date	Payee	Category	Total
29 Sep 22	Macemain + Amstad	Open Spaces Maintenance	(5,829.36)
01 Oct 22	Santander	Bank interest	6.19
06 Oct 22	Frank Mann Farmers	BLIS:KGF	(297.52)
08 Oct 22	Smith Construction	BLIS:KGF	(495.00)
10 Oct 22	HMRC	Employment Expenses	(700.00)
15 Oct 22	RoSPA	BLIS:KGF	(231.00)
15 Oct 22	J T Windows	Bus shelter maintenance	(60.00)
19 Oct 22	T F Jackson	Insurance Claim	(4,652.40)
19 Oct 22	T F Jackson	KGF	(646.80)
20 Oct 22	Paul Hunt	Insurance claim	(171.00)
20 Oct 22	Booker (JVM)	Insurance claim	(57.56)
21 Oct 22	HSBC	Bank Charges	(8.00)
25 Oct 22	Salaries	Employment Expenses	(885.00)
25 Oct 22	Administration	Office Accommodation	(66.00)

The JPC endorsed these transactions

## Funding Offers

Offer	Balance	Expiry	Purpose
W/15/0747	£10,553	30 Nov 24	Barford Playing Field Project
W/17/0440	£78,872.25	31 Jan 27	Open space in Barford

The JPC took note

## Disbursement of s106 Funds

128 Cllr Murphy reported progress on s106 activities to date:

- 128.1 The allotment path, drainage and fencing had all been completed in a timely manner. The contractor R J Hartwell Ltd met all needs and responded well to any variations, whilst still delivering the project on budget. In particular, gratitude is owed to Cllr Sheard who masterminded and oversaw this aspect of the work, and it has been very gratifying to receive considerable acclaim from many residents.
- 128.2 Three proposals for expansion of the Outdoor Gym facility have been received and continue to be reviewed but these may need some extra options and quotations which will be reported later.
- 128.3 The renewal of KGF signage and renovation of Barford Village Green wall was still under review.
- 128.4 Works at KGF to provide extra bench bases was complete along with the link from KGF to the cemetery. Awaiting is the Diocese/PCC decision on the cemetery part of the path. Five of the benches are currently allocated leaving three for later allocation. The cost of the bench (supply, installation and base) is £1,354 to be funded by individuals, both for the current tranche of installations and also for the future. Additionally, four UBS (snake bench) bases had been installed for future use, when individual panels could be memorialized if desired at a cost of £350 per panel inclusive of bronze plaque.
- 128.4 One resident had requested a memorial bench to be placed on the Barford Village Green and this was approved for installation under a separate contract.

## Emergency Planning

129 The JPC endorsed the creation of an Emergency Planning Committee with the proviso that its membership be reviewed at the Annual Meeting in May and that its documents and activities be reviewed annually.

## 20 is Plenty

- 130 The unavoidable absence of Cllr Matecki (WDC/WCC) meant that the debate intended for this meeting had to be held over.
- 131 The following was however discussed:
- Should the JPC purchase its own speed gun?
  - What notice should be given, and signs displayed for the use of a speed gun.
  - What are the costs? (the Chairman to discover).

## King George's Field

132 Cllr Murphy reported:

- Volunteers are required to gather fallen leaves.
- The repairs to the fire-damaged building are ongoing.
- That building's door locking system is to be improved.
- An external tap still requires fitting. NB: Action required: Cllr Clay

## Crossings and Other Highways Work from WCC

133 The Chairman reported:

- Some of the planned H markings have been installed.
- Two planned dropped kerbs are yet to be installed (estimate six-weeks).

- It was suggested that H markings should be installed at Lambert Court (G Stanley WCC to be consulted).
- It was thought expedient to have the path by the bus stop near the Granville extended subject to approval from nearby residents.

### **Barford Youth and Community Centre (BYCC)**

134 Cllr Murphy reported:

- There is a new impetus to the project.
- The original architectural design had been abandoned in favour of a portal frame building of similar design and capacities costing £775k.\*
- Application for £250k is to be made to WDC.
- Local fund raising is to start as a “Buy a Brick” campaign at £100/£200 each brick.
- A donation of £100k and an interest-free loan of £100k have been received.
- If there is a positive response from WDC (expected by end of January 2023) the construction contract will be let for a build in the following summer with a handover in the second week of September 2023.

\*The JPC will review its planned donation on receipt of the revised plans

### **Barford Relief in Need Charity (BRINC)**

135 The JPC appointed the following Nominative Trustees to the board of BRINC:

- Matthew Adam
- Scott Warren

### **Village Green Wildflower Proposal**

136 The proposal by Bar Zero was granted in principle, a detailed plan having been received. But confirmation of the terms of the agreement and responsibility for maintenance and mowing had yet to be decided in detail. Cllr Sheard agreed to be the interlocutor to facilitate this.

### **Closure**

137 The meeting closed at 9:00pm