

BARFORD SHERBOURNE & WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Joint Parish Council held in Barford Memorial Hall on Tue 19 Aug 25

Present:	Chairman: Cllr J V Murphy Cllr: J T Barrott, J D Billingham, R Clay, T Merrygold, , P B Phillips, B Ranner
Apologies:	Cllr: H Gadsden, Mrs S Jarratt, Mrs K E Thomson, G Jackson, Mrs R Newsome, M J Sheard, J M Hawkesford

Opening

58 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm.

Declarations of Disclosable Interests

59 None was made. The Chair Cllr Murphy advised that he was a member of Barford Community Charity trustees and was party to their consideration of this funding request, advising that BCC trustees had committed in principle support to assisting this request, at least in part.

Public Participation

60 None

Approve, if appropriate, request for funding from BRA Stop the Quarry Campaign

61 NRA Stop the Quarry Campaign need to raise £7k to fund an Air Quality Sensor Deployment and Calibration Project to be undertaken by CF44 (the main sponsor of the Air Quality People's Chamber).

£2k will be funded by the Government as long as the remaining £5k is in place by the end of August 25. Barford Community Charity have indicated that they will be prepared to fund the request.

The £7k will be used to procure air quality sensors, calibrate and validate the sensors against UK Government air quality stations, fund data collection and analysis to produce a report that will provide a baseline dataset of local air quality in Barford and other identified areas.

Barford has already been identified as one of the poorest air quality areas in the county due to traffic pollution. Should the quarry go ahead, there will be an increase in the level of traffic pollution.

After lengthy debate it was proposed that the JPC would provide £2.5k from S137 funds, to be used to finance the production of the report which will add weight to the appeal against the quarry. Once produced, a copy of the report will be made available to the JPC.

Proposal carried unanimously.

Consider the Tree Surgeon quotes and approve supplier for the recommended works and clearance of fallen branches

62 The following three quotes were considered for the recommended tree works:

1 - Warwickshire County Council Forestry {via Chair}

- Tree survey recommendations
- Clear up fallen oak limbs and fallen willow
- Timber may be left - TBC
- TOTAL £2880 + vat

2 - Diamond Tree Care (Kevin Tobin) {via Cllr Clay}

- Tree survey recommendations - £3650
- Clear up fallen oak limbs - £750
- Willow limb - not quoted
- Timber to be left in manageable sizes
- TOTAL £4400 + willow VAT not mentioned/presumed not registered.

3 - Steve Haynes Forestry Services {via Chair}

- Tree survey recommendations - £4800
- Clear up fallen oak limbs - £3195

- Suggested Crown thinning/reduction - £2000
- Willow limb not quoted
- TOTAL £7995 Survey + oak limbs) to £9995 (Survey + oak limb + oak thin/reduction) - NO VAT

After consideration, quote 3 was discounted as the cost was prohibitive.

The Chair advised that Warwickshire County Council Forestry had now confirmed that their quote of £2880 + VAT would include the removal of all debris following completion of works, if required.

Cllr Phillips proposed the services of Warwickshire County Council Forestry, seconded by Cllr Clay, carried unanimously.

63 There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.05 pm.

Date of Next Meeting

64 Mon 8 Sep 25