**Barford St John & St Michael Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday, 6 November 2013 at 7.30pm in Barford Village Hall**

**The meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr Hobbs, Cllr Eden, Cllr Turner, Cllr Styles, Cllr Best, Mrs R Watts (Parish Clerk), District Cllr O’Sullivan and one member of the public.

**Apologies for absence:** Cllr Bullard

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| **13/104** | **Declarations of Interest:** there were none. |
| **13/105** | **Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the meeting on 2 October 2013 were proposed by Cllr Styles, seconded by Cllr Eden, unanimously **RESOLVED** as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman. |
| **13/106** | **Matters Arising not elsewhere on the agenda:** |
| 13/106/1 | Oxfordshire County Council had confirmed that two large Leylandii at the top of Murreys Lane are the responsibility of the owner of 1 Bishop’s Close. |
| **13/107** | **Clerk's Report:** |
| 13/107/1 | The Parish Clerk had written to the Leader of Oxfordshire County Council (copies to County Councillor Fatemian and Sir Tony Baldry) expressing Councillors’ disappointment at the lack of response or contact from County Councillor Fatemian since he was elected in May 2013. Sir Tony Baldry had responded expressing his concerns and confirming that he would contact County Cllr Fatemian direct. There has been no response from either the Leader of Oxfordshire County Council or County Councillor Fatemian. The Clerk was asked to write to County Councillor Fatemian and the Leader of Oxfordshire County Council again. |
| **13/108** | **Correspondence:** |
|  | TVP | Thames Valley Police Alerts |
|  | Barford Lunch Group | Acknowledgment of Grant |
|  | Warriner School Farm | Acknowledgement of Grant |
|  | Cherwell District Council | Parish Liaison Meeting 13 November, 6.30pm @ Bodicote House |
|  | High Sheriff | Nominations for High Sheriff’s Awards |
|  | Mr & Mrs Greeves, Traherne House | Work on The Rock face will commence in March 2014. The Rock will unfortunately be closed to traffic whilst this work is carried out. |
| **13/109** | **Public Participation:** there was none. |
| **13/110** | **Parish Matters:** |
| 13/110/1 | **First Aid Courses/Defibrillator:**  Cllr Hobbs is still waiting for a formal quotation from Mr England. |
| 13/110/2 | **Parish Council Website:** Emma Best has volunteered to design a new Parish Council website. She was unable to attend the meeting and will be invited to attend the December meeting. |
| **13/111** | **Planning Maters:** |
| 13/111/1 | **Secretary of State’s Decision on the Bloxham Planning Appeals:** On 24 September the Secretary of State approved both the Mintondale Development’s Appeal on land south of Milton Rd, Bloxham (85 houses) and Gladman Development’s Appeal for land off Barford Road, Bloxham (75 houses). Cherwell Distract Council had since taken legal advice from Counsel and decided that a Judicial Review was not appropriate. Lack of school places for children in the Barfords remains a concern for Parish Councillors. |

Chairman’s initials……………….. Date………………………………

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| 13/111/2 | **Planning Applications Received:*** 13/01407/F & 13/01408/LB Turnstile House, The Rock, Barford St Michael. Modifications to existing permission 11/01710/F & 11/01711/LB. Demolition of outbuilding and garden wall, replacing with a one and a half storey extension with glazed link to original house. Although the Parish Council had no objections to the original application, Councillors had raised concerns with Cherwell about a) the lack of detail in the revised application (modifications are not listed and sketches ‘not to scale’ are valueless) and b) the potential significant visual impact on surrounding properties and pathways. An email from a resident in a neighbouring property regarding the application and other issues will be passed to District Councillor O’Sullivan for action.
* 13/01508/F Barn Elms and Stonecroft, The Green, Barford St Michael. First floor rear dual extension with associated internal and external works. No objections
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| 13/111/3 | **Planning Applications Approved:*** 13/01189/F The Oat Barn, Church Lane, Barford St John. Conversion of traditional agricultural buildings to form two dwellings. No objections. Granted 27 September 2013.
* 13/01384/F 1 Red Roofs, Lower St, Barford St Michael – Timber framed car shelter adjacent to dwelling and timber summer house to rear garden. Granted 30 October 2013.
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| 13/111/4 | **Notice of Intent TCA:*** 13/00324/TCA 1 Bishops Close, Barford St Michael. T1 & T2 Leland Cypress – fell. No objections.
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| 13/111/5 | **Approved TCAs:*** 13/00268/TCA Rock Cottage, High St, Barford St Michael T1 x Cotoneaster – fell; T2 x Purple Plum – reduce height by 6’ and shape, reduce northern crown by 5’, reduce southern crown away from roof to give 4’ clearance, crown thin by 5% and install cable brace to splitting limbs; T3 x Hazel – remove 2 branches from shed. Granted 21 October 2013
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| 13/111/6 | **Councillors noted that a decision is awaited for the following:*** Appeal by Miller Homes – development in Tadmarton Road, Bloxham (60 houses).
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| **13/112** | **Reports from Meetings:** there were none. |
| **13/113**13/113/1 | **Finance:**The Clerk presented the schedules of receipts and payments and sought approval to pay the cheques itemised on the schedule totalling £817.19 (Annex 1) Cllr Styles moved acceptance of the payments detailed, this was seconded by Cllr Best and approved unanimously.  |
| 13/113/2 | **Barclays Bank Signatories:** Most Councillors had returned their authorised paperwork to the Chairman. Those who have not are reminded to submit their Personal Details forms in person at a branch of Barclays Bank and then return the authorised forms to the Chairman. **Action Councillors** |
| **13/114** | **Budget 2014/2015:** The Chairman had circulated a draft budget to Councillors before the meeting. Following a discussion it was agreed that the Chairman would issue amended budget papers to Councillors for approval at the December meeting. |
| **13/115** | **AOB:** there was none. |

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 4 December 2013 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Signed by Chairman………………………………… Date………………………………