**Barford St John & St Michael Parish Council Meeting  
Wednesday, 5 March 2014 at 7.30pm in Barford Village Hall**

**The meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr Hobbs, Cllr Eden, Cllr Turner, Cllr Styles, Cllr Bullard, Cllr Woolgrove, District Cllr O’Sullivan and two members of the public.

**Apologies for absence:** Cllr Best, County Cllr Fatemian and Mrs R Watts (Clerk).

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| **14/013** | **Declarations of Interest:** there were none. | | |
| **14/014** | **Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the meeting on 5 February 2014 were proposed by Cllr Turner, seconded by Cllr Eden, unanimously **RESOLVED** as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman. | | |
| **14/015** | | **Matters Arising not elsewhere on the agenda:** there were none. | | | |
| **14/016** | **Parish Clerk's Report:** in the absence of the Parish Clerk there was nothing to report. | | |
| **14/017** | **Correspondence:** | | |
|  | TVP | | Thames Valley Police Alerts | |
|  | OCC | | The Parish Council has been informed that the grass cutting grant for 2015 will be cut by 50%, resulting in a reduction of around £700. | |
|  | CDC | | The annual Spring Clean will start 28 March and run until 28 April. | |
| **14/018**  14/018/1  14/018/2 | **Public Participation:**  Paul O’Sullivan introduced Brynn Williams who is standing for election in the District Council elections. Brynn provided a brief introduction about himself and if successful hopes to be able to continue the good work of District Cllr O’Sullivan in the future.  Dr Turner introduced himself and provided an overview of his professional qualifications and medical positions held, which includes the current position as Senior House Officer. Prior to the meeting he had provided Councillors with an article from the British Medical Journal in relation to Mobile Defibrillators. Dr Turner was present in order to answer any questions Councillors might have in relation to the article or defibrillators in general. | | |
| **14/019** | **Parish Matters** | | |
| 14/019/1 | **First Aid Courses / Defibrillator Update:** At the last meeting the purchase of a mobile device was approved following a presentation and discussion with Dick Tracy from the ambulance service. Since that meeting it has proved very difficult to progress the matter with Mr Tracy.  Discussion moved onto the British Medical journal article that had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed that the article was beneficial in providing a more educated and balanced view of the use of defibrillators and the greater benefit of widespread CPR training. A key point in the article was that the most important factor in providing quality first aid and assistance at a medical emergency is the ability to be able to provide CPR.  Dr Tuner was invited to present his thoughts on the appropriateness of having a mobile defibrillator positioned outside the village hall. A lengthy discussion ensued. A defibrillator positioned outside the village hall is only likely to provide real benefit if there is a relevant emergency inside the hall or if there was a situation where a Lower Street resident requires the machine and more than two other adults are present at the scene. In all other instances it is generally believed that the benefit to the village would be negligible. In the case of a heart related medical emergency, the number one priority is the ability to be able to provide high quality uninterrupted chest compressions. With this in mind Councillors discussed the potential benefits of offering emergency first aid training to a greater number of village residents than was originally proposed. | | |

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|  | The discussion also included the benefits of volunteers becoming community first responders. It was agreed that this would be of significant benefit to the whole village if people would come forward.  Councillors agreed to defer decision of whether or not to proceed with the purchase of a defibrillator to the next meeting and to publish a summary of the BMJ article in the next Barford News. |
| 14/019/2 | **Spring Clean 2014.** CDC had sent details of the annual spring clean. Cllr Hobbs confirmed that Bernard Lane is happy to co-ordinate village efforts again this year. |
| **14/020** | **Planning Matters:** |
| 14/020/1 | **Planning Applications Received:** there were none. |
| 14/020/2 | **Planning Applications Approved:**   * 13/01867/F 9 Robins Close, Barford St Michael. Single storey rear extension. No objections. Granted 5 February 2014 |
| 14/020/3 | **Planning Applications Refused:** there were none. |
| 14/020/4 | **Notice of Intent TCA:** there were none**.** |
| 14/020/5 | **Approved TCAs:** there were none. |
| 14/020/6 | **TCA Refused:**   * 14/00026/TCA, Orchard House, Lower St, Barford St Michael. Request to reduce an Ash tree by 30% refused by CDC. TPO placed on the tree (TPO 2/2014). |
| 14/020/7 | **A decision is awaited for the following:**   * Appeal by Miller Homes – development in Tadmarton Road, Bloxham (60 houses). |
| **14/021** | **Reports from Meetings:** there were none. |
| **14/022**  14/022/1 | **Finance:**  Before the meeting the Clerk had presented the schedules of receipts and payments and sought approval to pay the cheques itemised on the schedule totalling £225.84 (Annex 1). Cllr Hobbs moved acceptance of the payments detailed, this was seconded by Cllr Turner and approved unanimously. |
| 14/022/2 | **OCC Big Society Grant:**  County Cllr Fatemian had approved a grant of £600 towards first aid courses for residents. Councillors thanked him for arranging this. |
| 14/022/3 | **Change of Signatories Barclays Bank:**  **T**here are continuing issues with the acceptance of the forms. A formal complaint has now been lodged with the bank. |
| **14/023** | **Members’ Allowance Scheme 2014/2015.**  Guideline for the Members’ Allowance Scheme 2014/2015 had been made available. However it was noted that Councillors currently elect not to claim any reimbursement. |
| **AOB** | 1. Although OCC Highways has outlined sections of road for repair in Lower Street in white paint, the excessive amount of rain and mud means that these are no longer visible. Report to OCC Highways. 2. The footbridge at the end of Mill Lane is no longer passable as the river has re-routed around it. Report to OCC. 3. The narrow walkway from Mill Lane to the footbridge needs attention, as overgrown vegetation on one side pushes people towards the barbed wire on the other side of the access. Report to OCC. 4. Erosion channels at the side of the road from Barford St Michael to and up through Barford St John are now very dangerous. Report to OCC Highways. 5. The road drains from Street Farm to the gate are blocked in Barford St John. Report to OCC Highways. |

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|  | 1. Whereas OCC Highways had provided a re-routing map for the Hempton to Chipping Norton Road closure, one has not been issued for the future closure of the Rock. Request to query routing plans and any parking restrictions that may result with closure of the Rock. 2. An agenda item for both District Councillor and County Councillor reports will commence next month. 3. The election of new Parish Councillors will take place at the end of April if the 7 seats are uncontested or at an election on 22 May if there are more than 7 candidates. 4. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 30 April 2014. 5. The Parish Council should distribute the rules and regulations to all allotment holders. This does not seem to have taken place. A list of allotment holders with addresses is needed from Geoff Elliott. 6. Councillors sent their best wishes to the Parish Clerk and her family and hoped that her daughter-in-law makes a speedy recovery. |

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 2 April 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.32pm.

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