

**Barford St John & St Michael Parish Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, 2nd March 2016 at 7.30pm in Barford Village Hall**

**The meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs Hobbs, Eden, Turner, Styles, Best, District Cllr Williams (arrived 8.10) and Mr Best (Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer)

**Apologies for absence:** None

**16/025       Declarations of Interest:**

**16/026       Minutes of the last meeting:** Cllr Turner proposed that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016 be **RESOLVED** as a true and accurate record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Eden and passed unanimously.

**16/027       Public Participation:**

16/027/1     Four S137 Grants have been received for financial support from the Parish Council:

1. Parochial Church Council for re-establishing the path from the gate to the entrance of the church, materials and storage facilities for Messy Church and help towards repairing the roof of Barford St Michael Church.
2. Village Hall Management Committee for replacement of the external door and/or ongoing maintenance.
3. The Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations
4. Barford News

A decision will be made at the next Parish Council meeting on the allocation of grant monies.

16/027/2     Damage to the village green by parking and lorries was raised as an issue. Various methods of protection to the grass were discussed as an alternative to filling the ruts with new topsoil.

**16/028       Clerk's Report:** The clerk had attended a training course for new clerks run by the Oxfordshire Association for Local Councils which had been very useful. It was recommended that councillors have a separate email account from their private email account for council business.

**16/029       Correspondence:** The Parish Clerk had forwarded correspondence to Councillors during the last month. There were no matters outstanding.

**16/030       County Councillor's Report:** There was none

**16/031       District Councillor's Report:** Cllr Williams reported on the following matters:

16/031/1     Cherwell District Council if going to decide if financial support will be given to Parish Councils at the next Executive Committee meeting.

16/031/2     There is a possibility that funding may be available to upgrade the broadband network in Barford St John. Speed tests will be carried out. The parish Clerk is going to co-ordinate this.

**16/032       Parish Matters:**

16/032/1     Vacancy for Parish Councillor – Applications have been invited via the Barford News and the Facebook page but none have been received yet. Applications will be reviewed at the next meeting.

16/032/2     Play Equipment, West Close – a working group is being formed to agree the equipment & design. Condition of the roads in the Parish – some repairs have been completed but others are still outstanding. Further chasing will be carried out.

16/032/3     Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration – a decision on support for this will be taken at the next meeting.

16/032/4     Christmas Tree Lights – Initial investigations are that a 12 volt supply could power 200 lights.

16/032/5     Quotes are being obtained.

Chairman's initials.....

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**Planning:**

**16/033       No new applications have been received**

16/033/1 Application 15/02297/F, The Old Stables , Church Lane, Barford St John, OX15 0PS, Minor  
16/033/2 alterations to outbuildings was granted on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016  
16/033/3 Application 15/0336/F, Dove House, Lower Street, Barford St Michael, OX15 ORH, Part demolition  
of existing accommodation and proposed two storey and single storey extensions was withdrawn  
on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2016

**16/034 Reports from Meetings: None**

**16/035 Finance:**

16/035/1 The Parish Clerk sought approval to pay cheques totalling £296.72 (detailed in Annex 1). This  
was approved unanimously.

16/035/2 It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to opt in to the Smaller Authorities Audit Appointment  
arrangements as recommended by the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils as the Council  
would benefit from economies of scale for procurement of audit services.

**16/036**

**Any Other Business:** The road sign for Mead Road in Barford St John incorrectly states Mead  
Lane. The Parish Clerk will ask Cherwell District Council to replace it with the correct name for the  
road.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.53pm.

Signed by Chairman.....

Date.....6.4.16.....