


Barford St John & St Michael Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 5th October 2016 at 7.30pm in Barford Village Hall

The meeting commenced at 7.36pm

Present: Cllrs Hobbs, Eden, Turner, Styles, Hanmer, Best, District Cllr Williams, County Cllr Fatemian and Mr Best (Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer)

Apologies for absence: None

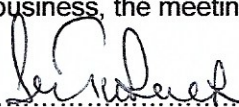
16/089	Declarations of Interest: None
16/090	Minutes of the last meeting: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th September 2016 were a true and accurate record of the meeting (unanimous).
16/091	Matters arising from the minutes: None
16/092 16/092/1 16/092/2 16/092/3 16/092/4 16/092/5 16/092/6	Clerk's Report: Play Area Inspection – This was carried out in July but the report and invoice had been sent to the previous clerk. The present overall risk is categorised as “Low”. The report recommends weeding then topping up the bark and attention to the gate post which is rotting at the base. The clerk is waiting for Richard Brown the chair of Our Bus Bartons to confirm a convenient date to meet so that he can explain what services they can offer the Barfords and at what cost. The clerk has been unable to contact anyone at OCC Highways to book the speed monitoring black boxes so has email Arash Fatemian for assistance The clerk has written to the owners of the “Potteries” asking them to repair the wall which has is falling onto the footpath. The clerk has written to the three allotment tenants, Eric Payton & Jan Burnett, Tony Ecclestone & Helen Turner and Tony Shrimpton asking them to clear their allotments and confirm whether they want to continue renting The clerk has repaired the notice board in Townsend which fell down
16/0093	Correspondence: Cherwell DC have asked the PC to complete a survey on open spaces & sports facilities
16/094	Public Participation: None.
16/095 16/095/1 16/095/2	County Councillor's Report: Oxfordshire County Council cut the grass outside The Manor House, Barford St Michael. The Chairman had received a complaint from the owner that it should not be cut. Cllr Fatemian and OCC Highways have inspected the roads in Barford St Michael which are no longer part of the annual inspection. Minor patching and raising of the sunken drain in Lower Street were agreed. Roads may have to be closed which will delay the start for 12 weeks. Funds may come from different budgets so not all the repairs will be completed on the same day.
16/096 16/096/1 16/096/2 16/096/3	District Councillor's Report: A361 Working Group - District Cllrs Bryn Williams and Hugo Brown have set up a working group to investigate with OCC Highways the ongoing issues with the A361. These are numerous and affect South Newington, Bloxham, Banbury, Burford and Chipping Norton where ever increasing numbers of vehicles and HGV's are making life a misery for residents. Opinions will be sought from residents, businesses and users of the A361 and solutions explored with OCC. Cherwell Local Plan, Part 2 - Part 2 of the local plan and the latest SHLAA figures will be presented to CDC Executive at the next meeting in November. Part 2 of the plan is where rural villages learn of the proposed number of new dwellings allocated to their communities. Fly Tipping - Fly Tipping continues to affect many and steps are now being taken to set up CCTV at known sites that suffer from regular tipping. CDC is also intending to introduce fixed penalty notices and fines for those caught for smaller fly tipping breaches.
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16/096/4	Council Tax - CDC has no intention of increasing their proportion of the Council Tax, this for an impressive 8 th consecutive year despite draconian cuts across local authorities.
16/096/5	Parish Liaison Meeting - Wednesday 9 November at Bodicote House. The first part of the evening (from 17.45) will be "drop-in surgeries" on various topics of interest including planning, highways, environmental, community & recreational issues. During this time there will be a buffet and a chance to talk to Parish representatives. The agenda of the main meeting (from 19.00) will include: Chairman's Welcome & Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Plan update • Cherwell Design Guide – emerging design guidance for strategic housing sites • Dementia Friends – we are hoping to have a speaker for this topic • Open Q&A
16/097	Parish Matters:
16/097/1	Play equipment, West Close – A meeting has been held and participants brought drawings and brochures which were discussed. The views of an expert will be sought before making the proposal.
16/097/2	Trees on the Green – a quote has been obtained for pruning the cherry, thorn trees and bush and replacing the dead tree in the middle of the seat. It was RESOLVED unanimously to proceed with the work.
16/098	Planning.
16/098/1	Applications 16/01650/F & 16/01652/LB, George Inn – Applications returned to CDC without comment. Awaiting decision but CDC have asked for past photos showing the interior.
16/098/2	Application 16/00223/TCA, Barford House – Application for tree felling returned to CDC without comment
16/098/3	Applications 16/0183/LB, The Old Stables – Application returned to CDC without comment.
16/099	Reports from Meetings: None
16/100	Finance
16/100/1	The Clerk sought approval to pay cheques totalling £865.20 (detailed in Annex 1). This was approved unanimously.
16/100/2	Draft 2017/18 Budget – This was presented by the Chairman and discussed. The budget must be submitted in January 2017.
16/101/3	It was resolved that the Parish Council would buy a Wreath for Remembrance Sunday (13 TH Nov)
16/101	Any Other Business
16/101/1	Allotments - It was reported that there is waiting list for Allotments. Responses from the three current tenants that have not used them this year should be received before the next meeting.
16/101/2	Swere Clearance – It was RESOLVED that another river clearance day should be organised. District Cllr Williams will contact the expert for advice/ support.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed by Chairman.....

Date.....2.11.2016.....