

**Barford St John & St Michael Parish Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 7.30pm in Barford Village Hall**

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

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

**Apologies for absence:** Cllr Turner

16/116	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> None
16/117	<b>Minutes of the last meeting:</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2016 were a true and accurate record of the meeting (unanimous).
16/118	<b>Matters arising from the minutes:</b> None
16/119 16/119/1 16/119/2  16/119/3	<b>Clerk's Report:</b> <b>Speed monitoring</b> – Waiting for OCC Highways to contact the PC. <b>Christmas Tree Lights</b> - The Clerk met David Rogers from Deddington who explained how the Lights in Deddington are powered. Most of the components have been purchased for the lights in Barford St Michael. It was agreed that a timer with an approximate cost of £36 should be fitted. It was agreed that only 2 batteries would be purchased at this stage (Deddington have 4) in the hope that the batteries could be fully charged in 1 day and connected again before switching on. <b>Our Bus Bartons</b> – 3 surveys have been returned to date. The closing date is 23 <sup>rd</sup> December. The results will be reported at the January meeting.
16/120	<b>Correspondence:</b> All correspondence had been distributed in the month
16/121	<b>Public Participation:</b> None.
16/122 16/122/1  16/122/2  16/122/3  16/122/4	<b>County Councillor's Report:</b> <b>Road Repairs</b> – OCC Highways have been chased up for the additional road repairs and they have confirmed that they will be carried out. <b>Speed Monitoring</b> - Nigel Clarke from OCC highways will contact the PC directly to liaise re speed monitoring devices (they can only be ordered direct by the PC). <b>Keep Warm Well</b> - Pharmacies across Oxfordshire will be providing free thermometers this winter to make sure their homes are warm enough to keep people well. Patients over 60 will be offered information cards, provided by OCC, when collecting prescriptions that will remind them one of the best ways to stay well during the winter is to stay warm, and advise them to have their home heated to at least 18°C. The free hot water bottle shaped card also feature a thermometer to test the temperature of their home to make sure it's warm enough. People with concerns about their heating bills will be advised to contact the Affordable Warmth Helpline on 0800 107 0044. The free helpline provided by an independent charity and funded by local councils offers free advice and guidance on reducing energy bills, heating homes efficiently and affordably, and available grants and financial assistance. For more information or advice on how to keep warm and well this winter visit <a href="http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/keepwarm">www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/keepwarm</a> <b>Regional Adoption Agency</b> - OCC is developing plans to transform its adoption services by joining forces with neighbouring councils. The aim is to create a Regional Adoption Agency (RAA) for the Thames Valley to improve outcomes for both children and adopters – including the ability to match children with families more quickly and improve support services for adopters. It follows a Government paper setting out plans for all adoption services to be delivered through RAAs by 2020. OCC would be the host authority within a partnership known as Adopt Thames Valley, alongside six other councils (Bracknell Forest, West Berkshire, Windsor and Maidenhead, Wokingham, Swindon and Reading) and two Voluntary Adoption Agencies (PACT and Barnardos). All partners have begun work to develop the new shared service across the geographical area covered by the councils. The Government has advised that a grant of £300K will be made available to help set up the new service.
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16/122/5	<p><b>Shared Lives Services</b> - Families across Oxfordshire who choose to share their lives and homes with adults in need of social care have been given high praise by The Care Quality Commission inspectors in October. The Shared Lives service in Oxfordshire has been running for more than 25 years and involves those in need of care sharing the home of Oxfordshire residents who have been trained and approved as "shared lives households. There were five key measures in the inspection judging whether the service was safe, effective, caring, responsive and well-led and inspectors spoke to the county council, shared lives families/households and those receiving care. In every single category the CQC rated the Oxfordshire Shared Lives service as "good". The service supports people across all client groups from 16 upwards and the oldest person the scheme has supported was 103. There are usually around 120 people using the service at any one time - about 70 people live long term with Shared Lives Carers and the remainder have short breaks or a few hours support during the day. Training and vetting is undertaken very carefully before people/families qualify to become approved in the shared lives scheme</p> <p><b>Oxford Transport Charging Scheme</b> - A study is to be carried out to look at ways in which an ambitious package of transport measures for Oxford could be funded. OCC's Cabinet has approved a report which gives the go ahead for work to begin on an outline business case for a workplace parking levy scheme and investigate the opportunities for a congestion charging scheme – the first step in a process that will be kept under review and consulted widely on before any final decisions are taken.</p> <p><b>Oxford to Cambridge Expressway</b> - Plans to improve connectivity between Oxfordshire and Cambridgeshire have been in development for several years. The focus is an 'Expressway' – a motorway-standard road – that would run east-west across part of southern England linking the A34 first to the M40 and then on to the M1. The plans received a boost in the recent 'Autumn Statement'. This initiative is driven by central Government and OCC will have only consultee status. Details can be found at:  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/571353/oxford-to-cambridge-expressway-strategic-study-stage-3-report.pdf">https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/571353/oxford-to-cambridge-expressway-strategic-study-stage-3-report.pdf</a></p>
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16/123	<b>District Councillor's Update</b>
16/123/1	<b>Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan</b> - The Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan has been recommended by CDC's Executive for adoption at the Full Council meeting on December 19th.
16/123/2	<b>Cherwell Lottery</b> - CDC Executive recommends the launch of a Cherwell Lottery which will help fund discretionary support to voluntary and community organisations active in Cherwell. The lottery will be operated by an External Lottery Manager (ELM) that will share the risk with CDC.
16/123/3	<b>Council Tax</b> - Will remain the same in 2017-18 with no increase for a successive eighth year, to be approved at the Full Council meeting on December 19th.
16/123/4	<b>Free Parking</b> - Free Parking in all CDC owned car parks in Banbury on Small Business Saturday, December 3rd 2016 and 'Free after Three' parking during January 2017.
16/124	<b>Parish Matters:</b>
16/124/1	<b>Play equipment, West Close</b> – A meeting is planned with the play area advisor in January
16/124/2	<b>Trees on the Green</b> – It was RESOLVED that a Whitebeam will be the replacement for the dead tree on the green.
16/124/3	<b>Swere Clearance</b> – It was RESOLVED that the river clearance will take place on Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> February at 10.30. A notice seeking volunteers will be placed in the Barford News.
16/124/4	<b>Agreements for Allotment Land &amp; Stonepits Field</b> – The current agreement with Barbara Alt for the lease of the Allotments field expires on 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2023. It is hoped that the Alts will agree to renew it.
16/125	<b>Planning.</b>
16/125/1	Application 16/01822/F & 16/01823/LB, The Old Stables – Granted by CDC
16/125/2	Application 16/00258/TCA, Dove House – Granted by CDC
16/125/3	Application 16/01934/LB, George Inn – Granted by CDC
16/125/4	Application 16/00325/TCA, Dyers Farm – Returned to CDC with no objections
16/125/5	Application 16/02216/F & 16/02217, Buttermilk Farm – Returned to CDC with no objections
16/125/6	Application 16/02237/F & 16/02238/LB, George Inn – Returned to CDC with no objections.
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16/126	<b>Reports from Meetings:</b> Parish Liaison meeting 9 <sup>th</sup> November
16/127	<b>Finance</b> The Clerk sought approval to pay cheques totalling £280. This was approved unanimously.
16/128	<b>Any Other Business</b>
16/128/1	<b>Village Hall Crockery</b> - It was noted by the organisers of the Christmas lunch that some of the Village Hall crockery had either disappeared or had been broken.
16/128/2	<b>S137 Grants for 2017</b> – Applications will be invited for S137 Grants next year and a decision on allocation of grants will be made in March/April.
16/128/3	<b>Concealed Entrance Sign</b> – A request has been received to place a concealed entrance sign in the road at the rock to warn vehicles of the entrance at the lower end of the Rock. OCC Highways will be consulted.
16/128/4	<b>Date for the Annual Parish Council meeting</b> - The date for the 2017 meeting needs to be agreed. The proposed date is 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2017. This is to be confirmed.
16/128/5	<b>Parish Charities</b> – The constitutions of the two Parish Charities are being reviewed. It is possible that two members should be nominated by the Parish Council. This will be confirmed as soon as possible.
16/128/6	<b>Horse Chestnut leaf miner</b> – The Forestry Commission recommends that damage from the pest can be reduced by removing fallen leaves during the autumn and winter and composting them thoroughly to destroy the over-wintering pupae. This may help to preserve the trees along South Newington Road. The owners of the land will be asked if they would like a working party to carry out this work.
16/128/7	<b>Councillor Vacancy</b> – Chris Charman has put his name forward for the vacant position.
16/128/8	<b>Access to road along the northern edge of the village green</b> – Complaints have been received about parking along this road and blocking other cars in as there is insufficient width for two cars to pass. This will be discussed with OCC Highways.
16/128/9	<b>Damage to the grass along the southern edge of the green</b> – soil and grass seed will be used to repair the damage in the spring.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.54pm

Signed by Chairman.....

Date.....4 January 2017