

Barford St John & St Michael Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 4th January 2017 at 7.30pm in Barford Village Hall

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

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

Apologies for absence: County Cllr Fatemian, Cllr Best

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- 16/129 **Declarations of Interest:** None
- 16/130 **Co-option of New Councillor** – It was **RESOLVED** (unanimously) to co-opt Chris Charman as Parish Councillor
- 16/131 **Minutes of the last meeting:** It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th December 2016 were a true and accurate record of the meeting (unanimous).
- 16/132 **Matters arising from the minutes:** None
- 16/133 **Clerk's Report:**
16/133/1 **Speed monitoring** – The clerk is waiting for Nigel Clarke from OCC Highways to contact him.
16/133/2 **Bus Survey** – There were 9 respondents to the survey who wanted bus services to Banbury, Bloxham, Chipping Norton, Deddington & Oxford Parkway. This information will be discussed with Our Bus Bartons but it was thought that it was unlikely that the demand would be sufficient to provide a viable service.
16/133/3 **Signs** – The clerk has asked Cherwell District Council to repair or replace the street sign at the bottom of the Rock and will also ask them to repair or replace the Lower Street sign opposite Barford St Michael Church.
- 16/134 **Correspondence:** All correspondence had been distributed in the month
- 16/135 **Public Participation:** None.
- 16/136 **County Councillor's Report:** None
- 16/137 **District Councillor's Update:**
Bloxham Neighbourhood Pan – This has been adopted.
- 16/138 **Parish Matters:**
16/138/1 **Play equipment, West Close** – A meeting is planned with the play area advisor in January
16/138/2 **Pavement in Robins Close** – One of the pavements in Robins Close is covered in moss. It was agreed that this would be sprayed to kill it when it starts growing in the spring.
- 16/139 **Planning.**
16/139/1 Application 16/00325/TCA, Dyers Farm – Approved by Cherwell District Council (CDC)
16/139/2 Application 16/02161/F, Mead Bank – Returned to CDC with no objections
16/139/3 Application 16/02283/F, George Inn – Returned to CDC with no objections.
16/125/4 Application 16/02287/TPO, Dyers Farm – Returned to CDC with no objections
- 16/140 **Reports from Meetings:** None
- 16/141 **Finance**
16/141/1 **Payments** - The Clerk sought approval to pay cheques totalling £884. This was approved unanimously.
16/141/2 **S137 Grants** – An invitation to apply for S137 Grants will be published in the Barford News at the end of January. The deadline for applications will be the end of March and a decision on grants taken in the April meeting
2017-18 Precept – It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to adopt the budget with the lower Precept.
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Any Other Business

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Footpath Liaison – A volunteer is invited to be a point of contact for all matters relating to footpaths in the parish.

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Dumping on land behind houses in Church Street – Helen Taylor has written to the Council complaining about rubbish that has been dumped on land behind the cottages. The owners of number 7 are moving out and this may have been dumped temporarily. Chris Charman is going to check who owns the land from his deeds.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.44pm

Signed by Chairman.....

Date.....*1 February 2017*