


**Barford St John & St Michael Parish Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017 at 7.30pm in Barford Village Hall**

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

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

**Apologies for absence:** District Cllr Williams, Cllrs Hanmer & Best

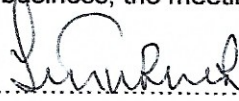
17/017 018	16/143	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> None
	16/144	<b>Minutes of the last meeting:</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2017 were a true and accurate record of the meeting (unanimous).
019 020	16/145	<b>Matters arising from the minutes:</b> None
	16/146 16/146/1 16/146/2 16/146/3	<b>Clerk's Report:</b> <b>Speed monitoring</b> – The clerk is waiting for Nigel Clarke from OCC Highways to contact him. <b>Bus Survey</b> – The survey has been emailed to Richard Brown, Chair of Our Bus Bartons, but the clerk has not discussed it with him yet. <b>Footpaths Coordinator</b> – Caroline Belson, 2 Forge Cottage, Hempton Road has volunteered to be the footpaths coordinator. <b>Western Power Distribution</b> – A surveyor called to the clerk's house on 31 <sup>st</sup> January advising of pruning under powerlines. Land owners have been asked to sign consent forms. The clerk signed the consent form for the land by the bridge and the pumping station.
021	16/147 16/147/1 16/147/2	<b>Correspondence:</b> <b>Wayleave Consent</b> - Western Power Distribution has sent the original Wayleave Consent for the underground power line in the village recreation area. <b>Plan of Village with house names</b> - Liane Humphrey has emailed the clerk to suggest a map of Barford St Michael with the cottage names is placed in the village noticeboards to aid people locating them.
022	16/148 16/148/1 16/148/2	<b>Public Participation:</b> <b>Allotments</b> – Jeff Elliot has collected the rents which were passed to the clerk for banking and reported 2 people have relinquished plots and 1 1/2 are vacant. Jeff has kindly cleared the 3 plots that were not used last year. Some spraying is required and approval was given to purchase Roundup. Approval was also given for the purchase of wire netting to make repairs to the fencing to try to prevent rabbits entering the allotments. <b>Damage to the Green</b> – Bernard Lane and Richard Palmer presented proposals for reinforcing the village green with mesh in the turf to stop ruts caused by lorries and cars driving over it. The cost for the HGV specification is £4,500 which includes labour, materials and hire of a mini digger. It was considered that this cost was hard to justify but a lower cost will be investigated by using local labour and equipment. The clerk will contact Western Power and BT to ensure that there are no services running under the area to be excavated.
023	16/149 16/149/1 16/149/2	<b>County Councillor's Report:</b> <b>Speed Monitoring</b> – The County Councillor has sent another email to OCC Highways to remind them to contact the clerk to arrange speed monitoring. <b>Unitary Authority Proposals</b> – The County Councillor will forward the latest proposal from OCC for a Unitary Authority to the Parish Council.
024	16/150	<b>District Councillor's Update:</b> <b>Clearing the River Swere</b> - Ed Potter the Head of CDC's Environmental Services has confirmed that CDC will remove any waste gathered from the Swere during the clear up. He has requested that where possible it should be contained within black plastic bags otherwise larger items should be placed next to the bags. He will arrange a collection in the days immediately after the clear up.  Chairman's initials.....  ..... Date.....1.3.2017.....

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025 16/151 16/151/1 16/151/2	<p><b>Parish Matters:</b>  <b>Play equipment, West Close</b> – A meeting is planned with Trevor Stewart, the play area advisor.  <b>Swere Clearance</b> – It was agreed to postpone the clearance due to take place on 18<sup>th</sup> February due to the amount of rain and high water levels. This will be re-scheduled later in the year.</p>
026 16/152 16/152/1 16/152/2 16/152/3 16/152/4 16/152/5 16/152/6	<p><b>Planning.</b>  Application 16/02161/F, Mead Bank – Returned to CDC and awaiting decision  Application 16/02216/F, Buttermilk Farm, new house – Granted by CDC on 19<sup>th</sup> January  Application 16/02217/F, Buttermilk Farm, new stables – Withdrawn 19<sup>th</sup> January  Application 16/02283/F, George Inn, new building – Returned to CDC and awaiting decision.  Application 16/02287/TPO, Dyers Farm, tree pruning – Granted by CDC 3<sup>rd</sup> January  Application 16/0359/TCA, Brambles, tree removal – Granted by CDC 3<sup>rd</sup> January</p>
027 16/153	<p><b>Reports from Meetings:</b> None</p>
028 16/154 16/154/1	<p><b>Finance</b>  <b>Payments</b> - The Clerk sought approval to pay cheques totalling £237. This was approved unanimously.</p>
029 16/155 16/155/1  16/155/2	<p><b>Any Other Business</b>  <b>Access to Murreys Lane from north side of the green</b> – vehicles have been driving out of the road along the north side of the green and cutting the corner by turning left down Murreys Lane. Solutions will be investigated to stop vehicles turning left including posts and chain  Dumping on land behind houses in Church Street.  <b>Annual Parish Council Meeting</b> – The date was confirmed as 26<sup>th</sup> April</p>

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

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

Signed by Chairman.....

Date.....1.3.2017.....