

Barford St John & St Michael Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 5th April 2017 at 7.30pm in Barford Village Hall

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

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

Apologies for absence:

17/043	Declarations of Interest: None
17/044	Minutes of the last meeting: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1 st March 2017 were a true and accurate record of the meeting (unanimous).
17/045	Matters arising from the minutes: None
17/046 17/046/1 17/046/2 17/046/3 17/046/4 17/046/5 17/046/6	<p>Clerk's Report:</p> <p>Speed monitoring – Nigel Clarke, OCC Highways, will fit the speed monitors after the Easter Holiday to ensure a normal traffic pattern. They will monitor the number of vehicles and the speed of the vehicles for one week. They will be fitted on Netherworton Road, Hempton Road and on the hill in Barford St John. The cost is £100 plus VAT for each black box.</p> <p>Bus Survey – The survey has not yet been discussed with Richard Brown, Chair of Our Bus Bartons.</p> <p>Grass Cutting 2017 - 18 – OCC has confirmed that the agreement for grass cutting that was discussed at the last meeting is very similar to the agreement signed in 2008 and assured the council that it did not require any additional areas to be cut. A copy of the agreement with a schedule and map was emailed to the clerk. It was RESOLVED that the agreement be signed and returned to OCC.</p> <p>Dog fouling on footpaths and West Close – The clerk met with Chris Chundy, the CDC Dog Warden and walked round B St M with him pointing out the areas of concern. Prominent signs were attached at either end of West Close at Murreys Lane and the start of the footpath at the Turnstiles. The Warden will patrol for 2 months and a review will be carried out. The clerk met with the Alts to discuss the issues in the field at the back of Broad close. As well as dog mess not being cleared owners are walking their dogs without leads where there are sheep that are about to lamb. The Dog Warden has given some signs about fouling penalties which the clerk will fix to posts. Signs will also be made asking owners to keep their dogs on leads in the field.</p> <p>Concrete at Edge of Road in Townsend – The clerk asked highways if they will repair damage to verges around the villages. They have advised that it is unlikely due to limited importance and budget restrictions but suggested reporting online via fixmysteet.oxfordshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Cables under The Green – The clerk has contacted BT Open Reach and Western Power to determine if there are any services running under The Green. BT charge for this service and a quote is awaited.</p>
17/047 17/147/1 17/147/2 17/147/3 17/147/4	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>District Council Consolidation – The leader of CDC, cllr Barry Wood, has written asking the PC to obtain signatures to a petition against the OCC proposals.</p> <p>Damage to verge along Townsend – Mr & Mrs Wheeler wrote to the Chairman reporting damage and requesting the Parish Council to repair it and install kerbing. OCC have advised that repairing verges is not a priority and that residents should request repairs to be carried out by the people who have caused the damage.</p> <p>Damage to verge in Lower Street – Damage caused by agricultural machinery to the verge along Lower Street was reported. Cllr Charman will discuss this with the farmer and Cllr Hobbs will email the residents who reported it.</p> <p>Pre-planning consent for affordable housing by David Tew Ltd – David Tew Ltd have written again to the Parish Council seeking its views on affordable housing. The Council is in favour of affordable housing but can only give an opinion on a specific project when sufficient detail is given. The clerk will reply to the letter stating that the Council considers all planning applications on their merits when detailed proposals are received from Cherwell District Council.</p>
17/048 17/148/1	<p>Public Participation:</p> <p>Footpaths Co-ordinator – Caroline Belson, who has taken on this role attended the meeting and it was agreed that footpath issues will be reported to the Clerk who will then report them to OCC.</p>

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17/148/2	S137 Grants – Presentations were given by representatives of the Barford News, The Parochial Church Council and The Village Hall Committee who have all applied for grants from the Parish Council.
17/148/3	Prevention of damage to the Village Green - Richard Palmer and Bernard Lane presented a revised estimate £900 for materials (matting, gravel and topsoil) for reinforcing the village green with mesh to reduce damage caused by cars and lorries driving over it. This was agreed provisionally. A final decision will be taken at the next meeting.
17/049	County Councillor's Report: None
17/050 17/050/1	District Councillor's Update: Unitary Council - OCC approved their proposals for a county wide unitary council at their March 14 th cabinet meeting. Their proposal has been presented to The Secretary of State. CDC, West Oxon and Oxford City will present an alternative proposal in the following weeks and invite residents and parish councils to public meetings and an emergency Parish Liaison Meeting to discuss their alternative proposal.
17/050/2	Dog Fouling – District Councillor Williams has contacted the CDC Dog Warden to contact him regarding the dog waste which is being deposited near but not in the provided Dog Waste Bins. Christopher Cundy, CDC's Dog Warden who is now liaising with the Council.
17/053	Parish Matters: Play equipment, West Close – A meeting took place with Trevor Stewart, the play area advisor, who is working on proposals.
17/054 16/165/1 16/165/2 16/165/3 16/165/4	Planning: Application 16/02237/F, George Inn, Alterations – Granted 27/03/2017. Application 16/02238/LB, George Inn, Alterations – Granted 27/03/2017 Application 16/02283/F, George Inn, new building – Returned to CDC and awaiting decision Application 17/00295/F, 5 Summer Ley, Alterations – Returned to CDC and awaiting decision. Application 17/00515/F, Buttermilk Farm, Build Stables – Returned to CDC and awaiting decision Application 17/00535/F, 2 Broad Close, Extension – Returned to CDC and awaiting decision
17/055	Reports from Meetings: None
17/056 16/167/1	Finance - S137 Grants – 4 grant applications have been received. Barford News for £500, PCC for £1,000, Village Hall for £1,500 and Deddington Library for £200. Applicants explained the reasons for their applications. A decision on the grants will be taken at the next meeting. Payments - Approval to pay cheques totalling £226 was granted unanimously.
17/057 17/057/1 17/057/2 17/057/3 17/057/4	Any Other Business Surface water in Lower Street – A resident reported persistent surface water in Lower Street. Thames Water have attended to a drain and the situation has improved. Splashback tiling in Village Hall – It was agreed that tiling would be carried out in the Village Hall to facilitate cleaning when bacon butties are cooked. Governance of Hall and Fernhill Trust and Shepherds and Bakehouse Trusts – It was RESOLVED unanimously to approve the 4 nominated trustees, John Hiron, Helen Honour, Barbara Greenwood and Les Hall who will serve for 5 years. Shed and Greenhouse requests on allotments – A request for a shed on one allotment and a greenhouse on another were agreed unanimously.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.25pm

Signed by Chairman.....

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