

Barford St John & St Michael Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 7th June 2017 at 7.30pm in Barford Village Hall

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

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

Apologies for absence: None

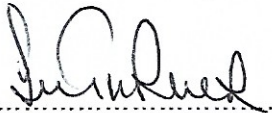
17/073	Declarations of Interest: None
17/074	Minutes of the last meeting: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3 rd May 2017 were a true and accurate record of the meeting (unanimous).
17/075	Matters arising from the minutes: None
17/076 17/076/1	Clerk's Report: Speed monitoring – Speed Monitors are due to be installed by the end of the week.
17/077 17/077/1 17/077/2 17/077/3 17/077/4	Correspondence: S137 Grants – Thankyou letters were received from The Friends of Deddington Library, Barford News and The Parochial Church Council. Play Safety Inspection – Notification was received that the play area inspection will be carried out in July. Merchant Navy Day – Seafarers UK Charity has asked councils to fly a Red Ensign flag on Merchant Navy Day, 3 rd September. Oxfordshire Adult Learning Part Time Course Prospectus – 3 copies have been received. One will be placed in the Village Hall and residents will be advised in the Barford News that it is available in the Village Hall or from the Clerk.
17/078	Public Participation: None
17/079	County Councillor's Report: Following the county council elections on the 4 th May, no particular group had a majority (more than half) of elected councillors. The Conservative group has been joined by two independent councillors to form a Conservative Independent Alliance. Arash reported that he will be serving for another 4 years.
17/080	District Councillor's Update: Due to the General Election, CDC is in a state of Purdah to ensure that nothing is done or said that might give an advantage at the national level. Bryn did, however, advise the of committee memberships our three Councillors in the forthcoming year. They are: Mike Kerford-Byrnes is Lead Member (ie: effectively a Cabinet Minister) for Change Management, Joint Working [ie: with Sth Northants District Council] and IT. In addition, he is a member of the following committees – (i) Accounts, Audit & Risk, (ii) Joint Commissioning, (iii) Planning and also (iv) the CDC Appointee to the Bicester Rural Neighbourhood Action Group. Email: Cllr.Mike.KerfordByrnes@cherwell-dc.gov.uk Hugo Brown is a member of the following committees – (i) Accounts, Audit and Risk (as Vice Chairman), (ii) Budget Planning, (iii) Planning (as a Substitute). Email: hugo.brown@cherwell-dc.gov.uk Bryn Williams is a member of the following committees – (i) Appeals Panel, (ii) Licensing (as Vice Chairman), (iii) Personnel, (iv) Planning (as a Substitute), (v) Standards. Email: Bryn.Williams@Cherwell-DC.gov.uk
17/081	Parish Matters: None.

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<p>17/082 17/082/1 17/082/2 17/082/3 17/082/4</p>	<p>Planning: Application 17/00535/F, 2 Broad Close, Extension – Granted on 26/05/2017 Application 17/00630/F, Land adjacent to Ayot Croft, Variation – Granted on 12/05/2017. Ayot Croft, Planning Process – Cherwell District Council Planning has offered to attend a Parish Council meeting to explain the planning process following the complaint that the process did not appear to have been followed correctly. Ayot Croft, compliance with plans – A Cherwell District Council Planning Enforcement Officer is investigating whether windows in the west elevation are larger than specified on the plans.</p>
17/083	Reports from Meetings: None
17/084	Annual Governance Statement Y/E 31/03/2017 – This was reviewed and approved unanimously.
17/085	Accounts for Y/E 31/03/2017 – These have been audited by Jeremy Eastwood and were approved unanimously.
<p>17/086 17/086/1 17/086/2</p>	<p>Finance: Payments - The Clerk sought approval to pay cheques totalling £1026.91. This was approved unanimously. Annual Return for Y/E 31/03/2017 – This was signed by the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer and will be sent to BDO, the external auditors, on 8th June 2017</p>
17/087	<p>Any Other Business: Moss on pavement of Robins Close – Rodney Hobbs reported that he will check this so that any remedial action can be agreed. Dog Notices – It was agreed that these would be left in place for the time being. Red Dog Bin – Sarah Best offered to paint this green. This was agreed. Access to the Allotments – The Alts have requested that the path through the woods is not used for access to the allotments. The clerk will fix a laminated notice to the gate. Red Nissan Micra parked in Church Street – This does not appear to be in use and is causing an obstruction. Checks will be made to ensure that it has current road tax or if it has been declared SORN. Weeds by bridge – These are obscuring the view to traffic coming in the opposite direction. These will be cut down by the clerk on 8th June 2017.</p>

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed by Chairman.....

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