

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

**The meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

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

**Apologies for absence:** Cllr Charman, County Cllr Fatemian

17/128	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> None
17/129	<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> October 2017 were a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed Cllr P Eden, Seconded Cllr L Styles.
17/130	<b>Matters arising from the minutes:</b> None
17/131 17/131/1  17/131/2  17/131/3 17/131/4	<b>Clerk's Report:</b> <b>Allotment Water Supply</b> – Castle Water, the new supplier that has taken over from Thames Water appears to have installed a smart meter. The clerk will contact them to enquire why the Council wasn't consulted before fitting. <b>Gate to footpath from Graveyard</b> – This has been left open and sheep have escaped. The clerk will adjust the gate and fix a notice to it requesting that it is closed by users. <b>Handrail to bridge for footpath over River Swere</b> – The clerk will mend the handrail. <b>Gulley emptying</b> – The clerk has received complaints about road flooding due to gulleys not being cleaned. Oxfordshire County Council Highways has been requested to investigate and rectify.
17/132	<b>Correspondence:</b> <b>Request for an Allotment</b> - Pete Orray, Lower Street, B St M, has requested an allotment and the clerk has put him in touch with Jeff Elliot. <b>Cherwell DC Focus Group</b> - the Parish Council has been invited to a Focus Group meeting to give feedback on the services that CDC provides. The clerk will attend this. <b>Parish Liaison meeting</b> – CDC has invited the Parish Council to the Parish Liaison Meeting. Cllr R Hobbs, Cllr L Styles and D Best will attend this.
17/133 17/133/1	<b>Public Participation:</b> <b>Play Equipment on West Close</b> – The working group presented the 3 quotes that have been received. They are for wooden structures that will blend in to the environment. It is aimed at covering a wide range of ages. Children were surveyed on requirements. The next steps are to finalise the design, call a village meeting, go to pre-planning, commence fund raising and apply for grants. The Parish Council and the Play Area Committee responsible for the play equipment at the Village Hall intend to make donations.
17/134	<b>County Councillor's Report:</b> None
17/135	<b>District Councillors Report:</b> <b>Waste Charges and Fly Tipping</b> – Following the introduction of a charge at council tips for non-household waste by Oxfordshire County Council there has not been an increase in fly tipping so far. <b>Boundary Review</b> – There is a proposal for the formation of a new parish of Upper Heyford, Heyford Park and part of Somerton. 97% of Somerton residents are opposed to this. <b>Phone Boxes</b> – CDC are looking at the condition of phone boxes and removal of the one that aren't used much. The phone box in Barford St Michael has already been removed. <b>Anti Holocaust Definition</b> – CDC has agreed to adopt the anti-holocaust definition.
17/136	<b>Parish Matters:</b> None
17/138 17/138/1 17/138/2	<b>Planning:</b> Application 17/00357/TCA, Westfield, Fell 2 trees. Application 17/001997/F, Blackingrove Farm, Swimming pool – returned to CDC.

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