

Barford St John & St Michael Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 6th December 2017 at 7.30pm in Barford Village Hall

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

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

Apologies for absence: County Cllr Fatemian

17/142	Declarations of Interest: None
17/143	Minutes of the last meeting: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1 st November 2017 were a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed Cllr Pete Eden, Seconded Cllr Sarah Best.
17/144	Matters arising from the minutes: None
17/145 17/145/1 17/145/2 17/145/3 17/145/4 17/145/5	Clerk's Report: Allotment Water Supply – Castle Water, confirmed that they have not fitted a smart meter but have changed the meter to one that can only be read by them. Charges to date are the standing charge only (£19.81 of the £20.79 PA Standing Charge). The water usage is 268 m3 from 25 th April to 30 th October which is £3.65. The Clerk will investigate how the meter can be read. Gate to footpath from Graveyard – This has been adjusted and now closes easily. Handrail to bridge for footpath over River Swere – The handrail has been mended. Style at end of Horn Hill – OCC have been asked to repair this. Speeding – Anthony Kirkwood, OCC Highways Traffic & Road Safety, advised that there is no longer a Speed Management unit within Road Safety so they cannot provide hand held speed monitoring in conjunction with Thames Valley Police. He also advised that there are no measures that help to reduce speeding significantly. Road Bumps are most effective but cost approximately £10,000 for the first one but additional bumps are a lower cost. They must be well lit if not well signed. Flashing signs have some effect but generally just reduce the speed by 2-3 miles per hour and are not as effective as vertical calming. Signing and lining can have a limited effect (again in the order of 2-3 miles per hour). The most effective traffic calming schemes cost in the region of £70-80,000 per village. Highways should be able to provide some "Watch Your Speed" signs like Deddington. The Clerk will order signs from Mike Wasley, OCC Highways.
17/146 17/146/1 17/146/2	Correspondence: Cardio Cabinet – EcoPad are providing a special offer for Parish Councils of £1,595 +VAT. New External Auditor – A new external auditor, Mazars LLP, has been appointed for next year
17/147 17/147/1	Public Participation: West Close Play Area - Carole Coppin gave an update on the West Close Play Area confirming 3 quotes have been received. The preferred material is timber and the area will cover approximately 300 square meters. There is now a Facebook page and pictures were published in the Barford News. There will be additional grass cutting costs. It was resolved to form a sub-committee (proposed by Cllr. Rodney Hobbs and seconded Cllr. Sarah Best). There will be a consultation period prior to the planning application. A presentation will be given in the Village Hall and the Play area will be pegged out in West Close (the date proposed for pegging out is Sunday 17 th December at 11.00.
17/148	County Councillor's Report: None
17/149 17/149/1 17/149/2	District Councillors Report: Castle Quay - CDC is to acquire the current Castle Quay shopping centre and also the Castle Quay 2 development. This is a considerable commitment but it is believed that it will ensure that the centre of Banbury can develop in a way and at a speed that is in the best interests of the town rather than being controlled by a third party who may decide to redevelop Castle Quay in a way that's not conducive to the long-term benefit of Banbury and the district. The decision on whether to proceed will be made at December's full council meeting on 18/12/17. Horton Hospital - The outcome of the independent judicial review at the Royal Court of Justice in London on the fate of the Horton will be announced on 7 th December.

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17/149/3	Happy Christmas! – Bryn and his fellow Ward Councillors would like to wish the residents and PC Councillors of The Barfords a very happy and enjoyable Christmas with family and loved ones and look forward to a healthy and peaceful New Year.
17/150 17/150/1 17/151/2	Parish Matters: Trees on The Green – the pruning has been completed but one tree was virtually dead. The George Planning Application – Application 17/02391/F has been submitted for the 6 bedroom annex. Jean-Louis Holtzhausen will email Barford residents who have provided emails so that they can advise Cherwell Planning of their support for the application. It was resolved that the Parish Council will request a site visit to confirm their support.
17/151 17/151/1 17/151/2 17/151/3 17/151/4 17/151/5 17/151/6 17/151/7 17/151/8 17/151/9 17/151/10	Planning: Application 17/01183/F, Mead Bank, Amendment to 16/02161/F. Granted 1/12/2017. Application 17/00357/TCA, Westfield, Fell 2 trees. Granted 14/11/2017 Application 17/01839/F, Buttermilk Farm, Enlarge pond. Granted 7/11/2017 Application 17/01933/F, The Homestead, Extension. Withdrawn 14/11/2017 Application 17/01794/LB, Holly Tree Cottage, Retrospective consent. Granted 2/11/2017 Application 17/001997/F, Blackingrove Farm, Swimming pool. Returned to CDC. Application 17/02036/TPO, Barford House, Prune trees. Granted 29/11/2017 Application 17/02200/F, Little Haven, Retention of Mobile Home. Returned to CDC. Application 17/000405/TCA, Brambles, Prune and fell trees. Returned to CDC Application 17/00429/TCA, Barford House, Prune and remove trees. Returned to CDC.
17/152 17/152/1 17/152/2 17/152/3	Reports from Meetings: Parish Liaison Meeting – The Leader explained about the Castle Quay proposals. The Police explained how they handle Unlawful Encampments, Parish Councillors expressed disappointment that Banbury charges for parking. CDC Peer Challenge – The two biggest issues raised by Parish Councils were Planning and lack of information from CDC as representatives did not attend Parish Council meetings. The clerk advised that the PC shared concerns over the planning process but received a lot of feed-back from Bryn Williams who attended almost every meeting and was very proactive in getting issues resolved. Our Bus Bartons – There was a meeting with 3 representatives of Our Bus Bartons including the Chairman. They are investigating how they can revise routes to incorporate the Barfords. They would not expect a contribution from the Parish Council initially as they would have to test demand and viability of providing a service. They would like to bring one of the two busses to the village to raise awareness, probably on a Barford Market day. They advertised a Christmas Shopping trip to Bicester from the Barfords at the last village market but there were no takers.
17/153 17/153/1	Finance: Payments - The Clerk sought approval to pay cheques totalling £598.20 This was proposed by Cllr Rodney Hobbs and seconded by Cllr Chris Charman.
17/154 17/154/1 17/154/2 17/154/3 17/154/4	Any Other Business: Work on The Green – The proposed date for carrying out the work is the last weekend in March. May Elections – A note will be placed in the Barford News. Cllr Lisa Styles is not standing. Allotment rents – It was confirmed that there is no increase. Christmas Lunch - Cllr. Sandi Turner thanked Cllr Sarah Best and everyone else who helped.

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

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.03pm

Signed by Chairman.....*Rodney E. Hobbs*

Date.....*3 January 2018*