

**Barford St John & St Michael Parish Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.30pm in Barford Village Hall**

**The meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

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

**Apologies for absence:** County Cllr Fatemian

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| 18/028   | <b>Declarations of Interest:</b> None   |
| 18/029   | <b>Minutes of the last meeting:</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the meeting held on 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2018 were a true and accurate record. Proposed Cllr Hobbs, seconded Cllr Best.  |
| 18/030   | <b>Matters arising from the minutes:</b> None   |
| 18/031<br>17/031/1<br>17/031/2<br>17/031/3<br>17/031/4<br>17/031/5 | <p><b>Clerk's Report:</b></p> <p><b>S137 Grants</b> – to date requests for grant applications have been received from the Village Hall, the Parochial Church Council and the Deddington Day Centre.</p> <p><b>Broken Style at end of Horn Hill</b> – OCC has been requested to contact the landowner to repair the Style.</p> <p><b>Cherwell Parish Liaison Meeting</b> – Advance notice of date of next meetings are 6<sup>th</sup> June and 7<sup>th</sup> November. Invitations will be sent out nearer the time but CDC has asked to be advised of any topics that PC would like discussed.</p> <p><b>Letter from Liz Harvey, Ledbury Town Council</b> – OALC has advised that the matter was due to be heard in court on 1<sup>st</sup> March but was postponed. As it is sub judice they do not wish to comment currently but hope to give a considered response shortly.</p> <p><b>Our Bus Bartons</b> – has been emailed to remind them that they advised that they would bring a bus to the Barfords on market Day and review their routes to see if they could include the Barfords on a trial basis.</p>   |
| 18/032   | <b>Correspondence:</b> None   |
| 18/033   | <b>Public Participation:</b> None   |
| 18/034   | <b>County Councillor's Report:</b> None   |
| 18/035<br>18/035/1<br>18/035/2<br>18/035/3<br>18/035/4             | <p><b>District Councillors Report:</b></p> <p><b>Council Tax – 2018/19</b> - CDC agreed at February's full council meeting that the District's proportion of Council Tax should remain unchanged for the ninth successive year.</p> <p><b>Partial Review of the Local Plan 2011-2031 Oxford's Unmet Housing Needs</b> There was a lively and passionate debate at February's council meeting, mainly from Kidlington Councillors as their and the surrounding villages is the area designated as most suitable for Oxford's unmet housing needs. It was eventually voted through but there were 17 votes against and 2 abstentions.</p> <p><b>The Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal</b> – Once more a passionate debate ensued, however it was explained that if the Growth Deal which has already been passed by all other Oxfordshire district councils was not accepted by CDC it would jeopardise our own Local Plan and place further pressure on our rural villages. The Housing and Growth deal was voted through</p> <p><b>National Planning Policy Framework</b> - The consultation on the updated NPPF is now available to view and comment on from March 5<sup>th</sup> - May 10<sup>th</sup>.<br/> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/draft-revised-national-planning-policy-framework">https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/draft-revised-national-planning-policy-framework</a>.</p> |
| 18/036<br>18/036/1   | <p><b>Parish Matters:</b></p> <p><b>West Close Play Area</b> – The sub-committee advised that the village consultation meeting was held and the majority of attendees were in favour. Requests for a triangular net, toddler play items and zip wire are being considered. The majority of attendees agreed that fencing is needed to keep out dogs. The sub-committee will provide a report for the Barford News.</p>  |



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| 18/036/2<br>18/036/3<br><br>18/036/4                   | <p><b>Elections</b> – The clerk briefed the councillors on the forthcoming election process.</p> <p><b>Allotment Water</b> – A large bill has been received from Castle Water. This includes estimated water for January but water is turned off between October and May. A revised bill excluding this will be requested. It also appears that water usage includes water that was invoiced by Thames Water and paid to Thames Water. The clerk will investigate further and resolve with Castle Water.</p> <p><b>Maintenance of Seats and Notice Boards</b> – It was resolved that these require treatment with preservative and that the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award volunteer will be asked to do this</p> <p><b>Annual General Meeting</b> – This will be held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April.</p> |
| 18/037<br>18/037/1<br>18/037/2<br>18/037/3<br>18/037/4 | <p><b>Planning:</b></p> <p>Application 17/00429/TCA, Barford House, Prune Trees, Granted 08/01/2018.</p> <p>Application 17/02514/F, Buttermilk Farm, Alternative to 16/01116/F. Granted.</p> <p>Application 18/00028/TCA, Cottage Barn, prune tree. Granted 28/02/2018</p> <p>Application 17/02391/F, George Inn, Detached accommodation, Granted 9/02/2018</p>   |
| 18/037   | <b>Reports from Meetings:</b> None  |
| 18/038<br>18/026/1                                     | <p><b>Finance:</b></p> <p><b>Payments</b> - The Clerk sought approval to pay cheques totalling £340 This was proposed by Cllr Hobbs and seconded by Cllr Best.</p>  |
| 18/039   | <b>Any Other Business:</b> None   |

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.22 pm

Signed by Chairman.....

Date.....4.4.18.....