

**Barford St John & St Michael Parish Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 7.30pm in Barford Village Hall**

**The meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs Turner, Hobbs, Eden, Best, Cox, County Cllr Fatemian and Mr Best (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer).

**Apologies for absence:** District Cllr Williams, Cllr Charman

18/053	<b>Election of Chairman, Vice Chairman, RFO &amp; Village Hall Representatives</b> – Cllr Turner was re-elected as Chairman (proposed Cllr Hobbs, Seconded Cllr Cox), Cllr Hobbs was elected as Vice Chairman (proposed Cllr Cox, Seconded Cllr Best), David Best was re-elected as Responsible Financial Officer (Proposed Cllr Eden, Seconded Cllr Turner), Cllr Turner and Cllr Hobbs were re-elected as Village Hall Representatives (Proposed Cllr Eden, Seconded Cllr Cox).
18/054	<b>Declarations of Office</b> – Following the uncontested election on 3 <sup>rd</sup> May, all the nominees became Councillors and signed Declarations of Office. There is currently one Councillor vacancy which has been advertised in the Barford News.
18/055	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> None
18/056	<b>Minutes of the last meeting:</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the meeting held on 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2018 were a true and accurate record. Proposed Cllr Cox, seconded Cllr Best.
18/057	<b>Matters arising from the minutes:</b> None
18/058 18//058/1	<b>Clerk's Report:</b> <b>Allotment Water</b> – Castle Water has cancelled the last bill and will issue monthly bills based on the actual water usage from readings which will be submitted monthly by the Clerk. A Leak Allowance Claim is being considered by Castle Water (retailer) and Thames Water (wholesaler) following the repair of the leak from the stop cock by Thames Water.
18/059 18/059/1	<b>Correspondence:</b> <b>Road signs</b> – An email was received complaining about the temporary uneven road surface signs and speed limit signs in the village which is a conservation area. The Clerk replied that the uneven road surface signs will be removed when the potholes have been filled in The Rock and that the speed monitoring organised by the Parish Council following complaints about speeding had confirmed that a large percentage of cars speed through the villages and that there were no plans for the signs to be removed.
18/059/2	An email was received advising that the hedge along the road from the bridge to lower street is very overgrown and obstructs the view when turning out of Lower Street. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the owners asking them to trim it.
18/060	<b>Public Participation:</b> Two Parishioners attended the meeting to discuss wide vehicles driving over gardens in Lower Street when cars are parked which narrows the road. It was resolved that the Parish Council will put up a sign warning people parking that their cars may be damaged and ask The George to put up a sign advising that there is a car park at the rear of the pub. The situation will be monitored.
18/061	<b>County Councillor's Report:</b> County Councillor Fatemian advised that he has been allocated a fund of £15,000 for the Parish Councils that he is responsible for. The Parish Council will submit a request for a grant towards the Play Area that will be built on West Close.
18/062	<b>District Councillors Report:</b> None
18/063 18/063/1	<b>Parish Matters:</b> <b>S137 Grants</b> – Grants were agreed as follows: £750 to the Parochial Church Council, £1,250 to the Village Hall, £400 to Barford News and £100 to Deddington Day Centre.
18/063/2	<b>National Joint Council for Local Government (NJC) 2018-19 pay scales for Clerks</b> – It was agreed to award the Clerk the recommended pay increase.
18/064 18/064/1	<b>Planning:</b> Application 18/00087/TCA, Staddlestones, Prune trees, Granted by CDC.

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