

Barford St John & St Michael Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 2nd October 2019 at 7.30pm in Barford Village Hall

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Turner, Eden, Charman, Cox, Best, District Cllr Williams, County Cllr Fatemian, Mr Best, (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer) and two members of the public.

Apologies for absence: Cllr Hobbs

19/054	Declarations of Interest: None
19/055	Minutes of the last meeting: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 4 th September 2019 were a true and accurate record (unanimous)
19/056	Matters arising from the minutes: None
19/057 19/057/1 19/057/2 19/057/3 19/057/4 19/057/5 19/057/6 19/057/7 19/057/8 19/057/9 19/057/10 19/057/11 19/057/12 19/057/13 19/057/14	<p>Clerk's Report:</p> <p>Moss removal in Robins Close – Herbicide was applied to the kerbs in Robins Close, Broad Close, Bishops Close, the paths from Lower Street and Horn Hill to West Close, the steps to West Close and vehicle access to West close on 2nd September and to the pavement in Robins Close on 2nd October..</p> <p>Grass Cutting Contract – Thomas Fox has completed all the contractual cut but has asked if we would like any additional cuts which they could provisionally complete on 11th October and 25th October. It was agreed to decide in mid-October if the grass requires another cut</p> <p>Stonepit Field – Our solicitor has not heard from the Oxford Diocese solicitors so I have emailed the Oxford Diocese again to chase this up.</p> <p>Footpath sign for The Rock – This has been ordered but has not arrived yet.</p> <p>Footpath clearing –Beth Rutterford, OCC Footpaths Officer, has confirmed that OCC will clear the path through the woods on the footpath between Barford St John and Mill Lane. She has also confirmed that the two farmers who did not clear the crops on footpaths will receive letters reminding them of their obligation to clear them.</p> <p>Overgrown Bushes & Trees on Murreys Lane – Oxfordshire County Council has confirmed that they have scheduled the work to clear Murreys Lane.</p> <p>Tree obstructing the gateway on the hill out of Barford St John – A quote has been accepted from a tree surgeon to trim the lower branches. This work should be completed within 4 weeks.</p> <p>Oak Tree on the corner of Lower Street and Bloxham Road – A quote has been accepted from a tree surgeon to cut the lower branches which are overhanging and obstructing Lower Street</p> <p>Recycling Leaflets – These were distributed with the last edition of the Barford News.</p> <p>Hedge encroaching the footpath between Horn Hill and West Close – This has been pruned by the owners of the land running along the path.</p> <p>Hedge overhanging Bloxham Road from Lower Street to the bridge – This has been reported to OCC Highways.</p> <p>Lower Street sign - a replacement sign has been ordered from CDC.</p> <p>Fibre To The Premise (FTTP) Broadband in Barford St John – The infrastructure was completed on 19th September and the clerk has delivered a letter to all the residents confirming this together with details of how to order FTTP.</p> <p>CDC Community Grant for West Close Playing-field – CDC has requested completion of a form with details and photographs of the playground to confirm completion of the project. This is in process of completion.</p>
19/058	Correspondence: None
19/059 19/059/1	<p>Public Participation</p> <p>Additional Dog Bin – Tom & Jenny Greaves attended the meeting to question whether an additional dog bin is required in Barford St Michael. It was agreed to ask the owners of Mead Farm if they would like it installed at the end of Mead Road as the footpath between Mead Road and Mill Lane is used a lot by dog walkers. It will be stored for possible future use if it is not considered necessary at that location.</p>
19/060 19/060/1 19/060/2	<p>County Councillor's Report from Arash Fatemian:</p> <p>Blue Badges for Motorists – OCC has adopted the new criteria for badges</p> <p>Permits for road works – OCC has introduced a new scheme for contractors carrying out road</p>

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19/060/3	works. This will provide greater control. Climate Emergency – OCC has acknowledged that there is a climate emergency and is developing a response.
19/061	District Councillors Report from Bryn Williams: Horton General Hospital - The Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has published its papers concerning the review of obstetric maternity services at the Horton General Hospital. This does not affect A&E or other services at the Horton. Sadly, the recommendation to the board is that the current situation – a Midwife Led Unit (MLU) and obstetric provision only at the John Radcliffe site – should become permanent. The board are meeting to consider this recommendation on Thursday 26 September, and it is feared they are likely to accept it. The Horton HOSC will be meeting on Thursday evening (19 September) at 6.15pm in Banbury Town Hall. This will be well attended. Our MP, Victoria Prentis has spoken to Matt Hancock, the Health Minister to convey the district's disappointment and frustration at their decision, she is proposing to apply for a proportion of the Health Infrastructure Plan funds to enable the Horton to develop a plan for a new and/or improved facility, which could, in future possibly be used for maternity. The story in the Banbury Guardian can be found here: https://www.banburyguardian.co.uk/news/people/banbury-loses-its-battle-for-horton-maternity-1-9072316 Joint Working with OCC - The continuation of our separation with SNDC and the transition to joint working with OCC continues on schedule with a full separation from SNDC still scheduled for the summer of 2020 and 'Joint Working' with OCC in place by the same stage. Duns Tew Conservation Area – Re Appraisal - The Duns Tew Conservation Area re-Appraisal consultation was launched on 09/09/19. The document is available on the CDC website, CDC offices in Bodicote and at the Banbury Library, there is a public exhibition on Monday 16th September at CDC's Bodicote House which the public are most welcome to attend. Planning Overview - Each month as part of the joint performance, risk and finance Executive report there is a 'spotlight on' section which focuses on a theme or service provided by the Council, highlighting how this contributes to the delivery of the strategic priorities and the key achievements delivered to date. As this information might get lost in the report, the Leader of the Council, Councillor Wood has requested a quarterly pack of the service in focus section for both district and parish council's perusal. This month focuses on the Planning Service provided by CDC, always a popular if not controversial topic within the district.
19/062 19/062/1 19/062/2 19/062/3	Parish Matters: Woodland Trust tree planting campaign – The Woodland Trust is urging volunteers to support the campaign to stop the climate emergency. Local groups are being encouraged to run tree planting events, businesses are being urged to plant trees on their own premises and people without gardens or the means to plant their own trees are being encouraged to spot potential sites and ask the landowner for permission to plant. The Parish Council will be planting trees. According to the Committee on Climate Change the UK should have 1.5bn new trees by 2050 to meet the net zero carbon target. The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has said "Working with the Woodland Trust and other organisations, we want to encourage everyone to play a part and help us plant more trees. The creation of a Northern Forrester with 50m trees has commenced and two funds worth £60m have been set up. A new English Tree Strategy consultation will focus on how to accelerate woodland creation across the country." Spare Dog Bin location – This was covered under Public Participation. Reinforcement of the Village Green – Cllr Charman confirmed that he can borrow a digger to carry out this work and the clerk will contact the parishioner who has offered to source the material required.
19/063	Planning: 19/01900/TCA – The Nook, The Green, Barford St Michael – Fell two trees – On circulation.
19/064	Reports from Meetings: None
19/065 19/065/1	Finance: Payments - The Clerk sought approval for payments totalling £1,383.75. This was proposed by

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19/065/2	<p>Cllr Turner and seconded by Cllr Eden. The 2nd Precept instalment of £4,500 was received on 13th September and £5,000 was transferred from the current account to the deposit account. The total cash in the bank after the October payments is be £9,935.56.</p> <p>External Auditor's Report – This was received on 24th September and confirmed that “Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return is in accordance with the Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met”</p>
19/066 19/066/1 19/066/2 19/066/3 19/066/4	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>Pavement between Barford St John and Barford St Michael – There are some raised part of the concrete blocks making it difficult to walk at night when there is little light. This will be reported to OCC Highways.</p> <p>Stream along road between Barford St John and Barford St Michael – The stream and ditch is becoming overgrown. District Cllr Williams will report this to the Environment Agency.</p> <p>Allotment rents – These have been collected by Jeff Elliot and total £310.00.</p> <p>Untended allotments – It was agreed that the overgrown allotments will be trimmed with a flail topper.</p>

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Signed by Chairman.....

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