

Barford St John & St Michael Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 6th November 2019 at 7.30pm in Barford Village Hall

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

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

Apologies for absence: Cllr Best,

19/067	Declarations of Interest: None
19/068	Minutes of the last meeting: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 2 nd October 2019 were a true and accurate record (unanimous)
19/069	Matters arising from the minutes: None
19/070 19/070/1 19/070/2 19/070/3 19/070/4 19/070/5 19/070/6 19/070/7 19/070/8	<p>Clerk's Report:</p> <p>Moss removal in Robins Close – Herbicide was applied to the pavement in Robins Close earlier in the year, but Thomas Fox have now removed the moss from the pavement.</p> <p>Grass Cutting Contract – Thomas Fox completed an additional cut to West Close, the Churchyard and verges on 25th October.</p> <p>Stonepit Field – The Oxford Diocese are having a meeting with their solicitors today and are chasing the transfer document for Stonepit field.</p> <p>Footpath sign for The Rock – This will be fitted by the end of the week.</p> <p>Overgrown Bushes & Trees on Murreys Lane – Oxfordshire County Council has cleared back all the trees bushes and undergrowth.</p> <p>Tree obstructing the gateway on the hill out of Barford St John – The pruning will be carried out on 27th & 28th November.</p> <p>Oak Tree on the corner of Lower Street and Bloxham Road – The pruning will be carried out on 27th & 28th November.</p> <p>Fix My Street Super User – The clerk has been trained by OCC to authorise repairs to potholes in roads within the 30mph speed limit. The minimum size of the pothole must be 15cm x 4cm and at least 4cm deep.</p>
19/071	Correspondence: None
19/072	Public Participation: None
19/073	<p>County Councillor's Report from Arash Fatemian:</p> <p>Horton Hospital – This has been referred to The Secretary of State</p> <p>OCC Prepared for Brexit – OCC believes that it has made all necessary plans in the event of Brexit</p> <p>OALC Guidance on grants - The Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils has issued guidance on Parish Councils giving money to the Church.</p>
19/074	<p>District Councillors Report from Bryn Williams:</p> <p>Joint Working between CDC & OCC - The partnership continues to thrive and develop. It is worth noting that since the inception of the joint working partnership between the County Council and Cherwell District Council we have begun to develop a strong collaborative approach to seeking efficiencies through activities such as the sharing of senior posts, joint procurement, and shared services in areas such as human resources and ICT. These efficiencies are important as they help us reduce our running costs and overheads, getting the best value for money. But the partnership is also focused on effectiveness. And whilst reducing our running costs is clearly important, improving the effectiveness of our service delivery also offers a real prize as local people will experience the benefit in terms of the services they receive. We will also seek to address those issues that many Members experience when working across two local authorities. Posts currently shared are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Executive • Director of Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate Director: Customers and Organisational Development • Deputy Director: HR • Assistant Director: Social Care, Commissioning and Housing • Assistant Director for Regulatory Services and Community Safety • Head of Procurement and Contract Management • Corporate Director: Communities <p>In addition, shared posts are offering additional support and backfill on an interim basis in services such as communities and culture to ensure there is effective capacity and support to delivery in priority areas such as growth. In the next few months we will also seek to add three further senior joint posts to the leadership of both organisations. Corporate Director: Commercial Development, Property and Assets and Directors for Strategy and Communications and Customers and Digital. In addition to these joint posts a shared approach to emergency planning and business continuity has also been implemented. This has significant benefits for local residents with a single planned response in effect for emergencies and joined up training.</p>
<p>19/075 19/075/1</p> <p>19/075/2</p> <p>19/075/3</p>	<p>Parish Matters:</p> <p>Reinforcement of the Village Green – Mr R Palmer has confirmed that he is able to source the materials required to reinforce the edges of the Village Green. It was agreed that this work will be carried out in the spring.</p> <p>Barford Website compliance with Regulations for Public Sector Bodies’ Websites – Our website is currently not compliant and must be altered to be compliant by 23rd September 2020. The Clerk has asked the builder of the website to make the necessary changes.</p> <p>ICO Data Protection Fees – All Parish Councils are required to an annual fee the Information Commissioner’s Office. The payment of the fee was approved (unanimous).</p>
<p>19/076 19/076/1 19/076/2 19/076/3 19/076/4 19/076/5 19/076/6</p>	<p>Planning:</p> <p>19/01900/TCA – The Nook, The Green, Barford St Michael – Fell two trees – Granted</p> <p>19/02096/TCA – Stonehaven, Barford St Michael – Pune Maple – awaiting decision</p> <p>19/02105/TCA – Jackdaws, Barford St Michael – Prune & Fell trees - Granted</p> <p>19/02239/TCA – Stonehaven, Barford St Michael – Prune Willow – Granted</p> <p>19/02238/TCA – Lower St/ Bloxham Rd – Remove lower branches over road – Granted</p> <p>19/02449/TCA – Brambles, Lower Street - - Prune trees – returned to CDC with objections</p>
19/077	Reports from Meetings: None
<p>19/078 19/078/1</p>	<p>Finance:</p> <p>Payments - The Clerk sought approval for payments totalling £1,012.15. This was proposed by Cllr Eden and seconded by Cllr Turner. The cash in the bank after the November payments is £9,237.41</p>
<p>19/079 19/079/1</p> <p>19/079/2</p> <p>19/079/3 19/079/4 19/079/5</p>	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>Speeding down Murreys Lane – Cars have been observed speeding down Murreys Lane. This is dangerous for pedestrians, particularly at the two entrances to West Close. It has been suggested that a request could be made to highways to make it one way going uphill.</p> <p>Parking at the bottom of Murreys Lane and outside St Michaels Church – It has been noticed that cars are sometimes parked awkwardly which makes them difficult to pass. Parishioners are asked to park as considerately as possible.</p> <p>Christmas lights on The Green – These will be switched on on the 1st December.</p> <p>Climate Emergency – Cherwell District Council has declared a climate emergency.</p> <p>The George Car Park Sign – This has disappeared again. Cllr Charman agreed to call in to The George on his way home to ask them to put up a car parking sign again.</p>

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th December at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.32pm

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Signed by Chairman.....

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