

**Barford St John & St Michael Parish Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 7.30pm in Barford Village Hall**

**The meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

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

**Apologies for absence:** Cllr Hobbs, District Cllr Williams, County Cllr Fatemian

<b>19/080</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> None
<b>19/081</b>	<b>Minutes of the last meeting:</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the meeting held on 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2019 were a true and accurate record (unanimous)
<b>19/082</b>	<b>Matters arising from the minutes:</b> None
<b>19/083</b> 19/083/1 19/083/2 19/083/3 19/083/4 19/083/5 19/083/6 19/083/7	<p><b>Clerk's Report:</b></p> <p><b>Stonepit Field</b> – The Oxford Diocese has not responded about the change of ownership of Stonepit field, so the clerk has emailed them again.</p> <p><b>Footpath sign for The Rock</b> – This will be fitted tomorrow.</p> <p><b>Tree obstructing the gateway on the hill out of Barford St John</b> – The pruning was carried out 28<sup>th</sup> November.</p> <p><b>Oak Tree on the corner of Lower Street and Bloxham Road</b> – The pruning was carried out on 27<sup>th</sup> November.</p> <p><b>Donating money to the Church</b> – Although the Local Government Act of 1894 prohibits councils involvement in property relating to the affairs of the church e.g. the maintenance or improvement of buildings or land or contributing to costs it is possible that it is overridden by subsequent legislation. There is no case law to resolve this question. NALC recommends that a council should consider whether it is prudent to take a course of action which it cannot be certain is legally valid.</p> <p><b>Barford Website compliance with Regulations for Public Sector Bodies' Websites</b> – Emma Best has not responded to the email asking her to ensure that the village website complies with the new regulations so the Clerk will telephone her.</p> <p><b>ICO Data Protection Fees</b> – Registration with the ICO has been completed and the Direct Debit mandate sent to them for the fee. There is a £5 reduction to the £40 fee if paid by direct debit.</p>
<b>19/084</b>	<b>Correspondence:</b> None
<b>19/085</b>	<b>Public Participation:</b> None
<b>19/086</b>	<b>County Councillor's Report from Arash Fatemian:</b> None
<b>19/087</b>	<b>District Councillors Report from Bryn Williams:</b> None
<b>19/088</b>	<p><b>Parish Matters:</b></p> <p><b>Christmas Lights on The Green</b> – The batteries have been charged up and they will be connected in the next few days.</p>
<b>19/089</b> 19/089/1 19/089/2	<p><b>Planning:</b></p> <p>19/02567/F – 3 Old Council House, Townsend – Extension – returned to CDC with no objections</p> <p>19/02593/F – 7 Bishops Close – Loft conversion – returned to CDC with no objections</p>
<b>19/090</b>	<b>Reports from Meetings:</b> None
<b>19/091</b> 19/091/1 19/091/2	<p><b>Finance:</b></p> <p><b>Payments</b> - The Clerk sought approval for payments totalling £332.26. This was proposed by Cllr Eden and seconded by Cllr Turner. The cash in the bank after the November payments is £8,871.37</p> <p><b>2020-21 Budget</b> – The budget was reviewed and agreed (unanimous).</p>
<b>19/092</b> 19/092/1	<p><b>Any Other Business:</b></p> <p><b>Additional Oak Trees</b> – A parishioner has offered additional oak trees for planting around the parish. The planting of the trees will take place in March.</p>

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19/092/2	<b>Stones fallen from the wall in The Rock</b> – The clerk will chase OCC Highways to repair this.
19/092/3	<b>The George Car Park sign</b> – his will be fixed to the wall as it keeps falling down.
19/092/4	<b>Entrance to Rock Close</b> – It was agreed that the clerk will ask OCC Highways to replace the Caution Hidden Entrance sign.
19/092/5	<b>Message in a bottle</b> – It was agreed that the scheme will be promoted by putting details in the Barford News

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.24pm

Signed by Chairman.....

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