

Barford St John & St Michael Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 5th February 2020 at 7.30pm in Barford Village Hall

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Turner, Hobbs, Eden, Charman Cox, Best, District Cllr Williams, Mr Best, (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer) and one member of the public.

Apologies for absence: County Cllr Fatemian

19/093	Declarations of Interest: None
19/094	Minutes of the last meeting: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 4 th December 2019 were a true and accurate record (unanimous)
19/095	Matters arising from the minutes: None
19/096 19/096/1	Clerk's Report: Stonepit Field – The Oxford Diocese solicitors have sent the transfer documents to our solicitor.
19/097	Correspondence: Traffic coming out of the Barford St John Airbase – Correspondence was received expressing concerns about vehicles driven by US citizens leaving the airbase following issues at the Croughton Airbase. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the US Airforce to ask what action can be taken to ensure vehicles exiting the Airfield drive on the correct side of the road.
19/098	Public Participation: Climate Emergency – A member of the public attended the meeting to talk about the climate emergency and ask for the Parish Council's support. The Parish Council agreed to support all village initiatives to counter climate change and allocate time at the Annual Parish meeting for a talk, general discussion and opportunity for attendees to come up with ideas on initiative to mitigate the effects of climate change.
19/099	County Councillor's Report from Arash Fatemian: None
19/100 19/100/1	District Councillors Report from Bryn Williams: CDC integration with OCC efficiency improvements and cost savings on housing: Extra Care Housing – a housing providers event was jointly organised and held on 28/11/19 at CDC and was attended by 9 housing providers and all districts/city Housing Enabling Teams. This was used to present OCC's market position statement and supplementary document on ECH. The outcomes were: greater understanding among providers about the demand for ECH in Oxfordshire and the county council's intentions and increased interest among some providers to develop schemes in Oxfordshire including on earmarked sites in Cherwell. The event also contributed to the debate about what CDC's policy on ECH should be in the new Local Plan due for completion in 2022. ECH – the panel for allocating extra care housing in Cherwell has been re-launched with new terms of reference and to reflect new Adult Social Care area team structures (with representation from the North and East area teams). There is now one panel for all 6 schemes in CDC in order to improve coordination and manage total demand against vacancies. OCC has recruited a two year Care Brokerage post which will assist Adult Social Care to better access ECH placements across the county and reduce void times. Persistent voids in shared ownership units at one scheme in Cherwell are now being tackled with the housing provider and intervention by OCC/CDC Housing Team Tackling Homelessness – The Relief Plus protocol continues to be implemented between CDC and OCC. This initiative provides vulnerable families that would be likely to be found 'intentionally homeless' diversion away from that decision by offering an extended period in temporary accommodation with support from Children's Services and Housing together. We have had success with several families who have been able to work towards becoming tenancy-ready and accepted in to settled accommodation through the housing register Commissioning of Young People's Accommodation Services – this is led by OCC with all districts/city now contributing to the pooled budget that is being used to commission new services with new contracts starting 1/10/20. While this is not specific to the OCC/CDC partnership CDC Housing Team has strongly supported district council contributions and the move to a model of smaller clustered accommodation units rather than larger hostels. At CDC we are talking to partners about how we

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	<p>could potentially re-purpose any decommissioned provision to meet other housing needs. A county-wide homelessness strategy for rough sleeping and single homelessness that delivers systems change - this strategy will put the person who is at risk of or experiencing homelessness at the centre of how the system is designed and how services are delivered. It will inform the re-commissioning of the existing Adult Homeless Pathway through a new needs assessment and complete system redesign. CDC secured part of the funding for the county-wide systems change post, through a bid to MHCLG on behalf of the 6 council partnership. James Pickering took up the role in October 2019.</p> <p>Help for potential foster carers and family/friends ('kinship') carers. The OCC/CDC protocol for assisting potential and family carers to move to a more suitable/bigger property in order to fulfil caring responsibilities has been in place for a number of months. We have reviewed the priority given to foster carers in CDC's Allocations Scheme. We are working on 8 cases across the county referred to us by the Fostering Team (1 of which is in CDC) where foster carers need alternative housing & the protocol is now being translated to other districts.</p> <p>Keyworker Housing – this work passed across to Housing in December and will be re-scoped to prioritise the actions to be taken. CDC led the production of a Keyworker Accommodation Guide which sets out housing options for workers in essential services (e.g. care and health) who are struggling to find affordable accommodation in Oxfordshire. The guide is available on OCC and CDC websites and will be marketed through events. Research into barriers faced by keyworkers is being collated and will inform a partnership event to be held in Oxford on 2nd March 2020.</p> <p>OCC/CDC Joint Commissioning of Debt and Money Advice Services – we are running one commissioning process for the provision of debt and money advice in Cherwell and specialist advice services to vulnerable people across the county. A composite needs assessment is being prepared and providers will see one process with lots covering other facets of the service. There is a saving in commissioning time and back-office support to the process.</p> <p>More help for older people and vulnerable people on health and housing issues – we are working on proposals of how we could identify and reach more older and disabled people living in poor quality or cold homes, by working with adult social care and health to reach more people. Part of this is a project that CDC has secured funding for through MHCLG's private rented sector (PRS) enforcement fund. This will help us to identify what datasets and intelligence are available to identify people in poor quality PRS accommodation and recommend what interventions we can take help them improve the standard of their property.</p> <p>In December the County Council delegated powers to enable Cherwell District Council to carry out enforcement of Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) provisions under The Energy Performance of Buildings (England and Wales) Regulations 2012. This enables the CDC Housing Standards team to add EPC enforcement to the range of powers we already have at our disposal to improve the standard of housing in the private rented sector.</p>
19/100/2	<p>Syrian Refugee Support Provider - Commissioning arrangements are under way to secure support services for the new Global Refugee Scheme from April 2020. In terms of the current Syrian VPR Scheme, family 11 will arrive soon. Family 12 will arrive in February/March 2020 and a property is being secured for them. We are already positively working with private landlords to secure properties in advance for the new scheme from April. An event has been organised for 20/3/20 to celebrate the outcomes of the scheme to date.</p>
19/100/2	<p>Grand Designs - Channel 4 have commissioned a second series to chart the progress of families building their dream homes at Graven Hill. The feedback and response to the first series was immensely positive with valuable publicity and increase in sales. Whilst the housing sector has slowed due to Brexit, it is now increasing again now that the exit has finally occurred.</p>
19/101 19/010/1 19/101/2	<p>Parish Matters:</p> <p>Reinforcement of The Green – This will be carried out when the weather improves.</p> <p>Planting of Oak trees along Netherworton Road – This will be carried out at the beginning of March.</p>
19/102 19/102/1 19/102/2 19/102/3	<p>Planning:</p> <p>19/02593/F – 7 Bishops Close – Loft conversion – Permission granted by CDC</p> <p>19/02675/F – Village Hall – New external doors – Permission granted by CDC</p> <p>19/02793/AGN – Springhill Farm – Erect new machinery shed – CDC Prior approval not required.</p>

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19/102/4	19/0862/F – Crown House – Extend garage – Parish Council supports application
19/103	Reports from Meetings: None
19/104 19/104/1	Finance: Payments - The Clerk sought approval for payments totalling £485.52. This was proposed by Cllr Eden and seconded by Cllr Turner. The cash in the bank after the November payments is £8,070.33
19/105 19/105/1	Any Other Business: Moss on pavement in Robins close – Moss is reported on the pavement. The Parish Council had it sprayed with herbicide and later had it scraped off. It was decided that no further action could be taken at the present time. Pruning of the bushes shading the pavement would help prevent moss growing.
19/105/2	Parking around The Green – Cars often park along the northern edge of the green which sometimes block the road. Parishioners throughout the village are asked to take care, be as considerate to other road users as possible and use garages and parking spaces on their property where possible.
19/105/3	Christmas Charity Tractor Run – This has raised nearly £1,000 so far and donations are still being received.
19/105/4	Making Murrays Lane One Way – One parishioner has expressed objections to this. All other parishioner correspondence and views have been positive towards this idea.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st April 2020 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.38pm

Signed by Chairman.....

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