

Barford St John & St Michael Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 2nd September 2020 at 7.30pm in Barford Village Hall

The virtual meeting commenced at 7.30pm using Zoom video conferencing

Present: Cllrs Turner, Hobbs, Eden, Cox, Best, Charman, Cosgrove, County Cllr Fatemian and Mr Best, (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer). No members of the public attended the meeting.

Apologies for absence: District Cllr Williams

20/039	Declarations of Interest: None
20/040	Minutes of the last meeting: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 1 st July 2020 were a true and accurate record (unanimous)
20/041	Matters arising from the minutes: None
20/042 20/029/1	Clerk's Report: Gates to West Close – The Clerk repaired the large gate at the bottom which had dropped on its hinges and re-attached the foot gate at the top of West Close
20/043	Correspondence: None
19/044	Public Participation: None
20/045	County Councillor's Report from Arash Fatemian: August is a quiet month for Council business and nothing to report.
20/046	District Councillors Report from Bryn Williams: Separate report circulated before the meeting.
20/047	Parish Matters: Children playing signs on Murreys Lane – Children have been observed running across Murreys Lane to and from West Close. The Clerk will ask OCC Highways about children playing signs and/or markings in the road. It was agreed that no request would be made to OCC highways at this time to make the road one way although all feedback to the suggestion had been positive apart from one parishioner. Incidents and near misses should be reported. Rectification of items identified in the Playsafety report – It was agreed that the Clerk would obtain quotes for remedial work. Pruning of Pyracanthas on Village Green – It was agreed that the quote from John Blackhall would be accepted to prune the Pyracanthas. Upgrading noticeboards outside the Village Hall and Townsend – It was agreed that the Clerk would obtain prices for new noticeboards to match the Parish Council ones as they are in a poor state of repair and it is difficult to stick pins in them. Allotments – It was agreed that the allotment rents would remain the same for the coming year. Mr Jeff Elliot would like to stand down as co-ordinator so the Parish Council will seek a volunteer. There is currently a waiting list for allotments so it was agreed that the three allotment holders who have not cultivated their allotments will not be issued a new agreement for the coming year. Chris Rees Shed proposals – Chris Rees had asked the Parish Council to support a planning application for a shed in his garden as Cherwell planning had advised him that there was only a 30% chance of approval. The enquiry has been passed to District Cllr Bryn Williams to check with Cherwell Planning.
20/048	Planning: 20/01056/F – Buttermilk Farm – variation of conditions – Permitted by CDC 3/07/2020 20/01081/DISC – Little Barford Mill – Discharge of conditions – Permitted by CDC 10/07/2020 20/01599/F – Crown House – extension – Support response sent to CDC by Parish Council 20/01538/TCA – Brambles, Lower Street – Fell Eucalyptus – Permitted 20/01646/TCA – Merriweather Cottage, High Street – Fell Conifer – Permitted
20/049	Reports from Meetings: None

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20/050	<p>Finance: Payments - The Clerk sought approval for payments totalling £8,526.28. This was agreed unanimously. £7,275.88 of this expenditure is for the Village Hall which will be repaid from a grant from Viridor.</p>
20/051	<p>Any Other Business: Walking up The Rock – Pedestrians have been observed walking up The Rock. This is extremely dangerous and is unnecessary as there is a footpath. It was agreed that a notice would be put in the Barford News. Village Hall reopening – It is hoped that the Village Hall will be reopened by the end of October. Bishops Close Street Sign – This is damaged, and it was agreed that the Clerk will report this to Cherwell District Council. Advertising on signs and posts – Advertising is being attached to signs and post around the villages. It was agreed that this would be removed. Trees overhanging the footpath from The Turnstiles – It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the owners and ask them to be trimmed. Land Registry of Village Hall – It was agreed that the Clerk would take the necessary steps to register the title. Mobile Post Office – The Clerk is liaising with The Post Office to try to organise a visit from a mobile Post Office for one hour, one day a week when the Post office at the Manor House closes.</p>

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th October 2020 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall if restrictions have been lifted or using Zoom if they are still in place.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.44pm

Signed by Chairman.....

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