

**Barford St John & St Michael Parish Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 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

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| <b>20/052</b>             | <b>Declarations of Interest:</b> None   |
| <b>20/053</b>             | <b>Minutes of the last meeting:</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the meeting held on 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2020 were a true and accurate record (unanimous)   |
| <b>20/054</b>             | <b>Matters arising from the minutes: None</b>   |
| <b>20/055</b><br>20/029/1 | <b>Clerk's Report:</b><br><b>Website Accessibility Standards</b> – Emma Best has carried out the necessary work to comply with the legislation that came into force on 23 <sup>rd</sup> September requiring public sector bodies to make websites accessible. It took her about half a day to read all the regulations and make the changes. She has done it for free, but it was agreed to send her a bunch of flowers.<br><b>Allotment Co-ordinator</b> – Paul Preece has volunteered to take over from Jeff Elliott as the allotment co-ordinator.<br><b>Mobile Post Office</b> – The post office in the Village Hall will commence as soon as the telephone line has been installed. It will operate for 1/12 hours per week. The proposed time is 2.45pm to 4.15pm every Thursday. It will be managed by Gordon Wrighton who is a Butcher and Postmaster in Fritwell. They will bring a selection of groceries (tea, bread, sugar etc..) and residents will also be able to order milk and meat. |
| <b>20/056</b>             | <b>Correspondence:</b><br>A letter has been received from the insurers of 4 Bishops Close informing the PC that there are cracks in the property advising that initial investigations indicate that it caused by trees in Murreys Lane. The Clerk has written back to them advising that the trees are the responsibility of Oxfordshire County Council as indicated on a map of adopted highways provided by Cherwell District Council.  |
| <b>19/057</b>             | <b>Public Participation: None</b>   |
| <b>20/058</b>             | <b>County Councillor's Report from Arash Fatemian:</b><br>The COVID-19 infection rates are very high and more severe local lockdown may be implemented soon. Cherwell is not far behind Oxford.   |
| <b>20/059</b>             | <b>District Councillors Report from Bryn Williams: None</b>   |
| <b>20/060</b>             | <b>Parish Matters:</b><br><b>Remembrance Day</b> – It was agreed that the Parish Council would place a wreath at the war memorial even if there is not a service and a donation of £50 would be made to The Royal British Legion.   |
| <b>20/061</b>             | <b>Planning:</b><br>20/01599/F – Crown House – extension – Permitted by CDC 30/09/2020<br>20/02500/TCA – Dyers Farm – Prune Trees – Parish Council support application.<br>20/02699/TCA – The Old Post Office – Prune Trees – Parish Council support application.<br>20/02554/CLUE – Buttermilk Cottage – Certificate of Lawfulness – Parish Council support.   |
| <b>20/062</b>             | <b>Reports from Meetings:</b><br>Cllr Peter Cosgrove attended an online training course run by OALC. OALC recommended Parish Councils have Standing Orders and a Neighbourhood Plan.  |

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| <b>20/063</b> | <p><b>Finance:</b><br/> <b>Payments</b> - The Clerk sought approval for payments totalling £7,705.41. This was agreed unanimously. £6,764.52 of this expenditure is for the Village Hall which will be repaid from a grant from Viridor.</p>   |
| <b>20/064</b> | <p><b>Any Other Business:</b><br/> <b>Flooding at the bridge</b> – This seems to be getting worse. It was agreed that The Environment Agency would be consulted about clearing the ditches and any other measures that might reduce the flooding<br/> <b>Closing of the Post Office</b> – It was agreed that a thank you letter and a bunch of flowers would be sent to Mrs Alt.<br/> <b>Dog attack</b> – A dog attacked another in the village recently injuring it badly. Both dogs were off the lead. Dog owners will be reminded that they are responsible for their dogs and must keep them under control.<br/> <b>Increase in horses walking through the village</b> – A Councillor noted that there have been more horses walking through the village and wondered if there was another horse centre in the villages.<br/> <b>Mud and Rocks in Murreys Lane</b> – Mud and rocks have been noticed on Murreys Lane. This will be monitored.<br/> <b>Village Hall</b> – It was noted that the Village Hall is looking fantastic. Hand sanitizers are being ordered and it is hoped that a market can be held on 21<sup>st</sup> November.</p> |

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 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 8.34pm

Signed by Chairman.....

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