

Barford St John & St Michael Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 4th November 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, District Cllr Williams and Mr Best, (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer). A member of the public attended the meeting.

Apologies for absence: County Cllr Fatemian

20/052	Declarations of Interest: None
20/053	Minutes of the last meeting: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 7 th October 2020 were a true and accurate record (unanimous)
20/054	Matters arising from the minutes: None
20/055 20/029/1	Clerk's Report: Mobile Post Office – The telephone line for the post office in the Village Hall has been ordered but there is no news on when it will be installed. Footpath Bridge broken in Barford St John – A broken bridge on a footpath near Wooden Hill Farm in Barford St John has been reported to Oxfordshire County Council.
20/056	Correspondence: None
19/057	Public Participation: Mr Richard Warner advised that a revised planning application for Mead Farm is being submitted following the withdrawal of the original application earlier this year. Two agricultural buildings have been omitted, the stables for 12 horses and the menage have been retained in the new application. Mr Warner advised that he had spoken to OCC Highways who advised him that they had received no reports of accidents in the last 15 years and now support the application. Part of the farm is being sold. Mead Farm will no longer have use of the current stables and a hay barn after March 2021. The existing menage will be used as a parking area. The floodlights of the existing menage will be moved to the new one but will not be used after 8pm. Councillor Rodney Hobbs asked what will happen to the existing stables. Mr Richard Warner advised that he is no longer party to those arrangements, but they are being sold with Mead Farmhouse. Cllr Sandi Turner asked if there would be any competitions held. Mr Richard Warner advised that no competitions will be held, it is just DIY stabling/livery. Cllr Ray Cox asked if traffic along Mead Road would increase. Mr Richard Warner advised that there will be no increase. They are currently using 12 or so stables and they will be building 12 more. Cllr Sandi Turner thanked Mr Richard Warner for advising the Parish Council in advance and confirmed that the plans would be reviewed when they are issued by Cherwell Planning. Mr Richard Warner advised the Councillors that they were welcome to visit the site and asked Councillors to contact him if they had any more questions.
20/058	County Councillor's Report from Arash Fatemian: None
20/059	District Councillors Report from Bryn Williams: Presented his report.
20/060	Parish Matters: Security – Mr Jim Holmes has provided security recommendations to householders which will be published in The December issue of the Barford News. He would also be happy to give a talk on improving house security. Pyracanthas on The Green – This has been pruned as much as it can. Further pruning would require a chain saw. Village Green Mowing – Mr Bernard Lane has confirmed that he is giving up mowing the Village Green. The Parish Council is extremely grateful to Mr Lane and it was agreed that a gift will be presented to him with a letter of thanks.

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	Christmas Lights on The Green – These will be switched on from 1 st December.
20/061	Planning: 20/01599/F – Ayot Croft – retrospective permission for garden buildings – Parish Council supports but has concerns with the noise that has been reported by neighbours. 20/02858/CLUE – Thimblefields – Certificate of Lawfulness – Parish Council supports.
20/062	Reports from Meetings:
20/063	Finance: Payments - The Clerk sought approval for payments totalling £7486.75. This was agreed unanimously. £6,535.39 of this expenditure is for the Village Hall which will be repaid from a grant from Viridor.
20/064	Any Other Business: Broken Gate Post on Footpath from the Church – This has been reported to OCC. Dog Bin opposite the Church – The post has rotted, and it is leaning. District Cllr Bryn Williams will see if Cherwell District Council will repair this. Flooding at the bridge – District Cllr Bryn Williams will contact the Environment Agency to check if any remedial action can be taken such as dredging the Swere or clearing the ditches to improve the flow and reduce flooding. The raised footpath has been damaged by the flooding. Bottle Bank – Alternative locations for bottle banks were discussed as the Post Office has closed. Summer Ley was considered the most suitable. Cllr Ray Cox will ask the Whats App Zone Captains for suggestions. Damaged footbridge on footpath from Horn Hill – The Clerk will report this to OCC. Salt Bins – The Clerk has reported the levels of salt in the bins for OCC to top them up.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd December 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 8.45pm

Signed by Chairman.....

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