

Barford St John & St Michael Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 3rd February 2021 at 7.30pm in Barford Village Hall

The virtual meeting commenced at 7.30pm using Zoom video conferencing

Present: Cllrs Turner, Hobbs, Cox, Best, Charman, Cosgrove, District Cllr Williams, and Mr Best, (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer). Two members of the public attended the meeting.

Apologies for absence: Cllr Eden, County Cllr Fatemian

21/001	Declarations of Interest: Cllr Best on agenda item 10b (Mead Farm planning)
21/002	Minutes of the last meeting: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 2 nd December 2020 were a true and accurate record (unanimous)
21/003	Matters arising from the minutes: None
21/004 21/004//1 21/004/2 21/004/3 21/004/4	Clerk's Report: Mobile Post Office – BT has advised the Post Office that there are no available ADSL lines at the Deddington Exchange. This is preventing Post Office services from being provided. The Post Office has asked permission to install a mobile phone receiving aerial on the Village Hall so that the Post Office services can be offered. It was agreed that the Post Office will be given permission to install an aerial. Planning permission is not required if the aerial is less than 1 metre long. Damaged wall in The Rock – The Clerk contacted Oxfordshire County Council Highways who has removed the cones and plastic fence but not repaired the wall. It was agreed that the clerk will contact them again to request the repair work. Gate on footpath leading out of the Churchyard – The Clerk has repaired the gatepost. The OCC footpaths officer is checking if there is a spare 6 inch square gatepost that can be supplied to replace it Christmas Tree Lights on The Green – The timer and plugs were replaced on the Christmas tree lights but some of the LEDs have failed and it was agreed that replacement lights will be purchased.
21/005	Correspondence: None
21/006 21/006/1 21/006/2 21/006/3	Public Participation Bottle Bank location – Two residents living near Summer Ley attended the meeting to explain their objections to the siting of a bottle bank there. It was agreed that a bottle bank will not be located in the village unless residents are happy with the location. District Councillor Bryn Williams advised that Cherwell District Council had advised him that there had been a marked increase in use of the Deddington Bottle Bank which was being emptied more frequently and that they were happy to locate one in Barford St Michael if a suitable location could be found. 20's Plenty signs on the High Street – A resident requested that additional signs are located at either end of The Rock as the Rock Close junction is dangerous when cars exceed the speed limit. It was agreed that the current signs would be moved there temporarily to see if it made a difference. Pavement between Rock Close and Lower Street – A resident asked if a footpath could be built but it was decided that the verge was flat here and there are no plans to install one currently.
21/007	County Councillor's Report from Arash Fatemian: None
21/008	District Councillors Report from Bryn Williams: District Councillor Bryn Williams circulated a detailed report to all Councillors prior to the meeting. This will be displayed in the Parish Council noticeboard.
21/009 21/009/1 21/009/2 21/009/3	Parish Matters: Footpath sign at the top of The Rock footpath – A resident has suggested that a sign should be placed at the top of The Rock as lots of pedestrians and joggers are using the road which is dangerous rather than the footpath. It was agreed that a suitable location would be investigated. Grass cutting quote – Thomas Fox has offered to hold the prices for grass cutting and it was agreed to accept this. Gaps in hedge in West Close – It was agreed fill the gaps in the hedge on the Murreys Lane edge of West Close.

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21/009/4	Wall by road at Hillside, Barford St John – Some residents have complained about the wall that has been built at Hillside which goes right to the edge of the road advising that it could be dangerous if cars coming from both directions try to pass there. It was agreed that the Clerk would check regulations for walls near roads with OCC Highways.
21/010 21/010/1 21/010/2 21/010/3	Planning: 20/02682/F – Ayot Croft – Cherwell Planning decision – Permitted on 22/12/2020. 20/02828/CLUE – Thimblefields – Cherwell Planning decision – Permitted on 22/01/2021. 20/03384/F – Applea Banks– Cherwell Planning decision – Permitted on 03/02/2021.
21/011	Reports from Meetings: None
21/012	Finance: Payments - The Clerk sought approval for payments totalling £492.29. This was agreed unanimously.
21/013	Any Other Business: Condition of Footpath from the bridge to Barford St John – It was agreed that the Clerk will request Oxfordshire County Council Highways to repair the gaps and holes in the concrete path. Some soil has been eroded by the flooding.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd March 2021 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 8.49pm

Signed by Chairman.....

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