

Barford St John & St Michael Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 7th April 2021 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). Two members of the public attended the meeting.

Apologies for absence: County Cllr Fatemian

21/027	Declarations of Interest:
21/028	Minutes of the last meeting: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 3 rd March 2021 were a true and accurate record (unanimous)
21/029	Matters arising from the minutes: None
21/030 21/030/1	Public Participation: S137 Grants – Grant application had been received from Barford News, West Close Playground Management Committee and the Parochial Church Council and had been circulated prior to the meeting. Representative attended from the Barford News and Parochial Church Council to present their applications. The decision on grant awards will be made in the May meeting.
21/031 21/031/1 21/031/2 21/031/3 21/031/4 21/031/5 21/031/6	Clerk's Report: Footpath Gatepost – Oxfordshire County Council has delivered the replacement gate post for the footpath from the churchyard. This will be fitted to replace the temporary repair. Grass Cutting Contract – Although this starts in April, Thomas Fox had completed the first cut in March before the areas where mowing will be delayed to encourage wild flowers had been marked. These have now been marked. 20's Plenty Signs – These have arrived and will be placed on the Hempton Rd coming into the village and before The Rock at the Lower Street junction. Unity Trust Bank – The Clerk attended a video conference presentation from the Unity Trust Bank. A lot of Councils are moving over to this bank, but it was decided to remain with Barclays as The Unity Trust Bank charge a monthly fee. Wall outside Hillside – This has been moved back from the edge of the road although Highways had advised the owner that it was not necessary to make any changes to it. Annual Parish Meeting – This will be held between 21 st June when the limits on social gatherings are scrapped and 30 th June. The date is to be decided.
21/032 21/032/1	Correspondence: Traffic in Horn Hill – A resident of Horn Hill had written to complain about vehicles speeding along Horn Hill and parking at the entrance making it dangerous when turning out. It was decided to evaluate the effects of the two new 20's Plenty signs before putting up more. Parking at the entrance will be monitored and reported to the Police if it persists. Nuisance from building work – A resident had copied the Parish Council on an email to builders working on a house in the village asking them to reduce music noise and dust.
21/033	County Councillor's Report from Arash Fatemian: None.
21/034	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.
21/035 21/035/1 21/035/2	Parish Matters: Fence & Hedge along Murreys Lane boundary of West Close – The rope and signs appear to have stopped children sliding down the bank and into Murreys Lane. Children have been seen running straight across the road at the top of Murreys Lane without checking for traffic so it was agreed to reinstate the kissing gate. Parents are requested to ask their children to be careful. A dead tree leaning across the road will be investigated. A resident has kindly cleared the refuges along Murreys Lane but would like help with further clearance. Councillor Ray Cox will investigate. Village Hall Broadband – Broadband is required in the Village Hall for full Post Office services to be provided. This will also facilitate renting out the Village Hall. It was agreed that the Parish Council will pay for the installation charge, but the Village Hall Management Committee will pay

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21/035/3	the monthly charge. Village Hall Noticeboard – The Village Hall Management Committee has asked the Parish Council to pay for a new noticeboard. Prices have been obtained from the same supplier as the Parish Council noticeboards. These will be circulated to the Management Committee but no decision was taken on whether the Parish Council will contribute to the cost.
21/036 21/036/1 21/036/2 21/036/3 21/036/4 21/036/5	Planning: 20/02917/F – Mead Farm Barn – Permitted 29/03/21. 20/03348/F & 20/03537/LB – Turnstile House – Permitted 10/03/21 20/03629/F – 2 Red Roofs – Permitted 22/03/21 21/00600/TCA – Farthings – Permitted 21/00480/F – 1 Redroofs – Parish Council support.
21/037	Reports from Meetings: None
21/038	Finance: Payments - The Clerk sought approval for payments totalling £2,473.86. This included £1,697.00 expenditure for the Village Hall. This was agreed unanimously.
21/039 21/039/1 21/039/2 21/039/3	Any Other Business: Seats around the villages – It was agreed that Cllr Ray Cox would inspect them and check if any treatment is required. Trustee Meeting with the Village Hall – It was agreed that a meeting was required. Bottle Bank – It was reported that no suitable sites have been located around the village. Cherwell District Council have provided 2 further bins in the layby at Deddington.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th May 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 9.09pm

Signed by Chairman.....

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