

Barford St John & St Michael Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 5th May 2021 at 7.30pm in Barford Village Hall

The virtual meeting commenced at 7.30pm using Zoom video conferencing

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

Apologies for absence: Cllr Cox, County Cllr Fatemian

21/040	<p>Elections: Cllr Sandi Turner was elected Chairman Cllr Rodney Hobbs was elected Vice Chairman David Best was elected Responsible Financial Officer Cllrs Sandi Turner and Rodney Hobbs were elected Village Hall Trustees</p>
21/041	<p>Declarations of Interest: None</p>
21/042	<p>Minutes of the last meeting: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th April 2021 were a true and accurate record (unanimous)</p>
21/043	<p>Matters arising from the minutes: None</p>
21/044	<p>Public Participation: West Close Kissing Gate – A parishioner joined the meeting asking if the kissing gate to West Close at the top of Murreys lane could be modified to allow pushchairs and children with bikes to have access to West Close. Various modifications/ alternatives were discussed. It was agreed that it would be modified to allow pushchair and bike access but discourage propping it open permanently.</p>
21/045 21/045/1 21/045/2 21/045/3 21/045/4 21/045/5 21/045/6 21/045/7 21/045/8 21/045/9	<p>Clerk's Report: Village Hall Broadband – Fibre to the Premise broadband was installed in the Village Hall on 13th April to enable Post Office services to be offered every Thursday afternoon and facilitate the rental of the hall. Post Office Services – Full Post Office services should be available from 13th May after the Post Office equipment has been modified. Water Main leak in Lower Street – The water main fractured 20 metres from the last fracture. This was reported to Thames Water and repaired within a few days. 20's Plenty signs – additional signs were placed on the Hempton Rd entrance to Barford St Michael and before Rock close near Lower Street. Allotment - A new resident of Barford St John has taken on a vacant allotment. Allotment Water – This was turned on and a leaking tap replaced. No mow areas – The no mow areas in West Close and at the bottom of Murreys Lane were marked for Thomas Fox Landscaping who cut the grass. Murreys Lane refuge areas – These have been cleared by Cllr Ray Cox Benches – These have been inspected by Cllr Ray Cox</p>
21/046 21/046/1	<p>Correspondence: Kissing Gate and West Close Boundary – A parishioner emailed about the kissing gate and the West Close boundary. The kissing gate is covered in Public Participation and the West Close Boundary is covered in Parish Matters.</p>
21/047	<p>County Councillor's Report from Arash Fatemian: None.</p>
21/048	<p>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.</p>
21/049 21/049/1	<p>Parish Matters: Fence & Hedge along Murreys Lane boundary of West Close – This had been marked off as children had been seen sliding down the bank into the road but a resident asked if it could be opened up again so that children can make dens. It was agreed that the West Close Play Area Committee will be consulted on how to make this area safe.</p>

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21/049/2	Reinforcement of Village Green –It was agreed that this work could not be completed currently with the increased traffic due to the bridge closure and as the surplus soil is going to be taken to a field in Barford St John.
21/049/3	Date for Annual Meeting – The date of the Annual Parish Meeting will be Wednesday 23 rd June. It was agreed to ask Linda Newberry if she would like to give a talk and also, possibly the Hook Norton Low carbon Group.
21/049/4	Village Litter Pick – It was agreed that there would not be a litter pick this year as it is later due to COVID and the verges will have grown up making it difficult to see the litter.
21/049/5	S137 Grants – It was agreed to give a grant of £1,000 to the Parochial Church Council, £700 to the Barford News and £100 to the West Close Play Area Committee to cover cleaning of the play equipment by Thomas Fox.
21/049/6	Annual Governance Statement – The Annual Governance Statement which had been circulated prior to the meeting was agreed.
21/049/7	Accounts – The Accounts and the Annual Return Accounting Statements which had been circulated prior to the meeting were agreed.
21/050 21/050/1 21/050/2 21/050/3 21/050/4	Planning: 21/01175/TCA – Thimble Hall – Parish Council support. 21/00931/F – Crown House – Parish Council support. 21/00566/F – Thimblefields – Parish Council support 21/01097/F – 10 Broad Close – Parish Council support
21/051	Reports from Meetings: None
21/052	Finance: Payments - The Clerk gained approval for payments totalling £1,404.55
21/053	Any Other Business: None

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd June 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.
The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 23rd June 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.24pm

Signed by Chairman.....

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