

# Barford St John & St Michael Parish Council Meeting

## Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 7.30pm in Barford Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs Turner, Eden, Cox, Best, and Mr Best, (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. No members of the public attended the meeting.

**Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Charman, Cosgrove, Hobbs, District Cllr Williams and County Cllr Fatemian

<b>21/054</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> None
<b>21/055</b>	<b>Minutes of the last meeting:</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th May 2021 were a true and accurate record (unanimous)
<b>21/056</b>	<b>Matters arising from the minutes:</b> None
<b>21/057</b>	<b>Public Participation:</b>
<b>21/058</b> 21/058/1  21/058/2  21/058/3	<b>Clerk's Report:</b> <b>Allotment Water Leak</b> – A leak was reported and the water turned off. Cllr Pete Eden carried out a temporary repair and the supply was restored to 4 of the standpipes. A complete repair will be carried out as soon as parts can be sourced. <b>No mow May</b> – The verges are due to be mowed this month. Feedback on the trial has been mixed with some parishioners in support and others against. <b>Annual Meeting</b> – Linda Newberry has confirmed that the Barford Environmental Network will give a presentation at the annual meeting. It was decided not to invite the Hook Norton Low Carbon Group this year as attendance at the meeting may be low due to COVID-19.
<b>21/059</b> 21/059/1  21/059/2   21/059/4  21/059/5  21/059/6	<b>Correspondence:</b> <b>Wildflowers on verges</b> – A parishioner emailed to thank the Parish Council for allowing the verges to flower. <b>Anonymous letter about allotments</b> – A letter was received requesting information about the availability of allotments and complaining that no information was available on who to contact to check availability. Mr Paul Preece will be collecting the rents but other administration is carried out by the Clerk. The Parish Council contact information in the Barford News will be updated to reflect this. It was also agreed that regular allotment updates will be provided in the Barford News. <b>Speeding traffic along South Newington Rd</b> – A resident has complained about the speeding and asked if village residents could be asked to drive carefully. An accident between a car and an agricultural vehicle was reported to the Parish Council <b>Parking along Lower Street</b> – a resident has complained about cars parked along Lower Street. There are no parking restrictions, but dangerously parked cars should be reported to the Police. <b>Allotment holder request to erect a greenhouse on their allotment</b> – This was agreed.
<b>21/060</b>	<b>County Councillor's Report from Arash Fatemian:</b> Arash Fatemian is delighted to have been returned as County Councillor for a further four years. The Conservative Party is now in opposition with a Lib-Dem/Green/Labour Alliance in charge at County Hall.
<b>21/061</b>	<b>District Councillors Report from Bryn Williams:</b> District Councillor Bryn Williams circulated a detailed report to all Councillors prior to the meeting. This will be displayed in the Parish Council noticeboard.
<b>21/062</b> 21/062/1  21/062/2   21/062/3	<b>Parish Matters:</b> <b>New Noticeboard outside Village Hall</b> – It was agreed to replace this noticeboard. The Village Hall Management Committee is contributing £500 towards the cost. <b>Village Hall Management Committee</b> – It was agreed that the number of ordinary committee members be reduced from 6 to 3. It was also agreed that should an elected officer (Chairman, Secretary & Treasurer) wish to continue in office for more than 5 years they can apply annually for an extension of the term. <b>Murrays Lane Boundary of West Close</b> – It was agreed with the Play Area Committee that additional hedging would be planted along the boundary in February 2022.

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21/062/4	<b>Bridge Repairs</b> – The Parish Council has not yet been invited to the planned meeting with Oxfordshire County Council. OCC has advised that the road will be opened with a temporary width restriction as soon as the signs have been installed and that the bridge repairs should be completed by 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2022.
<b>21/063</b> 21/063/1 21/063/2 21/063/3 21/063/4 21/063/5 21/063/6 21/063/7	<b>Planning:</b> <b>21/00931/F</b> – Crown House – CDC Permitted 12/05/2021 <b>21/01097/F</b> – 10 Broad Close – CDC Permitted 24/05/2021 <b>21/01194/F</b> – Blackingrove Farm – Parish Council supports <b>21/01462/F</b> – 6 Church Street – Parish Council supports <b>21/01756/F</b> – 25 Broad Close – Parish Council supports <b>21/01830/F</b> – Bloxham Bridge Barn – Parish Council supports <b>Turnstile House</b> – a parishioner has reported that a large pond was recently drained to facilitate the building work and was concerned that wildlife might have been introduced into the water system. Cllr Ray Cox will contact CDC Planning about this.
<b>2 1/064</b>	<b>Reports from Meetings: None</b>
<b>21/065</b>	<b>Finance:</b> <b>Payments</b> - The Clerk gained approval for payments totalling £467.49.
<b>21/066</b>	<b>Any Other Business: None</b>

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

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th July 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.02pm

Signed by Chairman.....

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