

Barford St John & St Michael Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 7th July 2021 at 7.30pm in Barford Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Turner, Eden, Cox, Charman, Cosgrove, Hobbs, Best, District Cllr Williams and County Cllr Fatemian and Mr Best, (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. No members of the public attended the meeting.

Apologies for absence: None

21/067	Declarations of Interest: None
21/068	Minutes of the last meeting: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th June 2021 were a true and accurate record (unanimous)
21/069	Matters arising from the minutes: None
21/070	Public Participation:
21/071 21/071/1 21/071/2 21/071/3 21/071/4	<p>Clerk's Report:</p> <p>Allotments – Two allotment holders were contacted to ask them to give up their allotments as they were not being cultivated and there is a waiting list. One allotment holder has relinquished their allotment and the other has not replied yet. The Agreement has been typed into word as there were only hard copies. The new agreement asks for tenant contact details to make it easier to manage the allotments. The Clerk's contact details have also been put onto the agreement. A list of allotment holders has been drafted and is being checked by Paul Preece. It is planned to send out the new agreements at the end of August.</p> <p>No Mow May – The verges were cut at the end of June but Thomas Fox had great difficulty as they were very overgrown.</p> <p>Mowing banks by the bridge – The Clerk has mown these to improve the views for drivers approaching the bridge.</p> <p>Village Noticeboard – The replacement village noticeboard located outside the Village Hall has been ordered.</p>
21/072 21/072/1 21/072/2	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>No Mow May - A parishioner (Christine Hall) has emailed in support of No Mow May</p> <p>Bridge width restriction – Some parishioners have emailed and telephoned to complain about the width restriction.</p>
21/073	<p>County Councillor's Report from Arash Fatemian:</p> <p>County Cllr Arash Fatemian has organised a meeting between the Parish Council and OCC Highways on 9th July at 4.15pm. Larger blocks are being installed at the width restrictions but the Parish Council will ask if they can be replaced by a height restriction at the meeting.</p>
21/074 21/074/1 21/074/2	<p>District Councillors Report from Bryn Williams:</p> <p>District Councillor Bryn Williams circulated a detailed report to all Councillors prior to the meeting. This will be displayed in the Parish Council noticeboard but Cllr Bryn Williams advised the Parish Council of the following two items in the meeting:</p> <p>COVID Drop-in centre – This was trialled by CDC for young people to get vaccinated without a prior appointment. This was very successful and another event is being considered.</p> <p>Oxfordshire Strategic Rail-Freight Interchange – A site has been proposed at Junction 10 of the M40. At this stage only immediate Parish Councils are being consulted. Further information can be viewed at the government planning inspectorate and CPRE websites: http://www.cpreoxon.org.uk/news/item/2866-m40-rail-freight-interchange-proposal https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/oxfordshire-strategic-rail-freight-interchange/</p>
21/075 21/075/1 21/075/2	<p>Parish Matters:</p> <p>Bridge width restriction and repairs – The Parish Council will ask OCC Highways to repair the bridge as soon as possible at the meeting on Friday. It will also ask for a height rather than width restriction.</p> <p>Barford Environmental Network – Cllr P Cosgrove volunteered to join the Barford Environmental Network and give reports to the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Parish</p>

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21/075/3	Council will acknowledge the Climate Emergency. Parish Council meetings – It was agreed to trial holding meetings every other month for the next three meetings. The next meetings will be held on 1 st September 3 rd November and 6 th January 2022. The final decision on meeting frequency will be made at the January 2022 meeting
21/076 21/076/1 21/076/2 21/076/3 21/076/4	Planning: 21/01194/F – Blackingrove Farm – CDC permitted 17/06/2021 21/01462/F – 6 Church Street – CDC permitted 21/06/2021 21/01756/F - 25 Broad Close – Parish Council supports 21/01830/F – Bloxham Bridge Barn – Parish Council supports .
2 1/077	Reports from Meetings: None
21/078	Finance: Payments - The Clerk gained approval for payments totalling £4,633.98. Receipts were £1,778.76. The combined bank balances are £8,140.61 after the receipts and payments.
21/079	Any Other Business: Stile on West Close Footpath – Some footpath users are having difficulty using the stile on this footpath. It was agreed that the removal will be investigated as there is a kissing gate where the footpath joins Lower Street.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st September 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.15pm

Signed by Chairman.....

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