

Barford St John & St Michael Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 2nd March 2022 at 7.30pm in Barford Village Hall

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

Apologies for absence: Cllr Best, District Cllr Williams, County Cllr Fatemian

22/014	Declarations of Interest: None
22/015	Minutes of the last meeting: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 5 th January 2022 were a true and accurate record (unanimous)
22/016	Matters arising from the minutes: None
21/017	Public Participation: None
22/018	Clerk's Report: None.
22/019	Correspondence: Footpath running between Barford St John and The Mill in Barford St Michael – OCC Footpaths advised the Parish Council that sawdust had been spread on the footpath where it is boggy. OCC does not recommend the use of sawdust as it makes footpaths worse. The landowner joined the correspondence advising that dog fouling was a problem and requesting that owners are reminded to keep their dogs under control. It was agreed that the Parish Council would offer to erect a dog bin at the end of Mead Road and put a notice in the Barford News reminding walkers of their responsibilities and farmers of theirs
22/020	County Councillor's Report from Arash Fatemian: None.
22/021	District Councillors Report from Bryn Williams: None.
22/022	Parish Matters:
22/022/1	Provision of Defibrillators – It was agreed unanimously that Defibrillators should be provided in the villages at locations to be finalised but ideally at the Village Hall, Townsend and Barford St John. A number of supplier products would be compared, and recommendations would be sought from the South Central Ambulance Service.
22/022/2	Bridge – The OCC Highways Report on the bridge had been obtained with a freedom of information request. A number of anomalies had been picked up by a bridge engineer who has studied the report. It was agreed that the clerk would Raise this with Highways.
22/022/3	Hedge along Murrays Lane boundary of West Close – It was agreed unanimously that an application for free hedge plants to fill the gaps would be submitted to the Woodland Trust by the clerk.
22/022/4	Allotment Update – Mr Paul Preece has contacted the allotment holders that have not yet paid rents and the clerk will meet with Mr Preece to obtain an update. There is one allotment vacant at the moment with no one on the waiting list.
22/022/5	Parish Council Elections – These will take place on 5 th May. Three current Councillors will be stepping down. Four residents had expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor. It was agreed that the clerk would contact those residents that had expressed an interest and provide them with nomination papers.
22/022/6	Queens Platinum Jubilee – It will not be possible to have a bonfire/beacon at the previous location as crops are being grown in the field. Mrs Carole Coppin is heading up a team of volunteers to organise events in the villages.
22/022/7	BEN Representative – It was agreed to decide on a Parish Council representative on the Barford Environmental Network group after the elections in May.
22/022/8	Village Clean up – It was agreed that this would take place on 9 th April and that Cllr Sandi Turner would arrange for a notice in the Barford News inviting volunteers. It was agreed to ask Mr Brian Dodwell to treat the Parish Council noticeboard with Teak Oil. It was agreed that the state of the verge along Netherworton Road on the right going out of the village was in poor condition and the

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22/022/9	owner of the field would be contacted. S137 Grants – An application has been received from the Barford News and The Parochial Church Council has advised that it will be submitting an application. The level of grants will be decided in the April meeting.
22/023 22/023/1 22/023/2	Planning: 21/04098/F – Letter Box Cottage – Single storey extension – withdrawn by applicant 22/00480/F – Letterbox Cottage – Rebuild of existing back extension – PC support
22/024	Reports from Meetings: None
22/025	Finance: Payments - The Clerk gained approval for payments totalling £654.28. The combined bank balances are £10,717.09 after the receipts and payments.
22/026	Any Other Business: None

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd March 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.57pm

Signed by Chairman.....

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