

Barford St John & St Michael Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 7th September 2022 at 7.30pm in Barford Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Turner, Hobbs, Cox, Nolan, Lovell District Cllr Williams, County Cllr Fatemian and Mr Best, (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer). Three members of the public attended the meeting.

Apologies for absence: Cllr Charman

22/055	Declarations of Interest: None
22/056	Minutes of the last meeting: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 6 th July 2022 were a true and accurate record (unanimous)
22/057	Matters arising from the minutes: None
21/058	<p>Public Participation: Play Area subcommittee Following the independent annual playground inspections carried out by Playsafety Ltd, 3 members of the playground subcommittee reviewed the playgrounds with the Parish Council. The following points were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Thomas Fox will be asked not to strim around the posts to prevent damage. The clerk and/or other volunteers will trim the grass round the bottom of the posts with shears. ii. The Monkeys bars that were rusting have been painted iii. There are several splits in the wood which are wider than recommended and these will be filled. iv. The clerk will replace the rotting wood on the toddler equipment in the Village Hall garden. v. A fundraising duck race will be held next year in the field owned by the Lovells. vi. A resident has requested a zip wire. The sub committee will obtain quotes and this will be reviewed by the Parish Council when quotes have been obtained. vii. New members with younger children will be recruited when the current team wish to stand down.
22/059	<p>Clerk's Report: Footpaths - The damage to two footpaths has been reported to OCC and the damaged footbridge along the path from the end of Horn Hill is due to be repaired on 8th September. It is hoped that the damage to the footbridge at The Mill, B St M will be repaired soon. Vegetation by the road bridge obscuring view – This has been reported to OCC Highways.</p>
22/060	<p>Correspondence: Dog bin in Barford St John – A resident in Barford St John has requested that a dog bin be installed. It was agreed that this would be installed by the noticeboard in the centre of the village.</p>
22/061	<p>County Councillor's Report from Arash Fatemian: 20mph speed limit in the villages – It was agreed that this would be requested under the current scheme being offered by OCC Highways in line with many villages in Oxfordshire. The Police have advised that they will not enforce 20mph speed limits. Limits will be lowered to 20mph in Bloxham, Bodicote, Milcombe, Adderbury and South Newington in phase 2 next year. Traffic Filtering Scheme in Oxford City Centre – This is currently under consultation. A notice about the proposed scheme</p>
22/062	<p>District Councillors Report from Bryn Williams: A comprehensive report including Decoupling of OCC from CDC, Homes for Ukraine, COVID 19 Update, OCC Stakeholder briefing, transport proposals from OCC has been placed in the Parish Council noticeboard in Barford St Michael.</p>
22/063 22/063/1	<p>Parish Matters: Defibrillators – It was agreed to install a defibrillator at the Village Hall in Barford St Michael. Ideally, defibrillators would also be located in Townsend and also Barford St John but this will be reviewed at a later date. Cllr Hobbs agreed to draft a letter to be sent to the Village Hall Management Committee formally requesting permission to attach a defibrillator to the outside of the village hall.</p>

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22/063/2	<p>New Code of Conduct for Councillors – It was agreed to implement the new code of conduct issued by OCC earlier in the year.</p> <p>Allotment Update – The following points were given in the update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. There are currently some spare allotments. Residents interested in taking on an allotment should contact the Clerk ii. The income and expenditure was reviewed and it was decided to keep the allotment rents the same as the expenses are covered. iii. The clerk continues to submit water meter readings to Castle Water monthly. iv. The new agreements and rent requests will be issued following the agreement not the increase the rents.
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22/064 22/064/1	<p>Planning: 22/02623/TCA – Stonehaven, B St M – Prune trees – PC supports.</p>
22/065	<p>Reports from Meetings: None.</p>
22/066 22/066/1	<p>Finance: Payments - The Clerk gained approval for payments totalling £2,240.75. The combined bank balances are £14,056.13 after the payments that were approved. Bank Mandate – It was agreed that Cllr Ray Cox and the Clerk will be added to the bank mandate.</p>
22/067 22/067/1	<p>Any Other Business: Bishops Close sign – This is at an angle. It was agreed that the Clerk would try to repair or report it to CDC if a repair is not possible. Murrays Lane verge vegetation – It was agreed that the Clerk will add this to the areas of verge to be cut by Thomas Fox in future, but it will be cut down by the Clerk in the meantime. Style on the footpath from West Close to Lower Street – Cllr Ray Cox agreed to take this down. Speed limit along South Newington Road – A resident has asked if the speed limit could be extended along South Newington Road. OCC Highways has advised that the cost of this would be £3,000 - £5,000. It was agreed to install 20s Plenty signs by the bend where a mini recently drove off the road. Bridge repairs - With further deterioration to the structure of the bridge over the River Swere, the regular ignoring of the weight restriction and with further deterioration possible with the impending onset of winter, Cllr Hobbs suggested that we contact County Council Highways requesting more information on when repairs were likely to commence. We need to keep up the pressure on Highways to get the repairs done as soon as possible. The clerk agreed to write to Highways.</p>
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The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd November 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.08pm

Signed by Chairman.....

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