

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

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

Apologies for absence: Cllr Charman and County Cllr Fatemian

22/068	Declarations of Interest: None
22/069	Minutes of the last meeting: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 7 th September 2022 were a true and accurate record (unanimous)
22/070	Matters arising from the minutes: None
21/071	Public Participation: Defibrillator
22/072 22/072/1 22/072/2 22/072/3 22/072/4 22/072/5 22/072/6 22/072/7 22/072/8 22/072/9	<p>Clerk's Report: Allotment Update – The following points were given in the update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. There are currently two spare allotments. Residents interested in taking on an allotment should contact the Clerk ii. The allotment rent letters will be sent out in the first or second week of November. iii. The allotment water has been switched off for the winter and will be switched back on in May 2023 or earlier if it is dry in the Spring. <p>Woodland Trust supplied new hedging for the West Close boundary with Murreys Lane – This will be delivered in March 2023.</p> <p>Vegetation by the bridge – This has been trimmed by the Clerk to improve the visibility.</p> <p>Vegetation by the road bridge obscuring view – This has been reported to OCC Highways.</p> <p>Bishops Close sign – The Clerk has trimmed vegetation away from the sign and will contact CDC to replace the posts, one of which is rotten.</p> <p>Murrays Lane verge vegetation – The Clerk has trimmed the verges and will Thomas Fox to cut them when they cut the other verges next year.</p> <p>20's Plenty signs for South Newington Road – These are expected to be delivered early in November and will be fitted by the Clerk as soon as they arrive.</p> <p>Dog Bin for Barford St John – This is expected to be delivered early in November and will be fitted by the noticeboard as soon as it arrives.</p> <p>Footbridge on the footpath by The Mill in Barford St Michael – OCC haven't repaired this yet so the Clerk will repair it.</p>
22/073	<p>Correspondence: Hedgehog Highways – Hedgehogs R Us has written to all Parish Councils asking them to buy surrounds to gaps in fences to allow hedgehogs to roam freely. It was decided that residents can make gaps in their fences but would not purchase surrounds to be fitted around the gaps.</p>
22/074	County Councillor's Report from Arash Fatemian: None
22/075	District Councillors Report from Bryn Williams: Cherwell District Council is putting together a comprehensive directory of Foodbanks. A comprehensive report has been placed in the Parish Council noticeboard in Barford St Michael.
22/076 22/076/1 22/076/2 22/076/3	<p>Parish Matters: Royal British Legion Donation – It was agreed to donate £100 again this year to the Royal British Legion.</p> <p>Christmas Lights – The wiring will be repaired by the Clerk, and they will be put in the tree on The Green on 20th November</p> <p>Defibrillator – It was agreed to purchase a Zoll AED £ semi-automatic defibrillator with lock cabinet which will be installed at the Village Hall as soon as possible.</p>
22/077 22/077/1	<p>Planning: 22/02746/TCA – Swere Villa, B St M – Pollard Willow – CDC Granted 5/10/2022. 22/02387/F – The George – Pergoda Structure & Lantern rooftop - CDC Granted 7/10/2022</p>

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22/078	Reports from Meetings: None.
22/079 22/079/1 22/079/2 22/079/3	Finance: Payments - The Clerk gained approval for payments totalling £1,422.25. The combined bank balances are £12,633.88 after the payments that were approved. Bank Mandate – Barclays had confirmed that Cllr Ray Cox and the Clerk had been added to the bank mandate. 2023-24 Budget – The draft budget, which had been circulated prior to the meeting was agreed and it was agreed that there would be no increase to the Precept for the following financial year.
22/080 22/080/1 22/080/2	Any Other Business: Bridge repairs – OCC Highways has confirmed that they hope to carry out the repairs in the summer of 2023. Raised Footpath by the Bridge – It was agreed that the Clerk would chase OCC Highways to repair the surface and build up where it has been undermined underneath.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 12th January 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.52pm

Signed by Chairman.....

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