

**Barford St John & St Michael Parish Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday 3rd May 2023 at 7.30pm in Barford Village Hall**

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

**Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Lovell and Appleby,

<b>23/028</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> None
<b>23/029</b>	<b>Minutes of the last meeting:</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the meeting held on 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2023 were a true and accurate record (unanimous)
<b>23/030</b>	<b>Matters arising from the minutes:</b> None
<b>23/031</b>	<b>Public Participation:</b>
<b>23/032</b> 23/032/1  23/032/2 23/032/3 23/032/4  23/032/5	<b>Clerk's Report:</b> <b>Defibrillator Installation</b> – The cabinet will be fitted by the clerk on 8 <sup>th</sup> May and the electrician will connect up the wiring on 11 <sup>th</sup> May. <b>Allotment water</b> – This has been turned on and a leaking tap has been replaced by the clerk. <b>Dog Bin for Barford St John</b> – This will be installed the clerk on 9 <sup>th</sup> May. <b>Road safety improvements at the American Air Bases</b> – The Department for Transport has sent a copy of its report to the clerk who has emailed OCC Highways to enquire when the work will be carried out, but no reply has been received. <b>Woodland Trust hedging for West Close</b> – This hedging has been delivered and will be planted by the clerk and Pete Eden
<b>23/033</b> 23/033/1  23/033/2	<b>Correspondence:</b> <b>Bridge complaint to Victoria Prentice MP</b> - A reply has been received to the complaint to Victoria Prentice about the delayed repairs to the bridge. The reply states that the repairs are currently scheduled for the summer 2024. <b>Owners of Newfield applying for permission to fell trees owned by Barford House.</b> The owners of Newfield in Barford St Michael have applied for planning permission to cut down trees in the garden of Barford House without contacting the owners of Barford House. Residents are recommended to speak to neighbours in these circumstances as permission is required from the house owner to enter onto the house owner's land.
<b>23/034</b>	<b>County Councillor's Report from Arash Fatemian:</b> A comprehensive update was given which can be viewed in the Parish Council Noticeboard in Barford St Michael.
<b>23/035</b>	<b>District Councillors Report from Bryn Williams:</b> A comprehensive update was given which can be viewed in the Parish Council Noticeboard in Barford St Michael.
<b>23/036</b> 23/036/1 23/036/2  23/036/3	<b>Parish Matters:</b> <b>Annual Parish Meeting Date</b> – This will be held at 7:30 on Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> May. <b>Diversion of Footpath 22 around Buttermilk Cottage</b> – OCC has notified of a slight diversion to this footpath that has been in place for over 40 years. <b>S137 Grants</b> – A grant of £900 was agreed for the Barford News
<b>23/037</b> 23/037/1 23/037/2 23/037/3 23/037/4 23/037/5	<b>Planning:</b> <b>23/00001/F</b> – 3 Summer Ley – porch and extension –CDC granted 15/ 03/2023. <b>23/00680/F</b> – 1 Redroofs – Timber framed car shelter – PC has no objection. <b>23/00665/LB</b> – Barford House – roof refurbishment – PC has no objection. <b>23/00801/F</b> – 1 Old Council House – two storey extension – PC has no objection. <b>23/00937/F</b> – 3 Summer Ley – re-submission of 23/00001/F – PC has no objection.
<b>23/038</b>	<b>Reports from Meetings:</b> None.
<b>23/039</b>	<b>Finance:</b>

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23/026/1	<b>Payments</b> - The Clerk gained approval for payments totalling £2,947.30 including £900 to Barford News, £388 to Thomas Fox for grass cutting and £537 to Zurich Insurance.
<b>23/040</b>	<b>Any Other Business:</b>
23/040/1	<b>Bench donated by Mr B Lane</b> – It was agreed that this will be installed at the west end of the green.
23/040/2	<b>Street Furniture</b> – It was agreed to carry out an inspection of the street furniture.
23/040/3	<b>Christmas Tree Lights</b> – These will be taken out of the tree as soon as possible and a replacement battery purchased as one will not take a charge.
23/040/4	<b>Skip for Allotments</b> – It was agreed that this would be ordered by Councillor Charman.
23/040/5	<b>Footpath diversion at Little Barford Mill</b> – It was agreed that the clerk would contact OCC to ask the owners to reinstate the original route of the footpath as the renovation has finished.
23/040/6	<b>Coronation Tree</b> – It was agreed that a plaque will be purchased for the tree.
23/040/7	<b>Allotment Rents</b> – The clerk will issue the rent requests.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed by Chairman.....

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