

Barford St John & St Michael Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 5th July 2023 at 7.30pm in Barford Village Hall

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

Apologies for absence: County Cllr Fatemian

23/041	Declarations of Interest: None
23/042	Minutes of the last meeting: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 3 rd May 2023 were a true and accurate record (unanimous).
23/043	Matters arising from the minutes: None.
23/044	Public Participation: None
23/045 23/045/1 23/045/2 23/045/3 23/045/4	Clerk's Report: Dog Bin for Barford St John – This has been installed by the noticeboard. County Councillor Priority Fund – Applications have opened, and the clerk has applied for a contribution towards the cost of the defibrillator. Allotment Rents – most of these have been collected. Bench donated by Bernard Lane – This will be installed on The Green on a slab and bolted down.
23/046	Correspondence: None
23/047	County Councillor's Report from Arash Fatemian: None.
23/048	District Councillors Report from Bryn Williams: A comprehensive update was given which can be viewed in the Parish Council Noticeboard in Barford St Michael.
23/049 23/049/1 23/049/2	Parish Matters: Bridge over the Swere – Cherwell District Council Conservation has turned down several different repair scheme proposals from Oxfordshire County Council including one to build a stronger structure to take heavy vehicles but facing it with the existing stone so that it would look exactly the same. A resident has proposed applying for conservation area status for the two villages which would restrict heavy goods vehicles. Approximately 3,000 villages have this status. It was agreed to invite CDC Conservation and OCC Highways to a meeting to agree a way forward. Complaint about dog walkers – A resident had complained to the parish council about dog walkers with out-of-control dogs. Residents are asked to report any incidents to the Cherwell District Council Dog Warden, Chris Cundy chris.cundy@cherwell-dc.gov.uk 01295 221621 in office hours and 01295 221531 out of office hours.
23/050 23/050/1 23/050/2 23/050/3 23/050/4 23/050/5 23/050/6	Planning: 23/03388/F – Buttermilk Farm – Alterations and side extensions – CDC permitted 30/06/2023. 22/03426/F – Applea Bnaks – Extending external canopy – CDC permitted 12/05/2023. 23/00466/F – 3 Summer Ley – porch and rear extension – CDC permitted 15/05/2023 23/00680/F – 1 Red Roofs – car shelter – CDC permitted 9/05/2023. 23/01474/F – Swere Villa – conversion of existing garage – PC supports application. 23/01836/F – 2-4 Mead Cottage – replace single storey rear extension – PC supports this .
23/051 23/051/1 23/051/2	Reports from Meetings: US Airforce Base at Croughton – Two councillors attended to summer BBQ and met the Squadron Leader who confirmed that road improvements are going to be carried out to improve road safety. Cherwell District Council Parish Liaison Meeting – Two Councillors attended the meeting. CDC has to make £4m savings on a budget of £28m. CDC will pick up bulk waste items from houses and Environmental Health is responsible for clearing up fly tipping.

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<p>23/052 23/052/1</p>	<p>Finance: Payments - The Clerk gained approval for payments totalling £699.29. The year to date accounts had been circulated prior to the meeting.</p>
<p>23/053 23/053/1 23/053/2 23/053/3 23/053/4 23/053/5</p>	<p>Any Other Business: Christmas Lights – These still need to be taken down. One of the batteries has failed and it was agreed that it would be replaced nearer Christmas. Street Furniture – It was agreed that an inspection should be carried out of all street furniture and renovation work carried out if required. Concrete Fence Post on the bank along Murreys Lane – Cllr Tom Lovell advised that he will remove this. Verge between the bridge and Barford St John – This is overgrown and it was agreed that the clerk would cut this. Weed Killing – It was agreed that Thomas Fox would be asked to weed kill the footpath from the Potteries to West Close, Robins Close and Broad Close.</p>

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th September 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed by Chairman.....

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