

Barford St John & St Michael Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 1st November 2023 at 7.30pm in Barford Village Hall

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

Apologies for absence: Cllr Cox & County Cllr Fatemian

23/067	Co-Option of new councillor: Anita Dean was co-opted onto the parish council.
23/068	Declarations of Interest: None
23/055	Minutes of the last meeting: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 th September 2023 were a true and accurate record (unanimous).
23/056	Matters arising from the minutes: None.
23/057	Public Participation: None
23/058 23/058/1 23/058/2	Clerk's Report: Electoral Register – This has been applied for. Salt Bins – The levels in the bins have been reported to OCC Highways so that they can be topped up before the winter.
23/059 23/059/1	Correspondence: Insect House – A resident had contacted the parish council to request that her daughter build and insect house for the village as an A Level project. This was agreed.
23/060	County Councillor's Report from Arash Fatemian: None
23/061	District Councillors Report from Bryn Williams: The District Councillor Update has been placed in the noticeboard by the village hall'
23/062 23/062/1 23/062/2 23/062/3 23/062/4	Parish Matters: Street Furniture – This has been treated with wood preservative by Brian Dodwell. New OCC Grass Cutting Agreement – The new agreement reduces the minimum number of cuts from 2 to one per year and this was signed. The verges will continue to be cut with the same frequency. Barford Churches grant and Defibrillator training grant – A grant of £1,300 was awarded to the church which will go towards the reroofing that is required. A grant was also awarded for defibrillator training. 20mph Speed Limit – OCC Highways has asked for a survey to be taken to determine the level of support for introducing a 20mph speed limit in the villages. It was agreed that this will be carried out at the Barford Christmas Market On 16 th December but anyone who will not be attending the market should email the clerk, David Best, at davidbest.barfordspc@gmail.com to advise if they support or object to a 20mph speed limit.
23/063	Planning: No applications or decisions since last meeting.
23/064	Reports from Meetings: None
23/065 23/065/1 23/065/2	Finance: Payments - The Clerk gained approval for payments totalling £767.75. The year to date accounts had been circulated prior to the meeting. Income and expenditure is on budget 2024-25 Budget – The draft budget was circulated prior to the meeting and it was agreed to raise the Precept by 5%.
23/066 23/066/1 23/066/2	Any Other Business: Broken gate on footpath from Barford St John churchyard – This will be investigated and repaired by the clerk. Defibrillator training – Cllr Rodney Hobbs volunteered to organise this.

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23/066/3	Grass by the bridge – This was kindly strimmed in the summer by Sophie Holmes. The clerk will strim it again.
23/066/4	Fire Training – The Village Hall has organised for residents to be given fire training which will take place on 5 th December at 2.30pm.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd January 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed by Chairman.....

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