

Barford St John & St Michael Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 4th September 2024 at 7.30pm in Barford Village Hall

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

Apologies for absence: Cllrs Tucker, Cox, Charman & County Cllr Fatemian

24/055	Declarations of Interest: None
24/056	Minutes of the last meeting: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 3 rd July 2024 were a true and accurate record (unanimous).
24/057	Matters arising from the minutes: None.
24/058	Public Participation: None
24/059 24/059/1 24/059/2 24/059/3 24/059/4 24/059/5 24/059/6	Clerk's Report: Allotments – There are currently two allotments available. Most of the allotment holders have paid their rent. Waste bins – The 3 replacement bins have been ordered. Wild Oxfordshire advice on management of grassed areas – Wild Oxfordshire are going to visit the villages on 2 nd October to give advice on the management of West Close, other grassed area of the village and the verges. Foamstream alternative to Glyphosate for weed control – The use of Foamstream to control weeds had been suggested and investigated but it is not practical as there are no local contractors who could come to the villages, and the machine costs £21,000. Village website – The Parish Council section of the website is currently being updated by the clerk. OCC Highways Engagement Team – The Engagement Team has offered two possible dates in September to discuss any issues with the roads.
24/060	Correspondence: Nothing outstanding
24/061 24/061/1 24/061/2 24/061/3	County Councillor's Report from Arash Fatemian: Workplace Parking Tax – OCC has committed £0.5M to developing this initiative. 20mph Speed Limit Enforcement – Thames Valley Police has advised that speed cameras cannot be set to 20mph and they have no policy to enforce 20mph limits. The full report is attached to the minutes and published in the noticeboard.
24/062 24/062/1 24/062/2	District Councillor's Report from David Rogers: Local Plan Review – CDC is pushing ahead with this although the HM Government has suggested a 55% increase in CDC's housing target. CDC Five Year Housing Supply – CDC meets it's 5 year housing supply target but has lost some recent appeals because the Inspector has included Oxford's unmet housing need. CDC has submitted a legal challenge to this. The full report is attached to the minutes and published in the noticeboard.
24/063 24/063/1 24/063/2 24/063/3	Parish Matters: Gateway from corner of churchyard to footpath – A new gatepost has been obtained from OCC and will be installed by the clerk Bridge Closure extension to 3rd October – This has been caused by decision delays by CDC Listed buildings. It was agreed that the PC would investigate restriction of HGVs through the village. S137 Grants – A grant of £900 was agreed to the Barford News and a grant of £1300 was agreed to the Parochial Church Council.
24/064 24/064/1 24/064/2 24/064/3 24/064/4	Planning: 24/01273/CLUE – 9 Bishops Close – Garage conversion – CDC Permitted 5/07/2024 24/01465/LB – Sunnycote – Burglar Alarm – CDC Permitted 25/07/2024 14/01808/F – Mead Cottage – Replacement doors and windows – PC supports application 24/01949/F – St Michael's Church – Reroof – PC supports application
24/065	Reports from Meetings: None.

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<p>24/066 24/066/1</p>	<p>Finance: Payments – The clerk gained approval for payments totalling £3,729.86 including the S137 grants and £831 for the new waste bins.</p>
<p>24/067 24/067/1 24/067/2</p>	<p>Any Other Business: Call for volunteers to help cutting grass on The Green – Please would any volunteers contact Councillor Rodney Hobbs. Christmas lights – It was agreed that the clerk would order replacement lights.</p>

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th November 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8:43pm

Signed by Chairman.....

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