

Barford St John & St Michael Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 2nd January 2025 at 7.30pm in Barford Village Hall

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

Apologies for absence: Cllrs, Cox, Lovel, District Cllr Rogers & County Cllr Fatemian

25/001	Declarations of Interest: None
25/002	Minutes of the last meeting: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 6 th November 2024 were a true and accurate record (unanimous) and signed by the Chairman.
25/003	Matters arising from the minutes: None.
25/004	Public Participation: None
25/0005 25/005/1 25/005/2 25/005/3 25/005/4 25/005/5 25/005/6	<p>Clerk's Report:</p> <p>Allotments – There are currently three allotments available. It was agreed to employ someone to clear the vacant allotments for new tenants. It was also agreed that allotment holders will be asked to keep their allotments tidy and mown when the rent request letter is issued this year.</p> <p>OCC Councillor Priority Fund – The OCC grant towards the defibrillator has not yet been paid. It was agreed that the Clerk will chase this.</p> <p>Parish Council information on village website – The website administrator has provided the revised upload procedure and the minutes and agendas for 2024 have been loaded to the Barford village website. It was agreed to load more historical agendas and minutes.</p> <p>Restriction of large lorries over Barford bridge – There is no national programme of a conservation status for villages that restricts large lorries and trucks. An application would have to be made to OCC to request a restriction. It was agreed to monitor the situation as the number of heavy trucks passing through the villages has reduced since the bridge was closed for strengthening.</p> <p>New Litter Bins – These will be Installed next week.</p> <p>Gate from Churchyard to footpath – Rachel Speight organised and paid for the gatepost to be replaced so that the gate can now be closed. The Parish Council would like to thank Rachel for this.</p>
25/006	Correspondence: All correspondence was distributed.
25/007	County Councillor's Report from Arash Fatemian: None
25/008	District Councillor's Report from David Rogers: None
25/009 25/009/1 25/009/2 25/009/3 25/009/4	<p>Parish Matters:</p> <p>Highways Engagement Team visit on 11th February 2025 – Cllr Sandi Turner will ask parishioners for any issues that they would like the parish council to raise with OCC Highways via the Barford Facebook page. It was agreed to take down the 20's Plenty signs down put up by the Parish Council a few years ago as they have faded.</p> <p>Meeting with OCC Flood Team on 16th January 2025 – OOC will be asked if they can reduce the flooding at the bridge.</p> <p>Decide whether to move to a .gov website for Parish Council information – It was agreed to maintain the parish council minutes and accounts on the Barford villages website for the time being although parish councils are being encouraged to migrate to a .gov website. Sam Brown has been provided with a log in and password so that she can assist with updating the website. A lot of areas on the website are out of date. Various people have access and update their areas, but someone is needed to manage the website.</p> <p>Registration of Stonepit Field with HM Land Registry – The solicitors acting for the Parish Council and the Diocese of Oxford have been chased and are now rectifying the mistake of the field being registered by the Oxford Diocese in their name.</p>
25/010 25/010/1 25/010/2	<p>Planning:</p> <p>24/02785/F - Stretford End – Single storey extension – CDC Permitted 13/12/2024</p> <p>24/03116/F – Ilmington Farm Ltd – New agricultural access – PC has no objections</p>

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25/011	Reports from Meetings: None.
25/012 24/079/1	Finance: Payments – The clerk gained approval for payments totalling £318.02.
25/013 25/013/1	Any Other Business: Christmas Lights on The Green – Unfortunately, no one was available to assist with putting up the new lights in the tree. It was agreed that a Christmas Tree will be put up on The Green and this will make it easier to install lights.
25/013/2	Weeds in the grass on The Green – It was agreed to treat these with Grow Chem Complete Lawn. Cllr Rodney Hobbs will co-ordinate this.
25/013/3	Bernard Lane’s Bench – The base has not been installed on The Green yet. Cllr Rodney Hobbs is chasing this.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th March 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9:10pm

Signed by Chairman.....

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