

Barford St John & St Michael Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 23rd July 2025 at 7.30pm in Barford Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Turner, Hobbs, Cox, County Cllr Gareth Epps and Mr Best, (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer). No members of the public attended the meeting.

Apologies for absence: Cllrs Charman, Lovell, Tucker and District Cllr David Rogers

25/054	Declarations of Interest: None
25/055	Minutes of the last meeting: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 30 th April 2025 were a true and accurate record (unanimous) and signed by the Chairman.
25/056	Matters arising from the minutes: None.
25/057	Public Participation- None
25/058 25/058/1 25/058/2 25/058/3	Clerk's Report: Allotments – There are two allotments available which have been cleared. Waste Bins – Mr Stephen Rees, who carries out work for Deddington Parish Council, has installed the three new waste bins. These can also be used for disposing of dog poo which is in poo bags. Basket Swing – The safety inspection has highlighted that the timber cross beam on the basket swing is rotten so the swing will be taken down until it can be repaired. It was agreed that the clerk will contact the supplier to ask them to repair it under warranty.
25/059	Correspondence: None outstanding
25/060 25/060/1 25/060/2	County Councillor's Report from Gareth Epps: North Oxfordshire Topsoil planning application – The applicant has submitted a revised application, but the parish council was not notified by OCC of this. There are no significant changes and the opinion of the parish council has not changed Hempton Traffic Calming Scheme – this has been approved by OCC and will be funded by the US Airforce.
25/061	District Councillor's Report from David Rogers: None
25/062 25/062/1 25/062/2	Parish Matters: Decide if to carry out defibrillator training – This may be carried out by the Village Hall. Cllr Rodney Hobbs will investigate publishing links to training videos from the supplier of the defibrillator. Village Website – A resident has volunteered to manage the village website.
25/063	Planning: No applications or decisions since the last meeting
25/064	Reports from Meetings: None
25/065 25/065/1	Finance: Payments – The clerk gained approval for payments totalling £1,298.98 for Thomas Fox and the clerk's pay.
25/066 25/066/1 25/066/2 25/066/3 25/066/4 25/066/5	Any Other Business: Christmas Lights – These will be strung in the cherry tree or pyracantha. The decision will be made after the pyracantha has been pruned after the bird nesting season. Lawn conditioner and weed killer treatment of The Green – The conditions have not been right to apply it this year so it will be applied next year. Verges – Comments have been received on how good the verges look this year and no complaints have been received. Speeding through the villages - It was agreed that a note will be put in the Barford News asking for volunteers to carry out checking the speed of vehicles driving through the village under the Thames Valley Police Speedwatch Scheme. Old 20's Plenty Signs – It has been agreed to take down the faded signs.

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The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 24th September 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed by Chairman.....

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