

Barford St John & St Michael Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 5th January 2022 at 7.30pm in Barford Village Hall

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

Apologies for absence: Cllr Best

22/001	Declarations of Interest: None
22/002	Minutes of the last meeting: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 th November 2021 were a true and accurate record (unanimous)
22/003	Matters arising from the minutes: None
21/004	Public Participation: None
22/005 22/005/1	Clerk's Report: Stile on footpath leading from West Close – Mr Andrew Appleby has confirmed that he has no objection to the stile being removed. The clerk will investigate the removal.
22/006	Correspondence:
22/007 22/007/1 22/007/2 22/007/3 22/007/4	County Councillor's Report from Arash Fatemian: Vaccinations – A lot of Council Officers have been diverted to assist with the COVID vaccination programme. Recycling – Oxfordshire County Council was awarded best recycling council for the 7 th year running. Budget & Council Tax – The budget has not been finalised, but it is likely the Council Tax will increase by 5%. Bridge Petition – It was agreed that the Clerk will send the completed petition form to Cllr Fatmian.
22/008 21/008/1 21/008/2 21/008/3	District Councillors Report from Bryn Williams: COVID Vaccinations – These are being carried out at the Town Hall Recycling – This was up 25% over Christmas Charges for garden waste collection – Cherwell will charge for garden waste collection from 1 st March 2022. Register via the Website if you would like to continue to have garden waste collected https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/10/rubbish-and-recycling/872/payable-garden-waste-collection The cost per annum is £36 for the first bin and £30 for additional bins for people signing up before 28 th February. The price goes up to £40 from the 1 st March.
22/009 22/009/1 22/009/2 22/009/3 22/009/4 22/009/5	Parish Matters: Frequency of Parish Council Meetings – It was agreed to keep the meetings to every other month but review this again after the elections in May. Hedge along Murrays Lane Boundary of West Close – It was agreed that Cllr Pete Eden and the Clerk would estimate the number of bare rooted hedge plants are required to fill in the gaps in the hedge and these would be purchased and planted. Agree and confirm Precept for 2022-23 – The budget had been presented and agreed at the previous meeting. It was agreed that the Precept would be increased by 3% to cover inflation increases. This equates to an annual increase of £1.95 for a Band D Council Tax property. Agree grass cutting supplier for 2022 – After reviewing the quote from the existing supplier, Thomas Fox Landscaping and Maintenance, it was agreed to accept this. Allotment Update – Twelve allotment holders have already paid the rent and 11 are outstanding. The Clerk has passed the list to Mr Paul Preece who will chase in the remaining rents. There is one allotment vacant at the moment with no one on the waiting list.
22/010 22/010/1	Planning: 21/04098/F – Letter Box Cottage – Single storey extension – PC support application
22/011	Reports from Meetings: None

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22/012	Finance: Payments - The Clerk gained approval for payments totalling £534.28. The combined bank balances are £11,363.87 after the receipts and payments.
22/013 22/013/1 22/013/2 22/013/3 22/013/4 22/013/5	Any Other Business: Hedge jutting into the road at Hempton – This has been reported to OCC Highways. Christmas Lights on The Green – There were lots of compliments about the new lights. They were switched off before Twelfth Night as a wiring fault developed but this has been repaired. Queen's Platinum Jubilee – It is hoped that a beacon can be lit on 2 nd June to mark the occasion. Parish Council Elections in May – Three residents have indicated that they would be interested in becoming a Parish Councillor. Barford Environmental Network Launch – This takes place on 20 th January. S137 Grants – A notice will be put in the Barford News inviting village organisations to apply for grants.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd March 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed by Chairman.....

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