

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BARFORD ST MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD IN WILTON & BARFORD NURSERY ON TUESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2012 AT  
7.00 PM - subject to later approval by Councillors.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr. F. Coombes, Chairman, Cllr. Mrs. S. Sheppard, Cllr. Mrs. J. Booth Cllr. Mrs S. Bunyan, Cllr. G. Wills, Cllr. B. Dunton. Cllrs. Booth and Bunyan left the meeting at 9pm.

Mrs. J. Childs, Parish Clerk

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

**Good Neighbour Coordinator, Cllr. Mrs. Val O’Keefe**, Dinton Parish Council, explained her role. The GNC scheme had been set up by Wiltshire Council with the aim of helping all vulnerable people who invited help to access support to enable them to live independently within their home in the community. It was hoped that GNC’s would become known within the areas that they lived and worked. Val served 8 villages within the Nadder and Wylye valleys but the number had now increased to include the villages formerly covered by the Fovant based GNC. It was important to recognize that Val could only visit with the permission of the person concerned. Visits were confidential and she hoped that any vulnerable person facing a difficulty would not hesitate to ask for help. Local doctors, carers, Age Concern, the Day Centre were all aware of her role and would recommend contact. At present this was a service for rural communities. Val worked with Wiltshire Council, Community First and Age UK . Visits took place at home and Val was able to contact agencies working in the area – Bobby Van, CAB, Day Centre, befriending services, Social Services and could arrange transport. Val acted as a directory and could signpost people to the services required. She was keen to advertise her role and had done so through leaflets, articles in Valley News, word of mouth and has had success in gaining grants for heating. Val left leaflets for Councillors, some of which would be available in the Church, and Cllr. Bunyan offered to display details of the scheme on the parish website.

Val also expressed her delight that the transport for the young people of Barford to Dinton was working well.

The Chairman thanked Val for attendance and all Councillors joined him in wishing her continued success.

**Police Officer Pete Jung** had noted the recent damage to the Pavilion. He reported the theft of lead from the Church at Netherhampton. He was pleased to report that PCSO Sam Spacey was now a regular policeman and that he hoped to introduce his replacement at the next Parish Council meeting.

The Chairman thanked Pete for his continued work within the parish and for his support.

The Chairman voiced concerns expressed in a letter from residents of Grovelly Road about the state of the road surface and their request to Councillors to approach Wiltshire Highways about the possibility of its resurfacing. The Clerk was asked to pass these comments to the appropriate officers.

The owner of Fern Cottage had also asked the Chairman about what might be done to prevent damage to his roof by large lorries passing through the pinch point outside the Nursery. The Clerk was asked to inform Highways.

Councillors noted the introduction of the 50mph speed limit beyond the west end of the village on the B 3089, to come into force on 2<sup>nd</sup> April. They regretted that the 50mph had not been 40mph and would also have like an extension of the 30mph limit to include the Cemetery. The Clerk was asked to contact Pete Jung for advice and to request a metro count at the west end of the village.

## **APOLOGIES**

Cllr. Holloway and Cllr. Mrs. B. Wayman WC had sent their apologies.

## **80.12 MINUTES**

The draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2012 were confirmed and signed.

## **81.12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no interests declared.

## **82.12 ALLOWABLE BUSINESS FROM PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There was nothing added to the above.

## **83.12 FINANCE**

i Payment of accounts 4 cheques were signed

ii Report on income and expenditure for the financial year 2011 - 2012

There had been one exceptional payment to cover the cost of repair to the Pavilion roof. The Clerk was asked to apply retrospectively for an Area Community Grant.

## **84.12 REPORTS**

Wiltshire Councillor : No report was available.

Representatives on outside bodies : The Nicholson and Bough Trust had not met.

The Planning Committee : Planning applications received had all been concerned with reducing the height of trees within the parish.

## **85.12 COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP/AREA BOARD**

The Chairman had attended the March meeting of the Area Board at which Hindon Parish Council had taken over their allotments from Wiltshire Council. The Clerk was asked to investigate this process. At a further Extraordinary Meeting of the Area Board it was confirmed that the Barford Celebrations Committee had been awarded £1000 towards the cost of planned events. Councillors were delighted with their success.

## **86.12 RIGHTS OF WAY/AONB**

Cllr. Mrs. Booth stated that no problems had been reported but had noted that the heavy plant used in the extraction of trees in Grovely Woods had caused disruption to one of the footpaths.

## **87.12 PROPOSED VILLAGE SIGN**

Cllr. Mrs. Booth reported that a village meeting was to be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 7pm in the Wilton & Barford Nursery to present the proposed design. The Chairman suggested provisional costs should be available. Cllr. Mrs. Sheppard hoped that ideas would arise from the meeting about its fabrication. She believed that it would be important to gauge the level of support for the sign and that the idea of a time capsule was intriguing.

#### **88.12 THE VILLAGE FIELD AND PAVILION**

The Chairman reported that the building was now secure, the roof complete and that the walls were in the process of being dressed. He added that they were very thirsty and further dressing may be required. There was a little timber work left to complete. He had also cleared much of what was being stored in the Pavilion to create further space. He added that he hoped to obtain a quotation for cutting the Field to a better standard. Cllr. Wills had obtained one estimate for levelling the Field in order to improve its surface and Cllr. Dunton agreed to obtain another.

#### **89.12 THE CEMETERY, WEST STREET**

The specification for the tender for a Handyman awaited completion. Cllr. Mrs. J. Booth agreed to speak with Cllr. Holloway about obtaining estimates for hedge planting, repair of fences and containment of grass cuttings.

#### **90.12 MONITORING OF ASSETS**

This item was not addressed in view of time.

#### **91.12 ALLOTMENTS**

The Clerk thanked the Chairman and Cllr. Holloway for looking over the application for change of use of the former Play Area to allotments.

#### **92.2 VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT**

Cllr. Wills reported that following a meeting held by Wiltshire Council at Wilton it was clear that a Village Design Statement would suit Barford rather than a Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr. Wills would continue to lead on the development of the VDS.

#### **93.12 JUBILEE AND OLYMPIC TORCH CELEBRATIONS**

Cllr. Mrs. Sheppard reported on the most recent meeting. Many excellent ideas were considered. Volunteers would be required to ensure the smooth running of events. There was a great deal of enthusiasm within the village and Cllr. Sheppard was delighted that the Nursery was to be involved.

#### **94.12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Annual Parish, First and Parish Council Meetings would take place on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2012, starting at 7pm in the Wilton & Barford Nursery.

## **95.12 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 9.40pm