

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BARFORD ST MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN WILTON & BARFORD NURSERY ON TUESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2012
AT 7.00 PM - subject to later approval by Councillors.**

PRESENT: Cllr. F. Coombes, Chairman, Cllr. Mrs. S. Sheppard, Cllr. J. Holloway Cllr. B. Dunton, Cllr. G. Wills

Cllr. Mrs B. Wayman WC, 1 resident

Mrs. J. Childs, Parish Clerk

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

VILLAGE MATTERS

A resident expressed concerns about the sums required by Wiltshire Council following the grant of planning approval and payable at the commencement of building work. The sums required comprised payments to the recreational fund, namely R2, and to the affordable housing pool for future building as well as legal fees for drawing up a contract and monitoring the spending of the money. Councillors agreed that the planning department should be contacted for clarification of these charges.

Cllr. Sheppard reiterated her concern, expressed at the previous Parish Council meeting, about the state of the bus shelter at Heath Farm Park. She felt that the roof had much deteriorated and was in urgent need of repair. The Chairman stated that he had looked at the shelter and had noted that the corrugated plastic roof had bellied. He agreed to undertake the necessary repairs. Cllr. Sheppard had been told that the path to Heath Farm Park was not much used but Councillors believed its maintenance was essential to allow safe access to the village.

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Dunton, Cllr. Mrs. J. Booth and Cllr. Mrs. S. Bunyan had sent apologies.

51.12 MINUTES

The draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th September 2012 were confirmed and signed.

52.12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Sheppard declared an interest in item 5iii - Planning Committee

53.12 MATTERS ARISING

Nothing further was added to the above.

54.12 FINANCE

i Payment of accounts: 4 cheques were signed

ii Report on income and expenditure for the financial year 2012 - 2013: Expenditure was in line with expectations. The Clerk recorded her thanks to Mr. Vic Marsh for his meticulous work in preparing the invoices arising from the Jubilee and Olympic Torch celebrations.

iii Councillors were minded to raise the precept required for the financial year 2013 - 2014 by £530.00. The figure was set provisionally for £7900. An allocation of £500 was required in the

new budget towards the cost of repairs to the churchyard wall. It was anticipated that funding for the first stage of repairs would be in place by early summer 2015.

56.12 REPORTS

Wiltshire Councillor : Cllr. Mrs. Wayman reminded those present about the Extraordinary Area Board Meeting set for 22nd November at the village hall in Dinton about housing. The meeting was open to all.

The consultation about the Community Infrastructure Levy and proposed charges was open and available on the Wiltshire Council website.

Cllr. Wayman confirmed that voting for residents of Barford in the forthcoming election of a Police Commissioner would take place in Burcombe. She regretted the lack of provision of a caravan to allow polling in Barford.

Funding had been approved for the provision of the Tisbury Campus with enhanced facilities for sports and activities.

Representatives on outside bodies:

Cllr. Sheppard reported that there had been a meeting of the Nicholson Trust but that there had been no applications.

The Planning Committee: The application for Rebel Haven was discussed. No objections were raised.

57.12 COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP/AREA BOARD

WILCAP had ceased its meetings.

Cllr. Mrs. Sheppard was to attend the forthcoming meeting of the CATG.

58.12 RIGHTS OF WAY/AONB

There was nothing to report.

59.12 PROPOSED VILLAGE SIGN

Cllr. Sheppard explained that Cllr. Booth was making further enquiries.

60.12 PAVILION

The Chairman stated that the Pavilion had been secured. The dressing of the walls of the building was to be completed. The Chairman suggested that the Field required specialist cutting and that he had made enquiries.

Cllr. Holloway agreed to explore possibilities for the development of the Field.

61.12 THE CEMETERY, WEST STREET

Three estimates had been received for the planting of a beech hedge. The Clerk was asked to follow these up and to ask for adjusted estimates to include the best form of protection from rabbits.

62.12 MONITORING OF ASSETS

No further names of approved stonemasons had been given to the Clerk so that she had been unable to acquire additional estimates for the work required to the Churchyard wall. She was asked to inform the PCC that the Councillors were minded to raise the precept by £500, a 7% increase on last year's precept, which would constitute the first instalment to the reserve which would be built up to fund the necessary repairs.

The Chairman, Cllr. Wills and Cllr. Holloway agreed to update the specification for the grass cutting contract.

63.12 THE VILLAGE FIELD AND ALLOTMENTS

Planning permission had been received for the conversion of the former play area to allotments. Approval stated that this had to take place within three years.

Cllr. Mrs. J. Booth had confirmed the list of allotment holders. Invoices would be sent out shortly with a reminder of terms and conditions.

64.12 VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Two meetings of the working party had now taken place. It was intended that a public meeting would be held and a steering committee then appointed to complete the work.

65.12 CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Mrs. Sheppard for her work in securing the 1 tonne salt bag. Cllr. Sheppard confirmed that when stored at Alabare it would be accessible to all.

66.12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting would take place on 15th January 2013, starting at 7pm in the Wilton & Barford Nursery.

67.12 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 10.35 pm.