

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF  
THE PARISH OF SHERBOURNE  
HELD AT SHERBOURNE VILLAGE HALL  
ON TUESDAY 18 APRIL 2017 AT 7:30PM**

**Present:** Mr Tony Merrygold (Chairman)  
Cllr John Murphy (BS&W JPC)  
Cllr A B Rhead (WDC)  
Cllr P Phillips (WDC)  
Cllr L Caborn (WCC)  
Four representatives of St Anne's College  
One Police representative  
Thirteen Sherbourne Electors

### **Opening**

- 1 The Chairman opened the meeting with a welcome to the Sherbourne Annual Parish Meeting. The purpose of the meeting being twofold:
  - o Firstly to allow the provision of information on a variety of activities affecting residents of the village, including reports from the Parish, District and County Councils, Police, Neighbourhood Watch, Church and the like.
  - o Secondly to allow electors to raise and discuss any issues.
- 2 He stressed that this was not a Parish Council meeting, even though he was a Parish Councillor, and for anyone not familiar with their parish councillors, Sherbourne has two others; Antoinette Gordon and Rachel Newsome. All three sit on the Joint Parish Council with Barford and Wasperton which has seven meetings a year, plus extra planning meetings and other working group meetings as and when necessary.

### **Minutes**

- 3 The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2016 were taken as read. There were no matters arising.

### **Update on Church Dairy Farm**

- 4 There had been an extra village meeting during the year as there were some concerns about what was being planned for Church Dairy Farm.
- 5 Matthew Pilkington and his unit manager Matt Roberts had returned to give an update at this meeting. The essence of their briefing was:
  - All capital works are completed.
  - The farm is fully operational.
  - Calving is finished.
  - The herd has 247 contented cows.
  - Closing some footpaths with fencing was acknowledged, but this was intended as a temporary expedient and gates are on order to replace those fences.
  - The farm will be open for public inspection on Sun 4 July 2017 from 1:30pm.

### **Premises Licence Application – Sherbourne Park – Summer Ball for St Anne's College Oxford 13-14 May**

- 6 Background:
  - 6.1 St Anne's College Oxford is planning a Summer Ball at Sherbourne Park overnight on 13-14 May 17 and had submitted a licence application which covered: 1,500 people, being bussed in, alcohol licence, music licence up to 4:00 am. WDC received a number of objections to the application and the organizers requested a meeting with the JPC to discuss the event. Chairman of the JPC John Murphy and Cllr T Merrygold met them and went through the concerns of the residents – mainly concerning traffic, late noise, and possible anti-social behaviour problems.
  - 6.2 The JPC has objected to the licence application but asked for restrictions to be imposed on noise and traffic (in particular), should the licence be granted.

- 6.3 The organizers had a Safety Advisory Group (SAG) meeting with WDC last week.
- 6.4 The ball organizers had been invited to attend this meeting and address resident's concerns, and accepted. A team of four led by Tegan Eldridge (President of the Ball Committee) briefed the meeting.

7 Briefing:

- Numbers have been reduced to 1,100.
- Timings for the event have been reduced:
  - Buses will now arrive between 11:50hrs and 18:30hrs.
  - The event will finish at 03:00hrs.
- As a result of the SAG meeting; the Police and Environmental Health are satisfied with the arrangements.
- Those attending the event will have identification.
- The coaches will be held in a marshalling area to minimise traffic movements.
- For security, there will be 14 registered guards.
- The supply of alcohol will be controlled and not unlimited.
- Noise levels will be restricted and monitored.
- Event management will be exercised by 100 staff on site.

8 Comments:

- Q. Will participants be allowed to bring their own alcohol?  
A. No, none will be allowed on the coaches.
- Q. Can the use of the "silent disco" be used for all music?  
A. No. It is not appropriate for live performances.
- Q. Are 14 security guards sufficient for an event of 1,100 people?  
A. Yes, according to the regulations.
- Q. Is there an evacuation plan?  
A. Yes.

- 9 Conclusion. It was generally acknowledged that this is unlikely to be the last time Sherbourne Park is selected for such a function. There was a body of opinion at the meeting that, rather than rely upon voicing a predictable refusal, the village should attempt to establish a procedure whereby all the safeguards for the village's interests are preserved whilst, at the same time, not inhibiting Sherbourne Park's ability to go about its business. This well-considered proposal could be a model for dealing with future applications.

## Report by Chairman of Parish Meeting

- 10 The Chairman reported:

**Parish Report**

- Thanks to all village residents who cut the grass verges outside their properties and further afield. Thanks also to Mrs Gordon for her regular litter picking.

**Various road related stuff.**

- We are still concerned about speeding along Watery Lane - we will have another go at trying to get this reduced to 30 mph, but I don't hold out much hope.
- I mentioned last year the WDC online system, in BETA TEST, which can be used to report damage to road signs and road surfaces and I have entered a number of reports onto the system about the tarmac in Fulbrook Lane and problems with a couple of road signs in the village. If you are interested this website is [www.FixMyStreet.com](http://www.FixMyStreet.com)
- Funnily enough Fulbrook Lane and the other roads in the village are now marked up for tarmac repairs – more than 12 months after reporting it.
- Sadly I have come to the conclusion that FixMyStreet does not work, there is no feedback on progress and not much seems to get done. I think we are better off contacting WDC direct. On this subject I emailed WDC about some missing road signs at the end of Vicarage and Watery Lanes and Church Road. The initial response was that there was no money in the budget and WDC only had to have one sign at the end of each road. However a couple of months later

extra signs appeared. This shows that it is worth raising issues direct, even if they are fairly small.

- In that vein, we are looking into getting bus shelters installed by the two bus stops on the A46. Initial response came back that this is all down to Highways England but the JPC would have to bear the cost – which at a first pass was quoted at about £20,000. We are trying to find out more detail about what is involved and get more realistic costs.

11 Other parts of the Chairman's report are used elsewhere in these minutes.

## Report on Sherbourne Neighbourhood Watch

12 Mrs Helen Whiter had submitted the written report below:

### Report on Sherbourne Neighbourhood Watch April 2017

The Sherbourne Neighbourhood Watch Scheme started nearly three years ago and all people who move into the village are invited to join. The numbers of those participating has remained fairly static, with those moving away being replaced by people new to the village. Those who have signed up to the scheme receive updates on any relevant incidents in the area and a regular newsletter from Warwickshire Police - Warwick Rural West Safer Neighbourhood Team. In addition, members are alerted to police campaigns and given advice on how to avoid crime. Members have also had invitations to contribute to surveys and consultations on crime and policing in Warwickshire.

During the last year we were alerted to a car having been stolen from Moat Green and there was a shed burglary in Vicarage Lane, not reported to the police.

If you have not joined up yet, you can still do so. Please just contact the co-ordinator for your area of the village:

Carole Fidler	01926 624 533	Moat Green and Watery Lane
Amber O'Brien	01926 624 732	Church Road and Fulbrook Lane
Helen Whiter	01926 624 681	Vicarage Lane and courtyards
Antoinette Gordon	01926 624 344	Outlying Areas

or alternatively send your name, address and e-mail address to our local PCSO, Paul Coleman (paul.coleman@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk), who will then ensure that the information is passed to your local co-ordinator.

#### **A reminder**

Dialling 999 - Emergency number.

Use if you see an incident whereby you believe a crime is about to be committed, is being or has been committed and the offenders are still on the scene.

Or if any situation arises whereby an individual or persons are put in a dangerous situation potentially suffering harm, injury or potentially worse.

Dialling 101 - Non-emergency number.

Use if you discover a crime has been committed and it is obvious that the offender(s) have left the scene and are no longer about i.e. you discover in the morning that your vehicle has been entered or your property damaged. Use this number to report the crime.

If you wish to discuss any issues with your local Warwick Rural West Team they can be contacted as follows:

Phone: 01926 684397

E-mail: wrw.snt@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk

## Report by Police

13 PC Rob Davies submitted the written report below

### Warwickshire Police Community Messaging Service (CMS)

The Community Messaging Service (CMS) is a self-registration scheme, which allows you to retain control of your personal information and to make changes to your account information and message preferences as well as to take holidays or unsubscribe from the scheme, for yourself.

Please click on the following link <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/register> to register for our Community Messaging Service.

You will be asked to enter and to confirm your email address and then to prove that you are not a robotic spamming system by selecting some photographs, following a prompt when you have clicked on the 'I am not a robot' box.

Once this has been completed, you will be given a 5 digit PIN which you will need to make a note of.

Next, go to your email box and open the 'noreply' message which the system will have sent you and click on the link that it contains.

You will need to re-enter your email address, along with the 5-digit PIN and then to confirm.

You should now be registered and can log in to complete the rest of the process. Please note that there are two parts to the registration process. One is to create an account with your personal contact details. You will then need to click on the 'Email CMS Preferences' link to select which messages you wish to receive, the areas you wish to receive them for and the frequency with which you wish to receive them. There are 4 pages to complete along with a summary of the information at the end, and **each page contains useful guidance notes, printed in blue**, to help you.

Once you click submit at the end, you should receive an automated response to confirm that you have successfully registered.

A more detailed user guide is available if you require it at:  
<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/24163/Help-with-setting-up-your-CMS-Account>

Communities are better protected if they are informed of what is going on in the area, therefore please feel free to forward this email on to friends and family, within Warwickshire, to encourage them to register to receive the messages too.

For examples of previous messages, please follow the links down the side of the registration pages or click this link : <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/search-CMS>

Remember - please don't hesitate to make us aware if you are having problems with the registration process as we are very happy to help you.

## Report by Village Hall Committee

14 Mrs Peta Wilkinson had submitted the written report below:

Dear Friends and Neighbours

I do hope that you all enjoying the spring sunshine and the burgeoning flowers and greenery.

We are having our AGM on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 10.00am in the village hall, do come along, refreshments are available and you will be able to hear our exciting news.

Thanks to the fantastic support we have received from Warwick District Council and the Barford, Wasperton and Sherbourne Joint Parish Council we have been able to renovate our village hall extensively over the last few years. This has included the hall, the toilet, the bar and kitchen area

and the purchase of new comfortable chairs. This has greatly enhanced what we can offer to residents and people hiring the hall.

On the back of this excellent work we have been able to secure more funding from the Rural West Community Forum to improve the heating and ambience by installing a fire in the fireplace, which we are just organising the purchase of.

Bookings for the last financial year have improved due to the renovation work and the further advertising that we have secured. We now have regular and committed bookings and many more requests for one off bookings. Please do encourage your family and friends to attend events. For more information about hiring the hall, contact Derek Diggory on 07980 199 767 or [derekdiggory@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:derekdiggory@yahoo.co.uk)

We had a number of very successful events last year including:

- St Patrick's Day Lunch
- Family Film evenings
- A musical evening of Jazz
- Jubilee tea party
- Harvest Festival lunch
- Table top sale

**Events for this year include:**

- Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> – Film Night 'Brooklyn'
- Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Live performance '*Fever – the life and loves of Peggy Lee*'
- September – Film night
- October – Harvest festival lunch
- November – Pre-Christmas event

Please do let us know if you have any suggestions for events you would like to see put on if you would be willing to help with events or serve on the committee.

We have had a suggestion from our committee to organise a coffee morning regularly on a Wednesday so that people can meet for a chat and some refreshments. If you would be interested could you please let us know by indicating below-

Yes/No

We would love to contact you by email to give you advanced notice of forthcoming events. If you felt able to share your email address with us it would be most helpful. We would only use it for village hall events and not pass it to 3<sup>rd</sup> parties. Please email your address to [helenwhiter@btinternet.com](mailto:helenwhiter@btinternet.com)

We look forward to welcoming you all.  
Very best wishes

## Report by the Parochial Church Council

15 Paul Preston presented the main points from the All Saints Parish Report:

The Good Friday evening service of Music and Readings was well received.

The Prayer Book Society held their Annual Evensong Service on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> May, followed by tea in the Village Hall.

A talk on the Church's history was given to the Mothers' Union on 10<sup>th</sup> May, by David Hill. A visit to the Church was made by the Sherbourne Pre-School Play Group on 26<sup>th</sup> May.

We welcomed The Coventry Diocesan Bell Ringers on 6<sup>th</sup> June, who rang to commemorate H.M. the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. The congregation enjoyed a celebratory Evensong Service on 12<sup>th</sup> June. An evening 'Photo-shoot' was staged by The Wellesbourne Photographic Society on 16<sup>th</sup> June.

The Church Fête was held on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> August, with appalling weather conditions.

English Heritage Open Days were supported on 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> September.

The Annual Masonic Rose-Croix Evensong Service was held on 11<sup>th</sup> September, followed by tea in the Village Hall.

A Quiet time for Meditation and reflection was held on 25<sup>th</sup> October in the evening by candlelight.

The new Priest's Board was dedicated and hangs in the chancel. It records the clergy who have served the Sherbourne community since the present church was consecrated in 1864.

In 2016, ten weddings, two funerals and six baptism services were held with one wedding having an attendance of over 280 people.

With eleven weddings scheduled for this year plus the Flower Festival in September, we look forward to yet another busy year in the church.

### Report by Barford, Sherbourne & Wasperton JPC

16 Cllr John Murphy (Chairman of the JPC) gave the following report:

2016-2017 has been an incredibly busy year! – 9 routine JPC meetings, numerous Planning meetings, three Annual Parish Meetings several Special Meetings, numerous Working Party meetings and several public “events”. The King George’s Field improvement scheme came to fruition and perhaps demanded just a little less JPC attention however other things surfaced to make great demands on our time and attention.

**Difficult financial times** continued and the correction we made a couple of years ago, coupled with increasing revenue from the number of new houses in Barford has continued to allow us to produce a balanced budget this year, once again avoiding any increase on your parish element of the Council Tax charges. All this despite a progressive reduction, to zero over three years, of the Concurrent Services support grant and the loss of Council Tax Reduction Rebates. These effects will continue for some time – effectively until we stop adding new houses, so our finances should at least remain secure although increased resident numbers may well lead to an increased demand for services...

**All three village halls** have this year been supported by JPC grants with £1,176 towards general maintenance each and the JPC also gave grant support of £445 towards maintenance of each of the three churchyards. The JPC also awarded £588 to support Barford Scout Hut funds in recognition of its important role providing essential community facilities, in addition to its more conventional role with the uniformed groups.

**The King George’s Field** scheme, whilst still not finished due to technical and legal issues, was largely complete in time for over 800 people to attend our Celebration Day on Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup> and then many more came to the royal opening with HRH The Duke of Kent on Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup>. All this generated much publicity and visitors came from far and near to try our new facilities. We became a victim of our own success and parking became an issue and managing the amount of rubbish deposited in our litter bins became a challenge too. Working with neighbours and the WCC Highways we came up with plans to encourage more considerate parking and they have largely been successful, especially as the “honeymoon period” began to fade.

Prior to opening we were having problems and extra drainage installation was urgently needed if we were to lay the safety surface in time for the opening. The extra bill was large and our funding was getting stretched so we had to beg for extra funding and thankfully Barford Community Charity was able to help and provided an extra £10,000 towards the additional funding needed.

Once opened, it became apparent that “dog fouling” was a bit of a problem and an informal scheme of marking with neon-pink was embarked upon to warn people of the risk but most importantly to enable us to quantify the problem. Thankfully after the first few weeks the problem seemed to reduce and is now at relatively low levels, although Barford Sports Club and the JPC is still vigilant

in watching - and identified offenders will be challenged and if appropriate reported on to the Dog Wardens for further action.

Extra funding was raised from National Grid and from Warwick Rural West Community Forum and this enabled us to install Outdoor Gym equipment in the autumn. Donors also came forward and kindly funded extra benches and seats completing provision around the field.

In October, we were finally able to take on a lease for the Rectory Paddock. This will be used as an occasional car park for school/church/KGF/village events and will also provide a secure pathway from the school to KGF for school-day BUFC use.

Maintenance of the whole site is now a mixture of contractors and voluntary efforts and this combination saves several thousand pounds worth of parish Council Tax every year and also ensures that we take a very close interest in the condition of our field – a win-win situation, we think.

The WDC **New Local Plan** was found to be unsound at its examination in public last year and after some debate was “suspended until May 2016” whilst housing numbers were reviewed with particular reference to Coventry overspill and windfall sites accounting. This necessitated a further review of available sites and in the latest proposals Barford was expected to take a further 75 houses – split over two sites (off Wasperton Lane <H47> and inside the Barford Bypass <H48>) in addition to those previously proposed or granted permissions through the planning system. When the examination was resumed an aggressive proposal from Gladmans, on behalf of St John’s College, suggested increasing H47 up to a total of 135 houses. Thankfully the JPC submission on the revised Draft Plan almost predicted the Inspector’s recommendations – remove H47 (hopefully finishing any chance of the Gladman proposal), fewer houses south of Warwick and Leamington, more within Greenbelt areas and nearer to Coventry. H48 remained in the plan and has now become a live planning application. The consultation on the Inspector’s modifications will run until May 5<sup>th</sup> and then the Inspector, after considering any comments, will finalise his recommendations which should then come back to WDC for adoption.

**Barford Neighbourhood Development Plan** - after largely favourable findings by the Inspector and very modest changes the BNDP was taken to Referendum on October 6<sup>th</sup> 2016 and was approved by 97% of those who voted on a 45.2% turnover. The plan was then promptly “made” by WDC and is now a part of planning law, HOWEVER, its powers are limited until we have the New Local Plan finalized and a 5-year land supply in place, but it still carries a small amount of weight.

**County Minerals Plan** - Wasperton Hill Farm and Glebe Farm sites 4 and 5 continue to be included in the WCC Pre-Submission Draft Mineral Plan and after a further round of consultation over the Dec-Jan period we wait to see what finally goes to new WCC after the May 2017 elections. If WCC adopts that plan then it will go to a Public Inquiry and there may be further chance to challenge the proposals. Any challenge at that stage is likely to be much more demanding and expensive and hence the recent launch of a Sand & Gravel Action Group to raise funds and lead the battle.

**Barford Village Green** has had a make-over recently with the installation of a bonded rubber mulch surface around and under the play equipment and bordering much of the pathway near the Barford Village Shop. This will make the area much cleaner to use and improves the appearance greatly. The project was funded by Barford Village Shop and WDC Rural/Urban Fund.

**Land around Barford House** - a scheme submitted for eight houses on the southern portion was approved last year and has since been sold on to Kendricks who have applied for some variations and started work. There has been considerable concern as all trees on the front of the site have been removed despite some being retained in the original plans – WDC have not taken enforcement action as the trees have been deemed of “poor” quality and others will be planted within the scheme. The entire frontage wall was removed, contrary to permissions – part was to be retained on heritage grounds and the rest set back for visibility. WDC are enforcing reinstatement of the wall.

There has been great progress on repairs to the walls fronting Wellesbourne Road, slowly but surely the brickwork has been replaced, through to Inson’s Yard. We look forward to the cappings being replaced in the near future.

The **Sherbourne Nurseries** site, Nursery Meadow, built by Taylor Wimpey is now largely complete and many new folk, and some we already know, are settling in well. Some have already erected PD extensions and conservatories and one has a current planning application for a significant extension. At last the Heritage Group telephone box has re-appeared on Wellesbourne Road after a couple of winters at the back of the site.

The land between **Wilkins Close** and the river is now being built by Spitfire builders with 25 houses of various sizes and tenures. Regrettably bad organization by the developer and lack of appropriate conditions being imposed by WDC meant that the early part of the build caused traffic chaos with workers' vehicles parked all over the road and delivery lorries queuing over the bridge, often on the wrong side of the road. Thankfully things have improved with some parking now available on site but we will see how it goes as they eventually work-out of the site.

**Proposals to build more houses, accessed only via Bremridge Close** has added to the already real concerns about traffic and safety at the Bremridge/Wellesbourne Road junction. Issues are made worse by vehicles from or visiting Country Car and those related to Barford Exchange. Vehicles are frequently parked up to junctions and often on the pavements adding to the chaos. Country Car are already co-operating with us and it is hoped that we can get support from Barford Exchange and WCC to see how the situation might be improved for all.

In addition, as many of the extra houses are going west of Wellesbourne Road there is some pressure to look at a signalized crossing for safety, especially during the peak morning and evening traffic flows.

In February, Sherbourne was inundated with an encampment of **Gypsies and Travellers**, occupying land off Watery lane and adjacent to the Sherbourne Bypass roundabout. Combined actions from WCC, WDC, Police and Highways England eventually encouraged them to "move on" but not before considerable damage had been done on and around the site, in addition to causing considerable alarm to local residents. This encampment and several others in the area have spurred the authorities on to be more prepared for future events and also WDC has proposals in hand to make many of their sites less accessible to such encampments. This may displace the Travellers and make other non-WDC more vulnerable/attractive so views are being taken on how best to protect our vulnerable sites and prevent future issues.

Councillors have served their electors extremely well, working as a strong team with James Johnson our excellent Clerk/RFO. Vacancies do still exist for Barford councilors and we will be looking to co-opt others as time moves on. Meanwhile, once again, the bulk of the work has had to fall on the stalwarts able to make meetings and dedicate considerable amounts of extra time to pursue our various activities and other commitments. Over the last two years and particularly the last year this effort has been strongly supplemented by many individuals supporting the JPC through Barford Sports Club in both official and volunteer capacities. Many thanks to all for their input.

Councillor attendance records 2016-2017:

	<b>Meetings</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>%</b>
Cllr Mrs W Barlow	9	9	100%
Cllr R Clay	9	9	100%
Cllr H Gadsden	9	5	56%
Cllr J V Murphy	9	9	100%
Cllr Mrs A Gordon	9	9	100%
Cllr T Merrygold	9	9	100%
Cllr Mrs R Newsome	9	8	89%
Cllr M J Metcalfe	9	6	67%
Cllr N F J Thurley	9	8	89%
Cllr J T Wright	9	8	89%
Cllr A B Rhead	9	3	33%

Cllr J M Hawkesford	9	6	67%
Cllr Mrs K E Thomson	9	6	67%
Cllr S Morgan	9	4	44%

## Report by Warwick District Council

17 Cllr Alan Rhead (WDC) gave the following report:

I want to report back on three major initiatives within Warwick District over the last year.

The first one is the Local Plan Examination In Public. With the Inspector having previously indicated he would reject the original proposal as being “unsound”, WDC made amendments to the original plan, largely to meet the “unmet need” of Coventry. In total more than 4,000 houses were added to the Plan and it through its Examination In Public in Autumn 2016. The Inspector has now advised the Council of some suggested amendments – mostly of deletions of sites within the Green Belt, including deleting H47 land south of Wasperton Lane in Barford. Currently these amendments are out for public consultation until the 5<sup>th</sup> May and all residents are welcome to put their comment in. Full Council will probably be asked to approve the revised Local Plan in September 2017. I do have some specific comments as it relates to Barford later on.

The second major initiative is the investment of £15 million in upgrading the St Nicholas Park and Newbold Comyn Leisure Centres. Both Centres were getting towards the end of their useful life and this new investment will provide modern leisure centres meeting the needs of the communities for the next 30+ years. They will also be managed by a company called “Everyone Active”, who have successfully tendered to run the centres for the next 10 years, and who will be very attuned to meeting the needs of the community to remain healthy and fit. Facilities in Kenilworth will be for review later, probably in 2018.

Thirdly: There have been considerable issues around unauthorised encampments by travellers. Extensive camps over Christmas, the New Year and since then notably at our neighbours in Sherbourne, have led to considerable public disquiet about the mess left behind. We have been working with the Police & Crime Commissioner, Philip Seccombe, to develop a Countywide approach as to how to handle these sites, but in the meantime as a District Council we have agreed to invest £180,000 into hardening our public spaces to make these areas less prone to these encampments.

In respect of Barford this has been a year dominated by planning matters. Firstly we have had the WCC minerals strategy plan, which I will continue to lobby against. Secondly the plethora of applications for additional housing, both in and not in the Local Plan are understandably causing considerable disquiet and disruption in the village, notably the opportunistic proposal from Gladman for south of Wasperton Lane. I continue to welcome comments and concerns from residents so that I can feed these back into the Council and ensure that your voice is heard. And it is because of these comments and concerns that in combination with your Chairman, John Murphy, we have increased the pressure on ensuring the Council takes action to enforce planning conditions. We are in a better position than in January, but I would prefer to reach the situation where Planning Approval in the first place are picking up issues as change requests come in, meaning that we do not need to get Enforcement involved at all.

Looking to the future, key areas for the year ahead for WDC include:  
Conclusion of the Local Plan as outlined above.

The development of a new car park strategy for Warwick and Leamington as Linen Street and Covent Garden Multi-Storey Car Parks reach the end of their useful life.

A new and smaller set of council offices will be built alongside the Covent Garden car park, enabling the current Riverside House (WDC’s HQ) to be replaced by additional housing.

And proposals for a new football stadium for Leamington Football Club along with community facilities on the Europa Way/Gallows Hill site.

As always, I and Peter Phillips are happy to take calls or emails throughout the year, and to meet residents at Parish Council meetings, to discuss any issues or questions that they may have.”

## Report by Warwickshire County Council

18 Cllr Les Caborn (WCC) submitted the following written report:

### Budget

We have faced up to the challenges of reducing budgets by ensuring the county council is efficient as can be and have reduced directors from 10 to 4, and heads of service from 58 to 16 whilst reviewing every post. We share work with and work for other authorities.

Council tax set at 1.99%. +2% ring fenced for social care for 2017-18

We have straightforward objectives:

Building Warwickshire's economy by supporting and attracting business to grow jobs and investing in skills and education.

Looking after those who are vulnerable, by supporting people to be as independent as they can be for as long as possible.

Children's and Adult care and safeguarding

Opened MASH . The multi-agency safeguarding hub pulls together police, health, social care and all partners to safeguard and protect all by operating together

Recruiting 40 additional children's social workers to reduce caseloads

Formed Children's Transformation Board to give seamless support to children and families from 0 to 18

Built extra care housing for supported living for the vulnerable

Transformed domiciliary care to give more contact time

Formed joint enablement service with SWFT

Received £20 million over 3yrs from government extra funding for older people

### Education

Invested extra £1m in home to school routes

89% of schools judged good or outstanding by ofsted

Pupil performance in most areas better than national average

More SEN pupils educated at local schools

School estate being expanded

### Infrastructure

Investment fund for infrastructure and town centre regeneration

Additional parkway stations at Ricoh, Nuneaton, Stratford and Kenilworth

Junction 12 improvements at Gaydon

Stanks Island Stoneleigh junctions improvements

Gritting routes maintained and pothole repairs

WCC apprentice hub rated in top 100 in U.K.

### Road Safety

I have used my Councillor road safety budget for works in Budbrooke ,Norton Lindsey, Bishops Tachbrook ,Barford.

This will continue for 2017-18.

### Health

We have launched our zero tolerance to suicide strategy

Redesigned and retendered our children's mental health services

Instigated white board - our 24/7 mental health help service for over 16

Living Well with Dementia has achieved over 13000 dementia friends.

Redesigned our school health and wellbeing service.

Responsible for drugs, alcohol and smoking quitting and support.

### Combined Authority

We are still an associate member working with but not part of CA

### Sustainability and Transformation Plan

The STP is designed to get all partners in the health system working together , and reduce

escalating costs to make health and social care affordable longer term.  
So far in Warwickshire a difficult start but progress is being made somewhat slowly.  
WCC is a vital partner in this along with our boroughs and districts.

### **Dealing with Unauthorised Traveller Encampments**

- 19 As is generally known, a group of Travellers camped on the land at the northern end of Watery Lane – along the path that leads underneath the new Sherbourne roundabout. Some also camped right next to the junction with the A46.
- 20 There were some disturbances, some police involvement and eventually they left, leaving a considerable mess behind.
- 21 The land by the path is owned by Highways England who initially denied ownership – which delayed attempts to move them on, and clean up afterwards.
- 22 The Chairman, together with Cllrs Caborn and Phillips, summarised the recent travellers' encampment episode and reported on the follow-up meeting between WDC, WCC, Highways England (HE), JPC, the Police and others
- WDC is taking measures to harden council owned sites
  - WDC and the Police advise landowners to take reasonable measures to secure their own land
  - Cllr Caborn is to chase HE for a decision on what if anything it plans to do, at what costs and what additional funds may be necessary
  - With the HE response – JPC is to decide what actions can be taken
  - Options discussed included groundworks (ditches or bunds) additional fencing, tree planting
  - Heather Dalton to provide the Chairman with details of gate padlock keeper for circulation to other Sherbourne elected representatives.
  - Residents to report issues to police at first sight of any future incursions (for example attempts to remove padlocks) so police can respond quickly
  - Police require concrete evidence wherever possible to identify individuals
  - The more calls the police receive about problems the more action is likely to be taken
  - If incursion is on HE lands contact National Traffic Operations Centre:  
Highways England  
National Traffic Operations Centre  
3 Ridgeway  
Quinton Business Park  
Birmingham  
B32 1AF  
Email [info@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:info@highwaysengland.co.uk)  
General enquiries 0300 123 5000
  - PC Rob Davies to provide details of Community Messaging Service [see Minute 13 above]

### **Appointments**

- 23 Representative on Village Hall Committee. Mrs Antoinette Gordon was appointed.
- 24 Chairman of Parish Meeting for 2017-18. Tony Merrygold was elected unopposed

### **Closure**

- 25 There being no other business the meeting closed at 9:30pm