

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE PARISH OF SHERBOURNE
HELD AT SHERBOURNE VILLAGE HALL
ON MONDAY 8 APRIL 2019 AT 7:30PM**

Present: Cllr Tony Merrygold (Chairman)
Cllr John Murphy (BS&W JPC)
Cllr Peter Phillips (WDC)
Cllr Les Caborn (WCC)
Four Sherbourne Electors

Opening

The Chairman welcomed all to the Sherbourne Annual Parish Meeting:

Report by Local Police (PC Ross Kirby)

The meeting took note of the incidence of crime in Sherbourne but concentrated on the issue of vulnerability to the threat of a repeat incursion onto Sherbourne land by travellers. Experience showed that this was accompanied by damage to vehicles, theft and profuse littering and the village wanted no more of it. PC Ross was on the defensive, citing the mantra that police "had to go with the evidence", but he was at a loss to explain why these criminal acts were not known to the police.

Cllr Phillips intervened to inform the meeting that the Chief Constable and the Chief Executive of Warwick District Council were working in harmony to deal with this problem which extended beyond Sherbourne. A looming threat was the resurrection of the Kenilworth Horse Fair which attracts members of the traveller community to the area. On the last occasion the fair was held, normal police measures were insufficient to control fully their excesses and the thought is to turn to the expedient of legal injunctions if there is a next time.

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting of 16 April 2018.

The minutes were approved as a true record. There were no matters arising

Report by Chairman of Barford, Sherbourne & Wasperton JPC (Cllr Tony Merrygold)

As usual I want to give you an update on some of the highlights of the past year that aren't covered anywhere else on the agenda.

Land in Sherbourne/Travellers & Gypsies

Hopefully you will all be aware that our efforts to pressurise Highways England into doing something to protect the land between the A46 and Watery Lane came to fruition. They have replaced the old gates with stronger ones with a height restraining bar, so that even if the gates are opened the bar will stop caravans getting past. They have installed post and rail fencing along both sides of the winding concrete path that goes under the A46 roundabout so that in the event of any travellers getting through the gates there isn't enough space to park up tow vehicles and caravans or to manoeuvre them round. The fencing is set back far enough so that wide farm vehicles can get round the bends without clipping the fence. This is a significant investment by Highways England and the project leader commented that it was just over 50% of their maintenance spend for the West Midlands for that year. Hopefully this will prevent further incursions.

Longer term WDC are doing their best to make sure the Kenilworth Horse Fair no longer takes place and this is what attracted the travellers in large numbers anyway.

County Minerals Plan - Sand and Gravel extraction at Barford

The fight against the County Minerals Plan continues. Glebe Farm has been dropped from the plan but Wasperton Farm remains. The plan has now gone into consultation and the JPC submitted our objections to the amended plans as did many people from the village. The next stage is for the plan to go to the Secretary of State to then appoint an inspector and go to independent examination scheduled for this summer.

Taylor Wimpey works at Bremridge Close

As you all knew planning permission was granted to Taylor Wimpey for the extra houses at Bremridge Close and work has now started on the site causing all sorts of problems.

TW's traffic management plan saying that all deliveries would be done without needing to use articulated lorries, although this included a caveat 'that it could be varied 'with prior notice in writing to WDC'. They gave assurances that the residents would be given 3 days' notice of any such deliveries. Which hasn't

always happened and some of the drivers exhibit very 'flexible approach to the rules'. I am left with one abiding impression of Taylor Wimpey throughout all this, and here I have to choose my words carefully – they seem have a knack, if not a policy, of saying one thing, to keep people happy, and then doing the complete opposite.

JPC Planning Applications – Analysis

A couple of people have commented to me, almost in passing, when discussing planning matters that “the JPC objects to everything”. I know this isn't the case but it thought it worthwhile sharing with you some analysis of the planning applications for planning year 2018

| JPC | # | % | WDC | # | % |
|-------------------------------------|----|------|--------------------|----|------|
| No Objection | 21 | 75% | Grant | 21 | 81% |
| Partial Objection | 2 | 7% | Grant after Change | 2 | 8% |
| Objection | 5 | 18% | Refused | 2 | 8% |
| Totals | 28 | 100% | Withdrawn | 1 | 4% |
| | | | | 26 | 100% |
| Of 5 Objections | | | | | |
| WDC Refused that JPC No Objection | | | | 1 | |
| WDC Refused upholding JPC Objection | | | | 1 | |
| WDC Approved that JPC Objected | | | | 1 | |
| JPC Objected - no decision yet | | | | 2 | |

Now onto more positive items which are about our community.

Barford Bypass Northern Junction

The JPC now have some S106 funds earmarked for improvements to the northern junction on the Barford bypass. There isn't enough money, or land there to build a roundabout so the improvements will be to do with layout, central reservation and signage. We are still waiting to see the designs.

King George's Field

As you all know the work in Kings George's Field has been finished and this is now a very well used facility both by the organised groups, Barford United Football Club, Netball, etc as well as the general public. Some repair work is needed to a portion of the surface in the children's play area. Increased use of the football pitch means that we have increased the amount of planned maintenance and this is now covered in our regular budgets. However all this use presents us with a different problem – that of parking in and around King George's Field. Some use of the school parking has been agreed for away team parking at football matches. The JPC is talking to WDC about painting some additional white lining in Church Lane to help 'delineate the carriageway' and alleviate some of the inconsiderate parking.

Village Magazine

I would like to publicly express my thanks for the efforts of a small group of people who have completed the huge task of making Plurality evolve into Village Voices which is now delivered free of charge to every house in the three parishes.

Acknowledgements

Finally, I would like all our councillors and the parish clerk who have served their electors well throughout the year.

| | Meetings | Present | % |
|---------------------|----------|---------|-----|
| Cllr Mrs W Barlow | 9 | 8 | 89% |
| Cllr R Clay | 9 | 8 | 89% |
| Cllr H Gadsden | 9 | 6 | 67% |
| Cllr Mrs A Gordon | 9 | 8 | 89% |
| Cllr J M Hawkesford | 9 | 7 | 78% |
| Cllr Mrs D Haynes | 9 | 7 | 78% |

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| Cllr Mrs V Hunt | 9 | 7 | 78% |
| Cllr T Merrygold | 9 | 9 | 100% |
| Cllr M J Metcalfe | 9 | 5 | 56% |
| Cllr J V Murphy | 9 | 6 | 67% |
| Cllr Mrs R Newsome | 9 | 7 | 78% |
| Cllr A B Rhead | 9 | 3 | 33% |
| Cllr Mrs K E Thomson | 9 | 5 | 56% |
| Cllr N F J Thurley | 9 | 8 | 89% |
| Cllr J T Wright | 9 | 8 | 89% |
| Cllr Mrs L M Jones | 9 | 6 | 67% |

Report on Sherbourne Neighbourhood Watch (Helen Whiter)

Background

The Sherbourne Neighbourhood Watch Scheme started nearly five 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.

Earlier this year we delivered a flier to everyone in the village, reminding them about the scheme, but only one new person signed up. Many of those in the rented accommodation tend not to join, presumably because they move out and on.

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.

Incidents in Sherbourne

The first incident in Sherbourne to be reported was in the latest newsletter, although under Hatton/Barford: *'A Red Alfa Romeo was stolen from a property in Sherbourne'*

PC Ross Kirby confirmed that this had not been stolen but impounded by police for non-payment of road tax.

In February we were sent the following alert (separate from a newsletter) to circulate:

Theft of tack from Stables - Sherbourne, Warwick:

*Please be aware that between 19.00hrs on Tuesday 5 February and 07.30hrs Wednesday 6 February 2019 offenders have broken into lockers at stables at **Sherbourne**, near **Warwick**. A number of equine items and tack have been stolen including horse rugs, clippers, boots, brushes and chemicals.*

This was not mentioned in the newsletter. In addition, we are aware that during the night around this date, horses were let out from the fields on Vicarage Lane and cows from the dairy in Fulbrook Lane.

Contacts

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

Carole Fidler 01926 624533 Moat Green and Watery Lane
carolefidler@yahoo.co.uk

Amber O'Brien 01926 624732 Church Road, Fulbrook Lane and Sherbourne Park
amberobrien@pqsservices.com

Helen Whiter 01926 624681 Vicarage Lane and courtyards
helenwhiter@btinternet.com

Antoinette Gordon 01926 624344 Outlying Areas
antoinette.gordon@hotmail.co.uk

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 the village local

Contacting the police

Dialing 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.

Dialing 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 at

- Phone: 01926 684397,
- E-mail: wrw.snt@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk

Report on Sherbourne Village Hall (Peta Wilkinson)

I hope you are enjoying the spring sunshine and the burgeoning flowers and greenery. We are having our AGM on Friday 17th at 7.30pm in the village hall, do come along, food and refreshments are available and you will be able to hear our news and discuss our future plans with us.

Activity for the last financial year

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 including term time ballet classes, private dance classes and JPC and Council meetings. We have also hired out the hall on a number of occasions for children's birthday parties. This has improved our financial position over last year. Please, do encourage your family and friends to attend events. For more information about hiring the hall, please contact Alyson Jackson at alysonjackson@mail.com

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

1. Spring Lunch
2. Family Film evenings
3. A musical evening of Truth and Truffles
4. Harvest Festival lunch
5. Coffee mornings
6. Pub nights

Events have been well received and enjoyed but we would like to see more people attending. Please do let us know if you have any suggestions for events you would like to see put on. It is important that we providing what you want and that which will encourage people to attend. If you would be willing to help with events or serve on the committee please do let us know, we are looking for a bookings secretary and an additional committee member.

Events for this coming year include;

- Coffee morning second Thursday of each month 10.30am-12.30pm
- Spring Lunch – Sunday 7th April
- Film Evening – My Cousin Rachel date Saturday 13th April
- Musical Evening – Fairport Convention – Saturday 25th May
- Harvest festival lunch – Sunday 6th October
- November – Pre- Christmas Fair - TBC

Future of the Village Hall

As you may be aware the village hall lease runs out in September 2022 with no chance of extension as the on-going proposed rental costs would be prohibitive. This means we have approximately 3 years of use left to us which we plan to make the most of. Beyond the end of the lease we feel very strongly that we should continue with some form of community centre and forum to run events, meetings and provide opportunities for people to meet. Consequently, we are seeking a solution to this situation by approaching the church as it is the only other community focused building in the village.

We will be writing out to the villagers prior to our AGM to make them aware of the situation and have written to the Parochial Church Council to ask for permission to use their building for community events and although we await a formal response, we are very hopeful as our ethos and aims are aligned.

Please do let us know your views and attend our AGM so that we can ensure that we reflect your thinking in our on-going discussions.

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 3rd parties. Please email your address to alysonjackson@mail.com We look forward to welcoming you all.

Report from Warwick District Council (Cllr Peter Phillips)

I am one of your two District Councillors and I can report on the District's achievements over the last period and my own involvement.

A. I am currently on the Executive and hold the Portfolio for Housing and Property Services; in that role I have placed emphasis on the following:

1. Plans are now well advanced for a new community stadium and athletics track at Europa Way. This development will also include c.200 affordable homes, 50 of which will be provided by the Council and the balance by Waterloo. In addition, there will be a hotel, pub and community centre based around the stadium, which may include a health clinic of some form.

2. One of the biggest challenges we face as a society is providing enough homes at affordable prices for our children and grandchildren. Every council has a role to play here. For example, over 1,000 affordable homes have been built since 2015 representing more than 40% of all major developments, which is the target set down in the Local Plan.

3. We have opened a 24/7 hostel in Leamington for rough sleepers and homeless and in the six months it has been operating nearly 100 people have come through its doors, many of whom have now been helped back into the community or reconnected with their families. Overall the Council is putting £3 million over three years into this initiative along with the County Council, driven by Les Caborn.

B. Alan Rhead and I have been pushing through the Executive and the Council important measures in respect of new technologies for new house building in the District. Alan has persuaded one developer to construct 8 houses with complete renewables and water saving technologies; In February and now with officers, I have instigated new measures so that we incorporate ideas from the Sustainable Development Foundation into building for new Council Houses.

C. Plans are well advanced to acquire sites for up to 500 new Council Houses in the District in the next four years.

D. Importantly for existing Council Housing, I took through Council measures to ensure that all our council houses will have an Energy Performance Certificate of at least D with a longer term aim to take this to C

E. We are more than half-way through a program to upgrade our tower blocks following the Grenfell fire in 2017. Rather than just doing the minimum safety upgrade we have also looked at the aesthetics of the tower block and how they are perceived by residents, and have invested in completely new interiors in the common areas more akin to what you find in private tower blocks plus revamping the outside of the blocks. Even our hard-bitten MP was highly complimentary of the work the Housing team had done.

F. Alan has also been closely involved in the comprehensive development of the major sites in East of Kenilworth, South of Coventry and South of Warwick/Leamington Spa. It is only by setting out design briefs in these major sites that well designed applications are comprehensive and in empathy with their surroundings;

G. There are specific project boards for each of these major sites and Alan has been liaising with the County Council Highways and Education so that he has an opportunity to help steer on the phasing of new highways and schools which are so important to accommodate all of the new housing emanating from the approved Local Plan;

H. This last 6 to 18 months, following WDC support to King George's Playing Fields in Barford, we have successfully sought from the District Council funding to help save Norton Lindsey's pub and build a new Norton Lindsey village hall; the Council has also provided important funding in support of the community centres at Bishops Tachbrook, Whitnash and Chase Meadow. These are all important projects to ensure that rural communities continue to be sustainable. On 4 years we have spent £4 million of the new homes bonus on community projects, largely in the rural areas,

I. In support of the police in Leamington, your Council is upgrading the CCTV to help in the fight against crime and provide community protection.

J. The Council provided a much-needed grant to the Playbox Theatre in Warwick so that an access could be constructed without which their car park could not be usefully used. This has resulted in the Theatre increasing their footfall and allowed them to return to being sustainable.

K. The Council has set down plans to ensure that both St Mary's land in Warwick and Newbold Comyn in Leamington Spa can continue to be protected. I reiterate that there will never be any housebuilding on Newbold Comyn despite persistent rumours.

L. Plans are also well advanced for a substantial country park running across the south of the towns between Warwick Castle, through to Bishop's Tachbrook and eventually onto Newbold Comyn. This will ensure that Bishop's Tachbrook will always maintain its identity as a separate community to Warwick and Leamington. We are also looking very closely at how to complete the riverside walk from Leamington to Warwick following the move in a few years of the athletics track.

M. The Council is ensuring that there is a complete cycleway from the Woodloes through to Aylesford School.

N. There are now two completely refurbished leisure centres at St Nicholas and Newbold Common parks. These refurbishments have been so successful that we have now exceeded one million visitors and they have yet to be opened for a complete year. Kenilworth is next to benefit.

O. Alan as the District's 'Procurement Champion' has secured with the Procurement team that all District contracts insist on a plastics policy which demonstrates how the contractor will reduce and/or avoid plastic usage. This will form part of the award criteria.

P. On air quality the District has imposed a planning policy that all new homes must include electric car charging points and are working with the County Council on how to improve air quality especially in the south of Leamington near the station, and also exploring opportunities for electric buses.

Report from Warwickshire County Council (Cllr Les Caborn)

Budget

Council set a budget of 3% for general use plus 2% ring fenced for adult social care. This is the last year we can apply the social care premium as we await the social care green paper to determine the future for social care funding.

2019/20 is the last year of our current One Organisation Plan and cabinet and leadership team are already working on 2020-2025 corporate plan.

Despite the challenges these are the highlights of our budget:

£6.8 million in children's social care to meet costs of increasing numbers of looked after children more support for moving from care to independent living, plus additional £2.8 million for children's transformation fund to reduce demand for children's social care.

£7.3 million for elderly citizens and vulnerable adults and support greater integration between health and social care.

£1.1 million for home to school transport to meet increased demand.

£400,000k for New compactors at our recycling sites to meet demand

£300,000k to create capacity in digital and technology investment to ensure service redesign.

£2.0 million for a new Early intervention, Prevention and Community's capacity fund

£1.0 million revenue to generate additional capital for investment in infrastructure.

£2.0 million to maintain and enhance our work to ensure a vibrant Warwickshire economy including £1.0 million over 4 years to deliver City of Culture projects to maximise opportunities for Warwickshire.

£30,000 to continue supporting the Armed Services Covenant.

Additional £300,000 to extend our homelessness project to 4 years working with Borough and District partners.

£500,000 to support transport solutions for communities focused on rural isolation and supporting vulnerable groups.

Health

In February I lead a public interest debate on the motion: the Council believes that an integrated care system focussed on communities is the right way forward for the Health and Well-being of citizens in Warwickshire. This was approved and confirms our direction of travel working with all health partners from GP,s to Acute hospitals.

It is also the Coventry and Warwickshire year of Well-being promoting that we are all responsible for our own well being.

We are also delighted to welcome Sir Chris Ham, former chief executive of the Kings Fund, as the independent chair of our Coventry and Warwickshire STP.

Over the past few months we have been working with the voluntary sector, community and health to develop a framework for Social prescribing in Warwickshire with common parlance and map the good work already happening so we have the same offer for all our citizens.

Fire and Rescue

Our chief fire officer retires 1 April and we have appointed the deputy chief fire officer from West Sussex as our new chief. During the year Warwickshire was in the first tranche of fire and rescue service national inspections under the new police and fire inspection regime. We received a rating of good.

Highways

Warwickshire has been awarded joint top place in the Ips- Mori national survey of road conditions and repairs, 3300 people in Warwickshire were interviewed within a national total of 100,000.

We are recruiting additional highway engineers to help deal with the pressure of housing development. We have maintained our winter gritting buying a new to us fleet of updated gritters.

Transformation

The new operating model is now operational.

Monica Fogarty is appointed Chief Executive with 3 directors for people group, communities group and resources beneath . Service delivery and commissioning of services is delivered by 13 assistant directors which include the Director of Public Health and the chief fire officer .

Our new website is operational and will be further enhanced., including a remodelled call centre operating as the front door to services at WCC. We are working on more service transformation using digital access and models of support.

Appointments

- Representative on Village Hall Committee (Antoinette Gordon)
- Chairman of Parish Meeting for 2019-20 (Tony Merrygold)

Closure

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8:20pm