

BARFORD, SHERBOURNE & WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on Monday, 25 November 2002 at Barford Memorial Hall at 7.30pm to consider a planning application for the Barford Bypass.

Present: Cllr J V Murphy

Cllrs M B Byerley, R Clay, Mrs A Gordon, G P Grima, Mrs M Hayward, K S Hope,
D H Hunt, R G Mulgrue, M Peters, A Roberts, J T Wright.

In attendance: Cllrs R G Butler (WDC), Mrs M B Haywod (WCC).

AGENDA

133. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs J Compton (WCC), Mrs J Jackson, G G Morris, R Tamlin (WDC), W Worrall.

134. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

Members declared interests in items on the agenda as follows:

Cllr R Clay – Personal interest in agenda item No. 4 - Planning application Barford Bypass – Owner of property close to A429 and Bypass would be visible from his property.

Cllr J V Murphy – Personal interest in agenda item No. 4 - Planning application Barford Bypass – Owner of property adjoining A429.

Cllr A Roberts – Personal interest in agenda item No. 4 - Planning application Barford Bypass – Owner of property adjoining A429.

All three Members stated that they did not consider their interests to be prejudicial since it was an interest they shared with all residents who resided in Bridge Street and Wellesbourne Road, Barford.

135. Representations by Members of the Public.

A number of residents expressed their concern that the application proposed ‘T’ junctions at either end of the village instead of roundabouts. These they considered would cause difficulty and danger to drivers of vehicles wishing to exit and entrance the village.

Another resident expressed the view that Barford needed a Bypass and urged the application should be approved as submitted to avoid further delay.

136. Planning Application – Barford Bypass

The following application was considered and recommendation made as set out below:

Proposal: A 7.3m single carriageway road 2.1Km long overwidened at the southern and northern junctions to provide ghost islands for right turning traffic. The verges are generally 3.5m wide but overwidened where necessary to provide visibility. The Bypass requires the construction of a four span viaduct and series of flood culverts where it crosses the River Avon and the flood plain.

Location: A429 West of Barford from Wasperton Hill Farm access to Sherbourne Park Access.

Warwickshire County Council's Department of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy advised that the application had been submitted by the Cabinet of Warwickshire County Council. They also advised that they hoped to report on the application to the County Councils Regulatory Committee on 28 January 2003.

Following discussion a proposal was made and seconded that Warwickshire County Council be informed "that the Council objects to the application on the grounds that it provides for 'T' junctions instead of roundabouts at each end of the village of Barford".

Cllr Mrs A Gordon and Cllr G Grima requested that as provided for in the Councils Standing Orders voting on the proposal be undertaken by way of a signed ballot.

Cllr J V Murphy further requested that the names of Members voting for and against the proposal be recorded.

Voting was as follows:

For the proposal (7 Members)

Cllr R Clay
Cllr Mrs A Gordon
Cllr G P Grima
Cllr D H Hunt
Cllr M Peters
Cllr A Roberts
Cllr J T Wright

Against the proposal (5 Members)

Cllr M P Byereley
Cllr Mrs M Hayward
Cllr K S Hope
Cllr R G Mulgrue
Cllr J V Murphy

Resolved that Warwickshire County Council be informed that the Joint Parish Council raises objections to the application on the that grounds that it provides for 'T' junctions instead of roundabouts at each end of the village of Barford.