

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH OF SHERBOURNE HELD AT SHERBOURNE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 11 APRIL 2011 AT 7.30PM

Present Mrs Antoinette Gordon (Chairman)
Cllr John Murphy (Chairman Joint Parish Council)
PCSO Ellie Jones
Mr David Hill (Church Warden, PCC Sherbourne)
Ten Sherbourne electors (see attached attendance list)

Opening

1 The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting of Monday 26 April 2010

2 The minutes were confirmed as a true record.

Matters Arising

3 Minute 7.2. Travellers' Site. The HA compound beside the new A46 (mooted as a travellers' site) had been returned to agricultural land.

4 Minute 24. Independent Parish Council for Sherbourne. The Chairman made the following points:

- The electoral roll stood at 158 [150 is the minimums for an independent parish council]
- The change requires 50% of the electorate to vote for it
- WDC is not encouraging
- The forthcoming Localism Bill may offer avenues for independent expression.

Report by Mrs Antoinette Gordon (Chairman)

7 Parish Council.

7.1 The following had served on the Joint Parish Council:

- Cllr Mrs Gordon
- Cllr Mrs Johnston
- Cllr Mrs Wilkinson

7.2 The following had served on the JPC Planning Committee:

- Cllr Mrs Gordon
- Cllr Mrs Wilkinson

8 Planning Applications. A list of settled planning applications in Sherbourne and those outstanding was given to the meeting.

9 Village Roads and Footpaths.

9.1 Watery Lane and Vicarage Lane reopened

9.2 The realigned footpath/bridleway under the Sherbourne roundabout and it is also a cycleway to B4463

9.3 Warwick Area Committee is funding a £15k study of speed limits and signage in Sherbourne

9.4 WCC SpeedAware Package (£250) offered by JPC to Sherbourne.

10 Sherbourne Brook.

10.1 Flow and condition are regularly monitored by riparian owners.

10.2 The fencing blocking the brook upstream of the A46 is being investigated with a view to removal.

11 Trees.

11.1 Licences for tree lopping and felling were constrained after negotiations with the landowner.

11.2 The WCC has assessed local roadside verge trees for replanting and maintenance.

11.3 The PC has agreed to fund tree-planting schemes on an *ad hoc* basis.

12 Village maintenance.

12.1 Lighting. Regularly monitored with outages reported and repaired. Frequency of outages led to:

- All lamps heads being cleaned and new bulbs inserted.
- Branches being trimmed back from trees by landowners and volunteers.

12.2 Gullies:

- Fulbrook Lane stolen gulley covers replaced with fixed version
- Watery Lane gulley rebuilt
- All gullies cleared and jetted through

12.3 Roadside Hedges: Regular trimming is paying off.

12.4 Bulbs: Verges are much improved with continual additional planting.

12.5 Litter Picking: The regular local litter pick is visibly effective.

12.6 Bus Shelter: Shrubbery has been cut back and interior cleaned out.

12.7 The Chairman thanked the many volunteers for their efforts in village maintenance.

13 Information

13.1 Grants from Joint Parish Council:

- Village Hall £940
- Churchyard Maintenance £380

13.2 Foul water link from Depot Site to Vicarage Lane access chamber has been completed.

13.3 Speeding vehicles, loose horses and uncontrolled dogs have caused serious incidents.

Police Matters

14 PCSO Ellie Jones reported that the police had dealt with the following:

14.1 Parking

14.2 Speeding in Watery land and Vicarage Lane. [The Chairman asked for the results of the survey]

14.3 Weekly vehicle patrols in the village.

15 She reminded the meeting that her contact telephone number is: 01926 684397.

16 Sgt David Kettle had joined the team on the retirement of Sgt Holby.

Report by Village Hall Committee

17 The report by Mrs Peta Wilkinson is at Annex A.

Report by Mr David Hill (Church Warden PCC Sherbourne)

- 18 The Churchyard Cross. The cross, dating from the late 14C, had been inspected by English Heritage. It requires maintenance and a scheme has been drawn up. "Biscuits" of mortar, brick dust and pigment with varying proportions have been mixed to find the closest colour and texture match to the cross. Only wooden tools will be used in the refurbishment (metal and power tools are forbidden). English Heritage will fund the restoration to be completed by the end of May or beginning of June.
- 19 Installation of a Lavatory and Kitchen.
- 19.1 Planning approval has been obtained for the construction with two conditions:
- Work to start within three years.
 - Due consideration is paid to conservation. [There are bats in the church but not in the area of construction.]
- 19.2 The scheme has been submitted to the Diocese of Coventry for and Archdeacon's Faculty.
- 20 Use of Church.
- 20.1 Sherbourne is one of six parishes covered by two vicars.
- 20.2 In 2011 they will perform 30 weddings, 14 in Sherbourne. Three more are already booked for 2012 and one for 2013.
- 21 Pattern of Worship. This has been changed with the third Sunday of the month having no service but instead an "open-house".
- 22 Coventry Cathedral. The PCC (representing Barford, Sherbourne and Wasperton) is collaborating with Coventry Cathedral over marking the 50th Anniversary of the consecration of the new cathedral with an event at the Ricoh Arena to be attended by the Queen and the Archbishop of Canterbury.
- 23 Forthcoming Events.
- 23.1 English Heritage open days 8-11 Sep 11
- 23.2 Celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the construction of the church which was designed by the celebrated Sir George Gilbert Scott and is widely regarded as an architectural gem, endorsed by its Grade 2* listed status.
- 23.3 A concert by the Warwickshire Choristers in the church on 21 May 11.

Bus Stops

- 24 Mr Vaughan Rees had been invited by the Chairman to report on bus stops on the A46.
- 25 His presentation evidenced a considerable amount of detailed work, however whereas last year he had been able to announce certain positive achievements this year was altogether more difficult to predict because of the decision by WCC to cut its bus route subsidy by 45% with inevitable withdrawal of services, but where and to what degree was not yet certain.
- 26 The Chairman thanked him for his most productive efforts.

Report by Cllr John Murphy (Chairman Joint Parish Council)

- 27 Cllr Murphy's report is at Annex B.

Realignment of A46

- 28 The Chairman reminded the meeting that claims for compensation for any adverse consequences of the works on dwellings were due. Those consequences were of three types; noise, pollution and lighting. The new road alignment was further from the village than the road it replaced so, for most dwellings in the village, noise and pollution would not have increased. Lighting however was an increased nuisance for some.
- 29 She warned against employing the "ambulance chaser" type of lawyer which often submitted the claim to the HA for a £350 fee and performed no advocacy thereafter.
- 30 A better course of action was to have an estate agent calculate the loss in value (expressed as a percentage of the value before the onset of the nuisance) and make a claim. HA's norm was to offer compensation of 1-2% but that could be driven up by negotiation to 5-6%.
- 31 She offered to give advice to anybody in Sherbourne contemplating making a claim.

Appointment of Representative to Sherbourne Village Hall Committee

- 32 Mrs Rachael Newsome was appointed.

Appointment of Chairman for 2011-12

- 33 Mrs Antoinette Gordon was proposed and seconded, and in the absence of other nominations, elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Closure

- 34 There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9:04pm.



Current Committee Members :
Peta Wilkinson, Chairman (R-JPC)
Gail Frost, Secretary, Treasurer,
and Booking Secretary (R-PCC & Landlord)
Nicky Edwards (E) Rachel Newsome (E)
John Wilkinson (E) Vera Male (E) & Mike (C)
Jacqui (C) & Paolo Lubrano (C)

E - Elected Members (up to 4)
R - Representative Members (3)
C - Co-opted Members (up to 4)

April 2011

Prepared for the Parish Meeting 11.4.11

Dear Friends,

I am delighted to say that yet again we have achieved a lot as a community and a committee.

This year our focus has been on developing the village hall to great effect! We have, with the help of the committee members and friends, managed to transform the hall and achieve a welcoming and stylish environment, which will be a benefit to the village. With the help and enthusiasm of the committee members and the tireless efforts of Gail, we have achieved the following:

1. Last year we had income of £1,650 which included:
 - A grant from the Barford, Sherbourne and Wasperton Joint Parish Council
 - Income from Hall lettings
2. This year the hall has recently been opened for the 'World Book Night' event.
Sales of coffee and second hand books raised £77 which was donated to hall funds.

We continue to invite your ideas as to how best to use the village hall and for the types of social and recreational events that could be planned in the village.

We have already begun planning an opening Tea Party event on Saturday 7 May which will allow us to celebrate our great achievements and continue our joint celebrations of the Royal Wedding.

The party will start at 4pm and finish at 6pm and will include refreshments, tea, coffee and wine. Please join us to celebrate what is an excellent achievement.

We hope to develop a programme of fundraising events to enable us to continue the hall redecoration into the bar and kitchen area so that we have a village hall that is truly lovely and functional. We are grateful for the support given by the Joint Parish Council and hope they agree that we have invested the money wisely.



Pictures taken in the Village Hall on Saturday 5 March – World Book Night Event

We are keen to involve more members of the community to share our excellent facility and invite you to help us to put on events that you will enjoy, make suggestions and even run events yourself with our help and support.

HALL EVENTS: Here are some of the events are planning at the Village Hall this year.

VILLAGE EVENT	DATE
Tea Party	07 May 2011
Summer Supper	August 2011
Film Evening	TBA
Musical Evening	October/November 2011

We are keen to hear from you if you would like to join us on some Theatre trips to Stratford or Birmingham, there are lots of events on and we can arrange transport there and back please let us know if this would be of interest to you.

VILLAGE HALL LETTINGS:

We have managed to secure many more lettings this year with the Village Hall being utilised for a range of local and more widespread activities. This includes an Art Group, Local Authority presentations, JPC meetings and others. We have increased letting income by 35% which is a fabulous achievement. This has contributed to our ability to achieve the superb renovations to the hall.

REPAIRS TO THE VILLAGE HALL:

We are determined to continue our good work and progress to the bar area/kitchen and then on to the toilets and entrance hall. We will need your support as well as our efforts to obtain grants and support from the JPC. Please help us in any way you can,
In summary, a very good year, with potential to do a lot more to invigorate a sense of community. Again, thanks to all involved and committee members and to you for your help and support.

Many thanks and best wishes

Peta

Annual Report of Chairman of Barford, Sherbourne & Wasperton Joint Parish Council

2010-2011 has again been a busy year – 9 routine JPC meetings, numerous Planning meetings, 3 Special JPC Meetings, numerous Working Party or subcommittee meetings and the three Annual Parish Meetings.

A46 Sherbourne Bypass is now complete and seems to be working well. Predicted increases of rat-running through Sherbourne have materialized to some degree and this combined with our ongoing concerns over all of our villages' junctions onto the A429 has led us to continue our pressure to get these matters reviewed. Early in 2011 we heard that we had been successful in getting some considerable funding to start resolving Sherbourne village traffic issues, Barford bypass access junction issues and problems at the Wasperton junction. This is most welcome and whilst probably not sufficient to produce dream solutions it should certainly quantify the issues and start to fund some of the solutions.

Barford Village Design Statement was adopted in year 2009-2010 and during the last year has been quoted and acted upon to some good degree when Planning Applications have been considered at WDC. It is obvious however that its use earlier in the planning stage is not happening and it should be promoted at every opportunity to help guide emerging plans and designs.

JPC and WDC funding have assisted the **Glebe Hotel** to undertake remedial works to the ailing Cedar of Lebanon tree. These have been carried out fully and confirmed the situation to be even worse than feared with the top layer of soil totally impacted and bonded. This has now been remedied using air-spades and there has been proper mulching and watering with parking now made more remote by the new surrounding bed wall. We will have to wait and see if and how well it recovers.

Barford Heritage Group unveiled their magnificent oak tree notice board on Barford Village Green in June and it has been much admired by locals and visitors alike.

Dogs – Dog fouling remains an ongoing problem and although much less than in years past is still causing concern. There are strict rules and severe fines for offenders and the Dog wardens promise zero-tolerance when folk are caught and dog owners can now encouraged to put their pets' waste in the standard waste or litter bins. The problem of fouling and control is so significant that WDC are looking to impose quite draconian measures but it is difficult to see how these might be implemented in our rural locations – watch this space...

Inconsiderate, and often illegal, parking around the Bremridge Close and Wasperton Lane junctions continues to be an important issue and consultation is underway moving towards implementing formal restrictions in the problem locations.

All three village halls have this year been supported by JPC grants with £940 to each and the JPC also gave grant support towards maintenance of each of the three churchyards.

Most of the major **planning consultations** that were worrying us last year – Minerals and Core strategy - have gone quiet in the wake of the abolition of Regional Spatial Strategies by the new coalition government - but they haven't gone away and will re-emerge as new Local Plans, but they will take time and we have every opportunity to fully engage in shaping our District Council area in ways that we think will be appropriate.

Affordable Housing – We have continued to work to identify the most appropriate site and consensus currently comes down to land to the south side of Wasperton Lane and outline plans and negotiations are currently underway with the Rural Housing Enabler.

The threat of development on **land around Barford House** has remained topical again this year following the Barford Parish Meeting's rejection of Sharba's conclusions from their own surveys. Barford Residents Association was resurrected and a very able team oversaw the production of a truly independent assessment of village opinion. The result was clear although not everyone is happy or convinced so we must wait and see what follows for that site.

The opportunity has appeared to acquire a plot of **riverside land** left over from the Barford Bypass construction and plans are moving to develop an orchard, wild flower meadow and canoe launching

point there with public access. The site is currently quite overgrown but the views are magnificent and will give our villages important new access to our river. Although it will require considerable self-help labour we are also fortunate to have secured LEADER funding for some of the more costly and specialist elements.

The three villages were given the opportunity recently to take part in the “Exercise Watermark” a nationwide flood defence exercise. Barford staged an evening “table top” meeting where we went through various scenarios, where, whilst finding ourselves relatively well-prepared, we identified measures which could be improved to assist us in dealing with any significant emergency or disaster which might just happen without warning.

Our parish councillors have played a significant part in developing Locality Community Forums into a much more useful body than they have been to date but there is still a long way to go before they achieve the potential which was been promised, even before the Localism Bill began to emerge.

All councillors have attended many meetings and generally have served their electors extremely well, working as a strong team with James Johnson our excellent Clerk/RFO. Many thanks to all for their input. Some have done much more than the expected minimum and these are particularly deserving of our community’s gratitude. Sadly several have indicated that they will not be standing for election for a further term and we will miss their contributions but will welcome new members to join the team in the coming year.

JVM
15/03/2011

Councillor attendance records:

2010-2011 year

Name	Meetings	Present	%
Cllr Mrs P W Barlow	11	11	100%
Cllr M P Byerley	11	3	27%
Cllr R Clay	11	9	82%
Cllr Mrs D S Cobb	11	5	45%
Cllr Mrs M A Hayward	11	9	82%
Cllr D C Morrow	11	10	91%
Cllr R G Mulgrue	11	10	91%
Cllr J V Murphy	11	11	100%
Cllr A B Rhead	11	8	73%
Cllr W Worrall	11	9	82%
Cllr Mrs A Gordon	11	11	100%
Cllr Mrs P L Johnston	10	3	30%
Cllr Mrs P W Wilkinson	11	8	73%
Cllr Dr M J Metcalfe	11	8	73%
Cllr N F J Thurley	11	9	82%
Cllr J T Wright	11	9	82%