

## BARFORD, SHERBOURNE AND WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2003  
in Sherbourne Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

**Present:** Councillor J V Murphy (Chairman)  
Cllrs Mrs S Dean, Mrs A Gordon, Mrs M Hayward, Mrs J A Jackson, R G Mulgrue, S G Starkey, W  
Worrall and J T Wright.

**In attendance:** Cllr R G Butler (WDC)

161. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs M P Byerley, R Clay, G P Grima, K S Hope, D H Hunt,  
and G G Morris.

162. **Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests**

No interests were declared.

163. **Warwick District Local Plan**

The Chairman informed Council that WDC's draft Local Plan covering the period 1996 to 2011 was expected to be placed 'on deposit' and thereby open to public consultation with effect from the next day. He said that despite the Clerk's timely request for sufficient copies for consideration before this meeting these had not been provided and only after his own urging, just a few days before this meeting, was it agreed to provide two copies of the full document and photocopies for each member of what WDC considered relevant extracts. The high cost of the document, printed as it is on quality paper and similarly bound, was given as the reason for reluctance in distributing large numbers.

Council was highly critical of the timing of WDC's choice of 'deposit' period of 12<sup>th</sup> December to 23<sup>rd</sup> January, spanning as it does the Christmas and new year periods when parish councils ordinarily do not meet. It was also critical of the high quality reproduction of this document, given that it purports to be at draft stage, if that meant that insufficient copies could be made available for those invited to give their views on the plan. Council found it difficult to accept that consultation on this complex document in these circumstances was intended to be meaningful, and asked its Clerk to make these views known to WDC.

There was then a general discussion of various parts of the document and the following questions and issues, among others, were raised:

In Section 3 – Core Strategy – headed by the statement ' We want Warwick District to be safe, **healthy**, fair and prosperous, now and into the future' why is their no mention of the provision of health and medical facilities?

It is not clear from paragraphs 3.7 to 3.9 on the same page whether the land released for employment needs will remain fixed.

Some concern was expressed as to whether DP10 'Flooding' on page 4.9 was sufficiently restrictive to ensure development would not be permitted that increased the flood risk for others.

It was felt that RAP2 and paras 8.9 to 8.19 on pages 8.2 and 8.3 need rewriting to make more explicit the distinction between 'limited growth villages' and other villages in terms of what development is permitted.

There needed to be conditions imposed on development to support 'Parish Plans'.

It was unclear how Local Plans in neighbouring Districts will be sensitive to the needs of adjacent communities living within the area of those different District Councils.

Finally, Council decided to take up the offer from WDC of an officer's presence so that it could clarify issues surrounding the document. It deferred further consideration until this could be arranged, after which either at its meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> January or at a further special meeting it could formulate its response to the draft Plan before the end of the consultation period on 23<sup>rd</sup> January.