

BARFORD, SHERBOURNE AND WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the special meeting of the Council held on Tuesday, 6th January 2004
in Sherbourne Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

Present: Councillor J V Murphy (Chairman)
Cllrs M P Byerley, R Clay, Mrs A Gordon, K S Hope, D H Hunt, R G Mulgrue, S G Starkey, and
W Worrall.

164. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs R G Butler, Mrs S Dean, G P Grima, Mrs M Hayward,
Mrs M B Haywood and G G Morris.

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

No interests were declared.

166. **Warwick District Local Plan**

The Chairman welcomed Philip Clarke, and his colleague Sally Jones from the Planning and
Engineering Department of the Warwick District Council. Mr Clarke is Group Leader (Policy, Projects
& Conservation) and the lead officer in developing the Local Plan. This is currently 'on deposit' until
23rd January and, after preliminary consideration of the Plan at a special meeting on 11th December 2003,
Council accepted Mr Clarke's offer to give a short presentation and answer questions on it at this
meeting.

Mr Clarke's presentation followed the lines of the attached summary. In their questioning, Members
indicated concern in a number of areas including:

It is a plan to guide developers rather than to help those wishing to cherish their environment;

By allowing building in areas subject to flood in some circumstances the effects are transferred to others,
eg in higher insurance premiums;

By allowing no building of market homes in Barford it is unlikely to attract the funding of badly needed
affordable housing for residents;

The Plan is heavy on restricting developments that those living in villages might want but light on
encouraging those they need.

If the Oldhams Site did not attract the development of new employment enterprise(s) it could become
derelict or be over-developed with affordable housing above and beyond the village's needs or wishes;

The apparent antipathy toward accommodating the motor car despite the dependency of village
residency upon it;

The lack of direct consultation on proposals making changes to the Barford village 'envelope';

The apparent lack of recognition for Parish Plans like that currently being developed in Barford;

The Chairman thanked Mr Clarke and his colleague for attending the meeting and helping members
better understand the Plan, after which they left. Council then decided that its response to the WDC on
its draft Local Plan should concentrate on four issues:-

*Affordable housing for Barford and the possible need for special consideration for the Oldhams site if it
could not attract employment enterprise.*

Proposed alterations to the Barford village envelope.

Flood avoidance

Respect for the Barford Parish Plan within WDC's Local Plan

It was decided that a working party should be established to develop a response to WDC on these four
areas and that, if it could not be dealt with at the meeting on 12th January, a further special meeting of the
Council be arranged to ratify the response in time to reach the District Council before the end of the
'deposit' period on 23rd January. Councillors Mrs Gordon, Clay and Murphy agreed to form the working
party and to invite a Wasperton member to contribute.