BARFORD SHERBOURNE AND WASPERTON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the special meeting of the Joint Parish Council held at Barford Memorial Hall on Thursday 21st December 2006

Present: Cllr J V Murphy (Chairman)

Cllr Mrs W Barlow, Cllr R Clay, Cllr S G Starkey, Cllr W Worrall, Cllr Dr M J

Metcalfe, Cllr N F J Thurley

Apologies: Cllr M P Byerley, Cllr Mrs M A Hayward, Cllr R G Mulgrue, Cllr Mrs A Gordon, Cllr G

P Grima, Cllr L Caborn,

Opening

- 237 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm
- 238 Apologies for absence were noted.
- 239 Five members of the public were present

Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

240 All members declared a personal interest.

Presentation by the Barford Village Shop Action Group (BVSAG)

- 241 Members received a briefing from the BVSAG.
- The proposal was to construct a 16m x 6m in plan single storey brick and tile (in keeping with existing) building on Barford Village Green abutting the western end of the Memorial Hall with the major axes of the two buildings at right angles.
- The layout would allow a variety of functions; chief of which was the shop but with facilities for a post office, a meeting room and tea shop should they be required.
- A Community Interest Company had been formed to be the responsible body corporate. Shares in the company were being sold and other sources of grants and income being established.
- The project was estimated to cost £120k of which £70k would be building costs.
- 246 Architect's plans and drawings had been commissioned.
- Should the shop be established but subsequently close, the title in the building would pass to the Memorial Hall Trustees.
- 248 The project would place no financial obligation on the JPC

Response by the JPC

- 249 Members congratulated the BVSAG on the quality of the presentation and endorsed its ambition to provide a shop for Barford. To facilitate this the following decisions were formally adopted:
- 249.1 The JPC approves the scheme to construct a shop building on the Village Green.
- 249.2 The planning application should be made in the name of the JPC, the land-owner.
- 249.3 The JPC would grant a lease on the site at an annual ground rent of one peppercorn, if demanded.

Any Other Business

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9:00 pm.

Date of Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of Council is on Monday 8th January 2007 at 7:30 pm in Barford Memorial Hall