

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH OF BARFORD
HELD AT THE MEMORIAL HALL ON MON 11 APR 16 AT 7.30 PM**

Present:	J V Murphy (Chairman) Twenty-eight other electors
In attendance:	Cllr L Caborn (WCC)

1 **Minutes of the annual meeting held on 13 Apr 15.** The minutes were approved as a true record. There were no matters arising.

2 **Barford, Sherbourne & Wasperton Joint Parish Council Report by Cllr J V Murphy (Chairman):**

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

2015-2016 has as always been a busy year – 9 routine JPC meetings, numerous Planning meetings, three Annual Parish Meetings two Special Meetings, numerous Working Party meetings and several public “events”. The year has also to some degree been dominated by the King George’s Field improvement scheme which has permeated into all aspects of parish life to a greater or lesser degree.

Difficult financial times have continued but the correction we made a couple of years ago has again allowed us to produce a balanced budget this year once again avoiding any increase on your parish element of the Council Tax charges.

All three village halls have this year been supported by JPC grants with £1166 towards general maintenance each and the JPC also gave grant support of £441 towards maintenance of each of the three churchyards. Following last year’s initiative, the JPC also awarded £441 to support Barford Scout Hut funds in recognition of its important role providing essential community facilities, in addition to its more conventional role with the uniformed groups.

The King George’s Field scheme has been very busy and last year we suggested that it MIGHT get completed in 2015 but weather and other factors have conspired to delay that, however the end is near and the official opening is scheduled for May this year, so we are ahead of our revised target of “before the end of 2016” and well ahead of our original target of during 2017. Additionally, we are also delivering far more within the same broad budget and are lining up more features as more funding comes on stream and things begin to settle.

The WDC **New Local Plan** was found to be unsound at its examination in public and after some debate was “suspended until May 2016” whilst housing numbers were reviewed with particular reference to Coventry overspill and windfall sites accounting. This has necessitated a further review of available sites and in the latest proposals Barford is expected to take a further 75 houses – split over two sites (off Wasperton Lane and inside the Barford Bypass) in addition to those previously proposed or granted permissions through the planning system.

Barford Neighbourhood Development Plan has now been examined by the independent examiner and was well received and approved subject to some fairly minor and mostly positive detail changes. The turmoil with the over-arching New Local Plan has cast some doubt on the timings of the way forward and we must now await taking the Neighbourhood Plan to Referendum in the parish before it becomes part of planning law.

County Minerals Plan returned in September in **Preferred Options** format, effectively spring-boarding off the consultations carried out a few years ago and arriving at an apparently fixed list of nine sites, all of which are claimed to be required. We held two public meetings in November at Wasperton and Barford and these were well attended. It was disappointing that the officers presenting the plan had limited knowledge of both the locality and the subject and many of our questions remained unanswered. Wasperton Hill Farm and Glebe Farm sites are very close to our settlements and will have major impacts on our residents. Unfortunately for us, the Wasperton Hill site also seems to be the site on which there is most detail of actual mineral reserve and over which developers can be most certain of commercial extraction.

Affordable Housing – We continued to liaise with WRCC but as the developer pressure has become so great it would seem we will now get more Affordable Housing than is required for our

parishes' immediate needs and that the extra units will be occupied by those in need across the WDC area. We are hopeful that WDC will continue ensure that they remain preferentially available to those with local connections in perpetuity.

Land around Barford House has remained high profile and having been refused permission to develop the whole site a scheme was submitted for eight houses on the southern portion and despite local opposition this was approved. Since approval there have been some minimal works on the site and the site now appears to be for sale and available for a developer to complete. There has been no visible progress on repairs to the walls fronting Wellesbourne road.

The **Sherbourne Nurseries** site is currently being built by Taylor Wimpey and a significant number of homes are already occupied and the site is expected to be completed in 2017.

As expected at this time last year, land between **Wilkins Close** and the river came back into the planning system and an outline application for 26 houses was duly approved. This site has now been sold on and Spitfire builders have submitted a detailed or reserved matters application for 25 houses of various sizes and tenures.

In September a “**Swingers Festival**” at **Sherbourne Park** caused much concern to village residents and as various other temporary events had caused concerns, especially with noise issues, the JPC took the opportunity to study the legislation surrounding licensing for temporary events. It seems that there is minimal effective control and even less consultation. As a result, working with the local and national association of local councils we have promoted a motion which suggests that the system should be amended, to, at the very least, include consultation with local residents and hopefully fortify the ways in which such events are actually monitored.

In Barford we have had a new “period style” fingerpost installed at the main village junction and this is both decorative and informative and will hopefully assist many of our visitors who frequently have to stop and ask for directions. This was kindly funded and installed by Barford Village Shop.

Wasperton Footpath W101, from Wasperton Lane to Lower Heathcote farm was temporarily closed due to a bridge collapse. This was re-opened in the autumn after the installation of a new bridge. Sadly, there are few markers and working with the landowners it is intended to install new markers to ensure that the correct route is clear.

Councillors have served their electors extremely well, working as a strong team with James Johnson our excellent Clerk/RFO. Over the year we have again seen some changes in Barford Councillors and have been pleased to welcome both Katy Thompson and Simon Morton to replace some of our recent losses. Vacancies do still exist for Barford councillors and we will be looking to co-opt others as time moves on. Meanwhile, once again, the bulk of the work has had to fall on the stalwarts able to make meetings and dedicate considerable amounts of extra time to pursue our various activities and other commitments. Many thanks to all for their input.

Councillor attendance records:

	Meetings	Present	%
Cllr Mrs W Barlow	9	8	89%
Cllr R Clay	9	9	100%
Cllr H Gadsden	9	8	89%
Cllr J V Murphy	9	8	89%
Cllr Mrs A Gordon	9	9	100%
Cllr T Merrygold	9	8	89%
Cllr Mrs R Newsome	9	8	89%
Cllr M J Metcalfe	9	8	89%
Cllr N F J Thurley	9	7	78%
Cllr J T Wright	9	9	100%
Cllr A B Rhead	7	4	57%
Cllr J M Hawkesford	7	5	71%
Cllr Mrs K E Thomson	4	4	100%
Cllr S Morgan	2	2	100%

BUDGET

In the autumn statement the government announced that it had changed the way councils were to be allocated their funding, without consultation. The net effect is that WCC has £10 million less in 2016-17 and 2017-18 per year. As the announcement was too late for this year's budget setting, we took money out of reserves. The roll on effect will mean an extra £25 million will have to be found in 2017-18.

In addition, the public health budget was reduced by £1.4 million in year plus 3.9% in real terms each year until 2020

We increased council tax by 1.9% plus 2% for adult social care.

SAND AND GRAVEL

The work is nearly complete in processing all responses to the first consultation and putting them on line. An additional member of staff is being recruited to assist. A number of new sites have been submitted so these will be consulted on shortly. Following which there will be a second consultation on proposed final list of sites based on all sites (new and old) in the Autumn. It is then planned to submit to inspectors in 2017.

SOLAR ENERGY

Three sites in council ownership are being investigated and costed with a partner to deliver income and balance energy usage with generation. One of these is Glebe Farm Wasperton. Possibly 6 acres around Glebe Farm itself, facing south towards Wellesbourne.

SMALLHOLDING. ESTATE

Council has agreed to maintain our small holding estate at 5000 acres. Where land is sold for development out of this estate, council has agreed that 5% of sale price will be reinvested in land to maintain the total acreage.

MENTAL HEALTH

Our mental health contracts (CAMHS) has been redesigned to concentrate on early help and intervention and is being relet this year. In addition, we have won £17 million additional funding which will be used to eliminate waiting time.

MASH

The multi-agency safeguarding hub will open for children on May 3rd and adults on Sep 1st. This brings together on one site in WCC; social workers, police, health, education, priority families, youth justice and child sexual exploitation teams to safeguard all our vulnerable people.

SMART START

This is our 0-5 years' redesign to ensure every child is school ready. It involves health, education, children's centres, nurseries, and nurses to deliver the best start for every child and parents across the whole county. It is about changing ours and our partners' services and engaging local communities to assist and help.

FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT

Policy now completed and will be coming your way

ADULT SOCIAL CARE

The additional 2% council tax has enabled WCC to ensure all care workers alongside all WCC staff receive the living wage.

We continue with our programme of delivering independent living for the elderly and disabled

We are redesigning all our social care contracts to deliver improved service with a reduced number of suppliers with new performance targets.

FIRE AND RESCUE

We continue our work with Worcester and Hereford fire and rescue but are waiting the Home Secretary to give details of the announced collaboration with police.

OLD SHIRE HALL

After competitive tender, council has accepted an in-house bid to manage this venture. It is proposed to do this via an arm's length company,

Thanks to all chairmen, councillors and Clerks for their support throughout the year
Cllr Les Caborn

4 Warwick District Council Report by Cllr A Rhead:

The message is all about sustainability of our Rural Areas, not least Barford. This is in great part achieved by:

- More than 100 new houses coming to our village with 40% being affordable for our younger people.
- The development of the King George Playing Fields which will provide significant facilities for all ages of our community. This has only happened due to the enormous work put in by the JPC's Working Group. The District Council has made a significant financial contribution to this mainly as a result of the new homes.
- The additional classroom at the school again as a result of the increased housing.

All of this is good for the long term for our shop, our pubs, our church and our community halls.

The emerging Local Plan is far from perfect but we urgently need to have one that passes the test of soundness of the Inspector. My greatest concern and my main focus is the infrastructure. The Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP for short) is very much a work in progress and currently its funding has not been sufficiently identified. Some of the thinking behind the IDP is, in my opinion, naïve, believing we will all change our reliance on the car (yet planning rules insist on delivering parking spaces according to the number of bedrooms in a property). My main concentration will be to scrutinise highways, public transport, cycle ways and education.

One other area of concern is the provision, or lack of, for Gypsy & Travellers sites. The Council has gone about this with a lack of a coherent strategy and currently has now disregarded its last proposals. This is a further area that will have our close scrutiny.

The Council Tax is for the first time in 4 years being increased to ensure that the Council maintains a balanced budget over the next 4 years. There are challenges ahead but your Council is one of the few that has ensured no cuts in services while maintaining a balanced budget.

Finally, local government organisation has to change, the status quo is not an option. Personally I am an advocate of a Unitary Authority both for economy of scale and public awareness. I will be promoting this idea in Council.

If any member of the public has any questions, then please email me on:

Alan.rhead@warwickdc.gov.uk

5 New Local Plan See Minute 2

6 Barford Neighbourhood Development Plan See Minute 2

7 Barford Allotments (JPC) Report by Mr R Clay

- All plots taken
- There is a waiting list
- All rents paid

8 Barford Community Charity Report by Mrs M Pierson

Barford Community Charity exists to support projects which benefit the communities of Barford, Wasperton and Sherborne. It does this by donating money, although larger projects should explore funding opportunities outside the village first, and by acting as a fund-raising vehicle for the project itself.

During the last year we have taken both these approaches.

- Firstly, we have donated £62,000 to support the playing fields development. This money came to us from the Village shop, for which many thanks.
- Secondly, we have also applied to other charities and funding organisations on behalf of the

playing fields development and enabled them to access additional funding. In this way, the playing fields have received £20,000 from National Grid and £10,000 from the Garfield Weston Foundation.

Also, we have been able to claim gift aid on individual donations increasing the value of their donation by 25%. We have received £12,624 in personal donations, adding £3,156 of gift aid. We have also banked and passed on £7,965 of fund raising receipts.

Apart from supporting the playing fields we have paid for the printing of the village directory which is given to all new residents.

The trustees are always keen to help projects in the village for which we have an application form.

The current Trustees are:

John Barrott, (Chairman), Alison Gadsden, Liz Harrison Hall, Sue Jessett, John Murphy, Sue Partridge, Mary Peirson, and Alan Rhead

9 Barford Relief in Need Charity Report by Mr T Offiller

The Charity is known as a 'relief in need' charity and is regulated by the Charities Commission. Its income is derived from cautious investments and, to a much smaller extent, the rental income on some land in the south of the County. In total it amounted to a little under eleven and a half thousand pound in 2015. Eligibility is confined to Barford, Sherbourne and Wasperton residents.

Unlike when it was established in the early 20th century, before the advent of a welfare state, the Charity has for many years struggled to attract applicants and spend its annual income. Since recomposition of the trustee body in 2005 there has been a strong emphasis on publicising the help available from the Charity and, with Charity Commission support and advice, widening of the Charity's scope. The trustees aim has been to use all income if possible to help needy residents who meet the Charity's terms of reference and avoid the large under-spending in years prior to 2005

Numbers of residents being helped has increased and in 2014 we did spend our full year's income. In 2015 we spent 90% of our total income.

The Charity's terms of reference are; the relief of poverty, sickness and old age and the advancement of education, and in 2015 the trustees used these powers to help in the following areas:

- Retraining to enable 'family friendly' employment Carpeting for mother and children following marital breakdown
- Medical and dental expenses and fares to hospital Domestic equipment following elderly person's move into Barford Heating equipment and winter heating bill
- Microwave cooker
- Costs of elite young athlete training Ramp for disabled access to Scout Hut

A modest grant is traditionally given to a number of residents each year to help with Christmas celebrations.

The trustees of the Charity, who are appointed for a term of 4 or 5 years, are Gerard Veness (Chairman), Rev. David Jessett, Philippa Mitchell, Rob Mulgrue, Lorraine Sayers, Philip Swallow and Philippa Wilson. I and my wife Barbara act as Joint Clerks to the trustees.

10 Barford Leisure Improvement Scheme Report by M Griffin

The audio-visual presentation is available on the Barford Community Website.

11 Barford Residents' Association Report by Mr R Scott

The committee has met 6 times in the last year to discuss matters that affect the village of Barford, its environment and the rural character of the area.

BRA attempts to make information on these matters available by communications through e-mails, our web-site and posters to ensure that the Residents are aware of threats to our village and are advised of ways to make their comments known.

In August 2015 we spoke on behalf of the committee at the WDC planning meeting in Leamington to oppose the building of 26 houses on the land behind Wilkins Close. Unfortunately, despite opposition from

our District Councillors and the JPC, the application was granted.

We also opposed the proposals to build 8 houses on the land North of Wasperton Lane at the WDC Planning meeting in November. Again the proposal was granted despite opposition from the JPC and Historic England.

Unfortunately, it seems that demand from the government for building new houses is putting pressure on District Councils to grant planning Applications wherever possible.

BRA also commented on the Sand & Gravel proposals in December 2015. The present proposals South of the village will have a considerable detrimental effect on the village This is expected to be an ongoing issue over the next few years and needs close monitoring.

My thanks are due to the committee members who spend a large amount of time reading the rain forests of information that are involved, especially to Mike who is Treasurer and looks after the web-site and to Ingrid who produces the minutes of our meetings.

The BRA AGM will not follow this meeting as it did last year but will take place on May 25th at the Youth and Community building (presently known as the Scout Hut). Details of this will soon be on the Village Notice boards and BRA web-site.

12 **Barford St Peter's Primary School** Report by Mrs S McVeigh

We said a fond farewell to our Year 6 children in July along with Miss Clevelley who was our superb Year 2 teacher.

September 2015 began a new chapter in the school's life.

September 2015 saw our Reception class go to a total of 30 pupils for the first time. Before joining Reception some of the children will have attended our pre-school, 16 places are available. These children go on to make a superb transition into school life.

Our results from the Government tests for Phonics has seen 100% success rate. This is in no small part down to the dedication of the staff.

Every year the school is oversubscribed for the Reception year. We have 30 children registered for September 2016 intake.

September also saw the start of the new Assessment framework, this has not phased staff or children at BSP and all children are being assessed and given the best opportunities to grow academically with a thematic curriculum and pastorally. Children at the end of KS1 & 2 will be undertaking the new tests for their SATS in May and we wish them well.

As you may know, the school's vision is to become single form entry. This is planned for September 2017 where we will have 7 class rooms with 7 teachers. To this end we are currently having the last classroom being built, running to time and we have been very pleased with the builders. The children will be glad to see the field again in the summer!

In September 2015 three new members of staff joined our school and have been a huge asset to the school bringing with them a wealth of knowledge and expertise.

As you can see, our school continues to develop and flourish. We have 153 pupils who are currently taught in five classes of which four are mixed ages.

For the past 2 years the school has received an extra grant for PE. This has allowed it to pay for extra coaching in netball, tennis, tag rugby amongst other sports. The school aims to ensure every child leaves Year 6 able to swim at least 25 meters and we took part in a local school swimming gala and performed very well. Our children get to take part in many sporting activities; we currently have football, netball and cricket afterschool clubs and have had a cross country lunch time club which this term will be athletics. The girl's football team won the Strafford Area final.

From September 2014 all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils have been receiving a free hot school meal. We are extremely pleased that our current uptake of hot meals is 90%!

The children also have gone on many fascinating trips ranging from Ryton Pools, Cadbury's World,

Legoland to Kenilworth Castle and Compton Verney to name just a few!

A mix of children from Class 5 & 6 took part in the Coventry & Warwickshire Junior Choir competition in early November where they made the final and narrowly missed first place, they sounded terrific and we were all very proud of them.

Class 5 were invited to St Mary's Take Over Day. The children as always took on the challenge and were superb and thoroughly enjoyed being taken back to the 17th century - we even had a visit from a local Queen!!

A huge thank you to FABS, along with the children and parents and members from the local community who always support our events. Last year's Summer Fete was the highest grossing event making £4,000. The annual bonfire event is another huge fundraising event which sees all of the community pulling together to help from collecting wood, building a fire and lighting the fireworks to serving the burgers - a long day but very worthwhile! The financial support given to the school is extremely valuable and appreciated. FABS have contributed towards Kindle's, Test literature, musical instruments, coach travel and a big favourite with the children, ice cream and lollies for the panto'

Our children are extremely charitable and with guidance from the School Council have this year supported the following events:

- Children in Need sponsored walk
- MacMillan Coffee Morning
- Sport Relief
- Myton Hospice - Care for a Bear Project. This project was especially significant as the children raised nearly **£900** pounds to this very worthwhile charity. We were so proud of the children.

We continue to enjoy a special relationship with our Vicar - our Church services continue to be well supported by parents and carers and the Collective Worship group in school is very well supported. We celebrate Education Sunday in school in February at a special service which is supported by the Foundation Governors. This year the children in Class 5 worked with Reverend Jessett and other members of the clergy to produce a unique Easter Story - I was lucky to be present at one of the performances and was extremely moved by the children's understanding, sensitivity and ability to act out the Easter Story.

The Governors continue to be a support to the school, undertaking training and visits and we will be advertising for two Foundation vacancies as we are losing two valuable Governors in July. Jenny Hocking joined our Board last year and has gone on to be a valued member along with two new Parent Governors. I would ask anyone here to give consideration to joining the Board, look out for Plurality and the advert!

13 **Barford Heritage Group** Report by Mrs M Hayward

This has been yet another highly fruitful year in the life of Barford Heritage Group. We have largely been successful in bringing awareness of Barford's heritage to our local population and beyond. Never have we compromised our high standards but have striven to present our local history in a variety of engaging ways with the result that residents are always generous in their cooperation.

Our second book

The decision was made that the huge amount of material that had gone into the 'Barford at War' dramatic presentation featuring the Second World War should be incorporated into a book which would also include the Great War. **"BARFORD REMEMBERS' 1914 -1918 & 1939 – 1945"**

Research into WWI proved to be a daunting challenge as no-one who had served in the Great War was still alive to recount their experiences and much of the archival material had been destroyed by fire. However, no-one who was there will forget the very successful event on Remembrance Sunday 2014 when a comprehensive exhibition about WWI featuring our own 'river of poppies' was well attended and widely acclaimed.

To ensure that the Heritage Group could produce a publication within the 70th anniversary year of the end of WWII, it was decided in July, with her agreement, that Ann McDermott should take responsibility for coordinating the project as Editor in Chief ably assisted by Carole Whiteley in charge of design, three sub-editors, several contributors and numerous advisers. The proof-reader did a great job and Warwick Printers, who also produced our first book, were as helpful and professional as ever.

The book launch on Remembrance Sunday November 8th 2015 was an unqualified triumph. Visitor numbers were very satisfying with well over 130 people coming through the doors of the Memorial Hall in just four hours. We were delighted to welcome David Ellis DFC, a distinguished veteran pilot who flew numerous missions hunting and attacking German ships and U-boats. Some visitors who had contributed

reminiscences, or had a close connection with families in the book, travelled many miles to be present. On the day over £1000 worth of books were sold at the special price of £10 together with quite a few copies of our first book - 'Becoming Barford'.

So the early months of this year had two major projects on the go - namely the website and the book and research for the book had to take priority.

The website

The website, <www.barfordheritage.org>, which went live about a year ago has deservedly received many compliments. Once the book was safely with the publishers, Kirsty Healey as webmaster was quick off the mark in arranging to retrain the six editors. Important decisions were made about the future direction that the website should take and how to tackle the formidable task of cataloguing our extensive archives. It is intended that this invaluable resource should be searchable and would allow our research to be shared and presented to the wider community.

Telephone kiosk

We have missed the cheery colour pop of the bright red phone box with gilded crowns on the Wellesbourne Road during the construction of the Nursery Meadows development. Initially it was placed in safe storage under cover for several months but was later left in the open like an abandoned Tardis as the building work progressed. We are assured that it will eventually be relocated close to its original site on the main road. Incidentally, we look forward to learning about the results of the archaeological dig which rumour has it show some evidence of a Romano-British settlement.

Trail leaflets

The supply of the trail leaflets is dwindling and we are considering producing a new version concentrating on a route through the built environment of the village.

RIP

In October, we bade a sad farewell to one of our long-standing members Elspeth Monks. She died only two weeks after attending a Heritage meeting and will be greatly missed. Since the AGM we have learned of the death of Vic Cheshire whose knowledge of Barford has proved invaluable.

Addendum

After more than ten years in office I'm standing down as Chairman of the Heritage Group and handing over the reins to Wendy Barlow. I'm really grateful to everyone for all their hard work, support and friendship and should like, on the record, to thank both the officers and committee members past and present as well as the loyal supporters who magically appear at every event. I wish the best of luck to the group and I intend to remain an active member.

Maggie Hayward

14 **Barford Scouts & Guides Report by Mr R Scott**

Brownies

Brownie Leader Notes

we currently have 14 on role 4 making their promise on the 11th April with 2 on a waiting list. I have lost my assistant Jan after 3½ years and was very lucky to be able to replace her with a work colleague, her first night on the 11th April. My young leader is Katie from the Granville which has closed and she is moving to Stratford so I am not sure if I have lost her or not yet.

Our Accounts have just been audited and it is all good for last year. We are planning for this term on Monday but last term we did lots of fun things.

- Clamping (making tents out of the furniture and covering with sheets, filling with accessories)
- Art night with a secondary school teacher, visit from the local hedgehog society with live rescue animal.
- Making fire pits cooking and treasure hunts at a local farm.
- Games nights,
- Fish chips and puzzle nights.

This will give you a taste of the things we do. Never dull

Scouts Cubs & Beavers – all operating but leaders /helpers always welcome

Scout Supporters

In April 2015 we celebrated 25 years since we opened the hut, - since then we have been working very hard to replace it.

We have become a Registered Charity

We have a preliminary design for the building

We have been working towards obtaining a 25-year lease on the land

We have a committee of about 6 or 7 meeting regularly to progress the lease, design, possible suppliers, fundraising etc

On fundraising we have had several generous donations from individuals and village societies A quiz evening was well attended and subsequent paper quizzes have been frustrating many people and generating funds.

We have a repeat Barford Breakfast planned on Sunday - last few tickets available from the shop.

We realise that to raise the money we need for the new 'Youth & Community' building we will need to appeal to a number of grant making organisations and have been setting things in place to make the project viable. A revision of the design to incorporate as many of the suggestions as possible is the next item on our agenda and when that is available we will be able to make more progress

I trust that with a lot of help and hard work the report to next year's village meeting will be more interesting.

15 **Barford Shop Report by Mr W Worrall**

The Shop continues to thrive providing a valuable service to the 3 villages and wider community. As I am sure you all appreciate The Shop is owned by some 550 shareholders and it is to them that the board are answerable therefore I do not intend to divulge any detailed financial information tonight. As most of you are, I am sure, shareholders you will have to come to the AGM on Wednesday 18th May here in the Memorial Hall.

Bearing in mind it is now some 8 years since opening and there is an understandable increase in maintenance requirements. During the year there has been substantial cost incurred in the provision of a new chiller unit replacing the two old units, which had come to the end of their useful life.

A further large sum was spent on repairs and improvements to the car park. Whilst this is strictly within the ownership of the Memorial Hall it became apparent that damage to the surface and linear drain had been caused by shop heavy delivery vehicles.

As part of the community involvement of The Shop the more observant of you will have noticed the new heritage style information direction finger post at the Church Street, Bridge Street, Wellesbourne Road junction. The red tape in gaining all the required permissions took rather longer than expected but we finally saw erection in late February. I am sure you will agree a fitting addition to the street scene.

In addition to these capital spends and without going into detail I can advise you that the Board were able to give a further donation to The Barford Charity.

For those of you who are unaware The Shop has reached the final stages of the Countryside Alliance awards, Rural Oscars'. The winners to be announced at a lunch event on 27th of April at The House of Lords where 3 directors will represent The Shop and 1 volunteer whose name was pulled from the hat.

I cannot let this opportunity pass without paying tribute to our manager, Ms Corenna Jennings. Her good nature, unflappable temperament and joyous smile when faced with 70 plus volunteers keeps us all on track.

16 **Barford School Trust Report by Mr W Worrall**

Barford St Peter's School Trust is a charity established under the Charity Commissioners scheme No 52861, sealed 22nd July 1997, and combines two former charities, the Dugard & Mills endowment created in 1667, and the Barford School Trust created in 1836.

You will see from these dates we have a substantial history going back over 340 years next year being our 350th anniversary.

There are 7 trustees, 6 are appointed on a rolling term of five years.

The Trustees are namely:

Rev David Jessett as incumbent is Ex-officio

William Worrall - Chairman

Helen Clay – Secretary

Jonathan Partridge – Treasurer

Ian McBeath

Robert Jordan

Jenefer Heap

One Trustee whose 5-year term finishes in September has indicated he will not be offering himself for

reappointment.

There will be suitable notices placed in Plurality and on notice boards advertising the vacancy and inviting interested persons to make application.

The charity owns land and buildings, namely the Old School and The Old School House. Both of which are let on suitable leases.

The objectives of the charity, funded by the income from the two properties, are:

- To maintain, insure and meet all charges and outgoings in respect of the properties.
- To assist the governors to discharge their obligations under the education Acts 1944 to 1994 with respect to maintenance of the School.
- To provide equipment and other items, services and facilities to advance education at the School.
- To promote the education, including social and physical training, of pupils and former pupils under the age of 25 years who are in need of financial assistance.
- To fulfill these obligations, the trust may award scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, maintenance allowances or grants and provide financial assistance, outfits, clothing, tools, instruments or books to allow them to pursue their education. This includes the study of music or other arts and to undertake travel in furthering their education.

During the year 2015 the trust has not been called upon to contribute to any major works at School.

Bright Horizons (Beehive Nursery) tenants of The Old School agreed they would pay for some remedial work on the bell tower stonework. This was completed just before last Christmas.

Work at the Old School House undertaken in 2015 included essential repairs to the boundary wall between the garden and school playground, out building roof repairs, heating system repairs and complete external redecoration. In addition, we contributed to a joint scheme with the tenant to lay Astro Turf to the back yard area.

The trust was approached in May to increase the size of its grant to the King George's field regeneration scheme. The previous grant had been approved but not called upon during 2014. After careful consideration and assurance that School would be making full use of the improved facility, it was agreed to make a substantial increase to the grant.

17 **Appointment of Chairman for 2016-17.** Mr J V Murphy was elected unopposed.

18 **Any Other Business**

18.1 Traffic. Concerns were expressed about the volume of traffic on Church Street and High Street.

19 **Closure.** There being no other business the meeting closed at 9:30 pm.