Barford Sherbourne and Wasperton Joint Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 5th July 2005 at Sherbourne Village Hall

Present: Cllr J V Murphy (Chairman)

Cllrs R Clay, Mrs A Gordon, G P Grima, Dr M J Metcalfe, R G Mulgrue

Apologies: Cllrs M P Byerley, S G Starkey

Opening

33 The meeting opened at 7:30pm

34 Apologies for absence were noted

Declaration of Personal and Prejudicial Interest

35 None was declared

Planning Applications

36 Application No: W 05/0930

Description: Erection of a two storey side extension to form living room with bedroom

and en-suite bathroom over

Address: Woodlands Lodge, Hareway Lane, Barford, Warwick, CV35 8DD

Applicant: Angus Cockburn

The Joint Parish Council has the following comments:

Members' initial reaction was to object to the application on the grounds that the extension was an obvious "add-on" which destroyed the symmetry of the house and failed to continue the roof line along the entire length of the building, but refrained because they were aware that the applicant was endeavouring to overcome the reasons for refusal given by the Planning Department when this project was first mooted as application number W04/0848 (to which the JPC had had no objection).

Nevertheless members were unanimous in the view that this compromise is aesthetically far less pleasing than the original.

37 Application No: W 05/0956

Description: Construction of a car-port and a store to facilitate the existing office on the

motorway maintenance compound.

Address: Longbridge Depot, Barford Road, Warwick, CV35 8AA

Applicant: Highways Agency

The Joint Parish Council raises objection on the following grounds:

The site is within a Special Landscape Area and members are not satisfied that sufficient attention has been paid in the proposal to providing trees and shrubs to mask these utilitarian structures.

Members are aware that a planning application must be assessed solely on its individual merits without reference to others, but are disconcerted to recall that another application for this site (W20031783) met with their approval subject to the caveat: "The Council recommends additional planting and/or landscaping around the site to minimize impact in this Special Landscape Area", and they are uncertain to what extent this was heeded. It is perhaps inevitable that this uncertainty spills over into the present application.

Any Other Business

- 38 Cllr Mrs Gordon drew attention to the plethora of temporary signs and advertisements cluttering local roads.
- There being no other business the meeting closed at 8:00 pm.