

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BARFORD ST MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE CHURCH ON TUESDAY 16th MAY 2023 - subject to later approval
by Councillors.**

PRESENT: Cllr. J. Holloway - Chairman, Cllr. J. Cridge, Cllr. Mrs. N. Noel, Cllr. Wills,
Vice Chair, Cllr. J. Avery

Mrs. J. Childs, Clerk,

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

VILLAGE MATTERS: Cllr. Cridge expressed concerns about the state of Shaftesbury Road as it enters Wilton from the Barford direction. He suggested contact with Wilton Town Council.

There had been a query from a resident about the speed of traffic entering Barford from Shaftesbury on the A 30. As discussed at a previous meeting with Cllr. Najjar the Chairman and Cllr. Wills agreed to prepare a map to indicate where it was believed changes should be made to the speed limits within the parish. This would then be presented to the Local Highways and Footpaths Improvement Group to see what actions could be possible.

There had been a further query about who was responsible for cutting the grass on the A30 at its entrance to The Cleeves.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Mrs Walker and Cllr. N. Najjar, WC, had sent apologies.

01.23 MINUTES: The draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th March 2023 were approved and signed.

02.23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: No interests were declared

03.23 MATTERS ARISING: There were no further matters.

04.23 CONFIRMATION OF COUNCILLOR RESPONSIBILITIES: All Councillors including the Chair and Vice Chair were willing to continue with their current monitoring responsibilities

05.23 FINANCE:

- i Payment of accounts: 6 cheques were signed totalling £1287.53
- ii Expenditure for the financial year 2022 – 2023 was as expected.
- iii The Annual Statement of Governance was completed by Councillors and signed by the Chairman
- iv The Annual Return had been accepted by the Internal Auditor was approved by Councillors and signed by the Chairman

06.23 REPORTS:

- i **Wiltshire Councillor:** There was no report.

ii Representatives on Outside Bodies: The Nicholson Trust had met and was seeking to give grants for educational or into work needs as well as for hardship. It is a fund available for the village.

iii The Planning Committee: A planning application at 6, Shaftesbury Road had recently been approved.

07.23 AREA BOARD/LHFIG (Local Highways and Footpaths Improvement Group): The next meeting would take place on 31st May at 2pm in the Nadder Centre

08.23: RIGHTS OF WAY AND AONB: A query had been raised by a resident about a possible re routing of a footpath. The Chairman would discuss this further. The matter remained under discussion.

09.23: THE VILLAGE FIELD: The terms of the new 15 year lease require that the Village Field is fenced to a stockproof standard. Estimates had not yet been obtained both for materials and for labour. The tap providing water for the Field remained off.

10.23 THE CEMETERY, WEST STREET: Treatment of the lych gate required completion when the weather permitted.

Councillors agreed that Burial Ground Fees should be increased by 10%

Cllr. Cridge was concerned about the eroded surface of the parking area outside the Burial Ground and the growth of trees through electric cables. Cllr. Wills agreed to report the potholes. There was uncertainty about who owned the land beyond the perimeter fence and between the burial ground and the allotment area. These matters had not been resolved.

11.23 ALLOTMENTS: The Chairman reported the grass cutting contractor's concerns about the exposed water pipe. This remained above ground and was becoming obscured by vegetation.

Cllr. Cridge had noted litter or fly tipping at the West End of the allotment area. As this was not on public land it would not be removed from the area by WC.

12.23 BUS SHELTER: Cllr. Wills had resolved that the best course of action would be to make good and improve the appearance of the bus shelter in West Street. Both he and the Chairman would work on getting estimates for the work required.

13.23 MONITORING OF ASSETS: All Councillors were content.

14.23 POSSIBLE COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH FOR BARFORD: It was reported that Cllr. Mrs. Walker was meeting with volunteers and interested residents later in the week.

15.23 CORRESPONDENCE: There had been a request from the Area Board for photographs illustrating completed projects. The Chairman and Cllr. Wills agreed to supply a photo of the SID

16.23 DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: This would take place on July 11th 2023 at 7pm in the Church.

17.23 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING: The meeting was closed at 8.50 pm.

