

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BARFORD ST MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE CHURCH ON TUESDAY 18th JULY 2023 - subject to later approval
by Councillors.**

PRESENT: Cllr. G. Wills – Vice Chairman, Cllr. J. Cridge, Vice Chair, Cllr. J. Avery, Cllr. Mrs. Morag Walker

Mrs. J. Childs, Clerk,

The Vice Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

VILLAGE MATTERS: Cllr. Cridge recalled concerns about some concerns about who owned the land at the entrance to The Cleaves and who was responsible for mowing it. This was unresolved.

Cllrs Wills and Walker were concerned about one tree which they believed was obscuring visibility at the junction of the A30 with the B3089.

Cllr. Avery reported a partially detached sign at the bottom of Dairy Road. The Clerk suggested that in the first instance this was a matter for the Parish Steward. Cllr. Avery would take this forward.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Holloway and Mrs. N. Noel had sent apologies.

18.23 MINUTES: The draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th May 2023 were approved and signed.

19.23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr. Mrs. Walker noted that she was a close neighbour of a property currently seeking planning permission to reduce tree height.

20.23 MATTERS ARISING: There were no further matters.

21.23 FINANCE:

- i Payment of accounts: 1 cheque was signed for £25.00
- ii Expenditure for the financial year 2023 – 2024 remained within total budget
- iii The Parish Council had authorised a 1 year contract with SSE for electricity supply to the Village Field

22.23 REPORTS:

- i **Wiltshire Councillor:** There was no report.
- ii **Representatives on Outside Bodies:** The Nicholson Trust was due to meet next week.
- iii **The Planning Committee:** There were no objections to the current planning application for reducing the height of a tree.

23.23 AREA BOARD/LHFIG (Local Highways and Footpaths Improvement Group):

A number of Councillors had attended May's Area Board meeting and had consulted about road signage and speeding. The Parish Council would be required to share the cost of moving the 30 mph road signs to extend the 30 mph limits. This would prove unaffordable. It had been suggested that the current 30mph sign on the A30 approaching Barford from Wilton

could be replaced with a new more visible sign and raised in height. This would be affordable.

24.23: RIGHTS OF WAY AND AONB: There were no updates.

25.23: THE VILLAGE FIELD: The terms of the new 15year lease require that the Village Field is fenced to a stockproof standard. Estimates had not yet been obtained either for materials and for labour. Cllr. Avery believed that careful consultation was required before determining the type of fencing.

The tap providing water for the Field had been repaired.

The new 15year lease had now been agreed and signed.

Cllr. Mrs Walker added that ideally the new fencing for the Field would allow for the parking of 2 Blue Badge vehicles.

26.23 THE CEMETERY, WEST STREET: Treatment of the lych gate required completion when the weather permitted. Cllrs. Cridge and Avery agreed to look at this.

Cllr. Cridge had been 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.

27.23 ALLOTMENTS: Nothing to add.

28.23 BUS SHELTER: There had been no action on this matter.

29.23 MONITORING OF ASSETS: Cllr. Mrs. Walker agreed to check seating in the Play Area.

Cllr. Wills reported that the Jubilee Path would be side trimmed in August. Cllr. Avery reported that he had mowed the Path a week ago. Councillors asked residents to bear in mind that this was a country footpath and not a pavement.

30.23 POSSIBLE COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH FOR BARFORD: Following the Area Board meeting Cllr. Mrs Walker believed it was possible to move ahead with Community Speedwatch. She hoped to get back in touch with Dinton where it operated well and to ascertain costs of equipment.

31.23 CORRESPONDENCE: There had been a request from the Salisbury Light Car and Motor Cycle Group for the use of the Village Field for the Arbuthnot Trial. Cllr. Wills noted that this would require careful coordination because of the Play Area within the Field. He would consult with the Chairman.

The Chairman had noted the e mail from SSE about a resilience fund which he hoped would support the training of more first aiders within the parish.

32.23 DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: This would take place on September 12th 2023 at 7pm in the Church.

33.23 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING: The meeting was closed at 9.15 pm.

