

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BARFORD ST MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE CHURCH ON TUESDAY 21st MAY 2024, following the Annual Parish
Meeting - subject to later approval by Councillors.**

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

Mrs. J. Childs, Clerk,

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

APOLOGIES:

VILLAGE MATTERS:

01.24 MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on 5th of March 2024 would be signed at the July meeting of the Parish Council

02.24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: No interests were declared.

03.24 MATTERS ARISING: Councillors resolved that the Clerk should apply to LHFIG for a grant towards the removal of the maintained grassed area outside The Haven and its replacement with paving.

The Clerk was asked to chase the installation of the NAL sockets following the approval of a grant by LHFIG on 15/11 2023

04.24 CONFIRMATION OF OFFICERS: Councillors unanimously agreed to continue with their present roles. Cllr. Wills would continue to liaise with the Parish Steward. The Chairman thanked all Councillors for their support and hard work.

05.24 FINANCE:

- i Payment of accounts: 5 cheques were signed totalling £1520.47
- ii Expenditure for the financial year 2024 – 2025 would remain in line with budget provision
- iii Councillors completed the Annual Statement of Governance
- iv Councillors approved and signed the Annual Return. They asked that thanks be recorded to the internal auditor for completing the Internal Audit of the Annual Return.

06.24 REPORTS:

- i Wiltshire Councillor: There was no report
- ii **Representatives on Outside Bodies:** The Nicholson Trust had not met
- iii **The Planning Committee:** Councillors noted the Planning Application for Apple Cottage, Mount Lane

07.24 AREA BOARD/LHFIG (Local Highways and Footpaths Improvement Group):
The Area Board would next meet on 29th May. Cllr. Mrs Walker would be applying for 2 grants on behalf of the Barford Community Group.

08.24 RIGHTS OF WAY AND AONB: No updates reported.

09.24: THE VILLAGE FIELD: Fitting of the new play equipment was now complete. Cllr. Walker stated that the work could now begin on the improvement of the appearance of the Field. She had spent a great deal of time completing grants towards this work for which Councillors thanked her. It was hoped that this would allow for the fitting of bird boxes, bat boxes and the planting of environment friendly shrubs.

Cllr. Walker reported some damage to the new fencing close to the parking area. Cllr. Wills would investigate this.

Councillors confirmed that the work to ensure the safe supply of electricity to the Village Field would be completed in time for the Village Fete in June.

10.24 THE CEMETERY, WEST STREET: Cllr. Cridge and Cllr. Avery reported that the grass trimmings container in the corner had rotted.

11.24 MONITORING OF ASSETS: A hole had appeared in the Jubilee Path. Signage would be placed at each end warning of this danger and prohibiting its use. The Chairman would seek a meeting with the Wilton Estate in order to obtain advice about the best way of overcoming the problem.

12.24 ALLOTMENTS: Wessex Water had inspected and approved work completed to fit the non-return valve and to bury the pipes. All Councillors thanked Cllr. Avery and Cllr. Cridge and a resident for their assistance and work. A new tap had also been fitted.

13.24 BUS SHELTER, WEST STREET: Cllr. Wills had met with a resident to assess work required. It was believed that the shelter was generally sound, repairs to the facias and tiles were required as well as a repaint. Councillors hoped that this work would be undertaken with additional volunteer help.

14.24 SPEED CONTROL: Cllr. Mrs Walker was disappointed that the group of volunteers had completed all the necessary forms but, thus far, with no acknowledgement from Wiltshire Police. The Clerk was asked to follow this through and to seek the help of the Wiltshire Councillor.

15.24 CORRESPONDENCE: There was no further correspondence.

16.24 DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The next meeting of the Parish Council would take place on Tuesday 9th July at 7pm in the Church

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