

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BARFORD ST MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE CHURCH ON TUESDAY 15th JULY 2025 - subject to later approval
by Councillors.**

PRESENT: Cllr. J. Holloway - Chairman, Cllr. G. Wills – Vice Chair, Cllr. J. Avery

In attendance, Mrs. J. Childs, Clerk,

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

All Councillors had now completed the Acceptance of Office forms

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Mrs Noel and Cllr. Mrs Walker had sent their apologies.

18.25 MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2025 were agreed and signed.

19.25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: No interests were declared.

VILLAGE MATTERS: The Chairman confirmed the use of the Village Field by the Salisbury Light Car and Motor Cycle Club for 2 events, one in August the other in September

20.25 FINANCE:

- i Payment of accounts: The Clerk requested 2 online payments totalling £730.00
- ii Expenditure for the financial year 2025 – 2026 was in line with budget provision
- iii Work was still needed to add 2 Councillors to the online account and to open a savings account for Parish Council funds

21.25 REPORTS:

- i **Wiltshire Councillor:** There was no report
- ii **Representatives on Outside Bodies:** The Nicholson Trust had not met
- iii **The Planning Committee:** There had been no further planning applications

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

The Chairman, Cllr. Wills and the Clerk had attended the June meeting of LHFIG. The Chairman had raised the issue of the verge outside The Haven. The Agenda had suggested costings would be available in July. The matter would be discussed at the next meeting of the Parish Council and a decision taken about whether to seek action.

23.25 REVIEW AND SIGN THE REGISTER OF ASSETS: Completed.

24.25 MONITORING OF ASSETS AND RISK ASSESSMENT: Updated. Cllr. Walker had confirmed that an inspection of the Play Equipment would take place in September/October. The date would be confirmed. The schedule of the Parish Council's insurance policy was checked and confirmed.

Thanks were expressed to the resident who regularly checked the defibrillators with St John Ambulance.

25.25 RIGHTS OF WAY AND AONB: No updates reported.

26.25: THE VILLAGE FIELD: Estimates had been obtained for repairs to damaged fencing and for the installation of 2 stiles. Councillors resolved to approve the estimates and completion of the work. They further resolved that a top rail for the fencing by the river could be fitted to the first three bays only pending a review with Ebble Fencing to assess the visual impact.

27.25 THE CEMETERY, WEST STREET: Nothing was reported.

28.25 ALLOTMENTS: Some overgrowth of weeds in some plots was reported.

29.25 BUS SHELTER, WEST STREET: There had been no further progress. All agreed that the bench inside the shelter, made and fitted by Alabare, looked good.

30.25 COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH: Cllr. Mrs Walker wished Councillors to be informed that a speed camera would be shared with Dinton and Teffont on a two week rotation. Cllr. Walker had liaised with the Police Officer who was prepared to support the team wherever they would like to operate within the village.

The Chairman suggested that a Traffic Survey on the A30 as it entered Barford would be useful and the Clerk was asked to complete the request form.

31.25 CORRESPONDENCE: There was no further correspondence.

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

33.25 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING: The meeting was closed at 9.20 pm.