

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THE BARFORD ST. MARTIN
PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY 11th MARCH 2026 AT
7.00 PM.**

PRESENT:

Cllr. J. Holloway - Chairman, Cllr. G. Wills - Vice Chair, Cllr. J. Avery, Cllr. Mrs. N. Noel, Cllr. Mrs M Walker arrived later

Cllr. N Najjar, WC, for the first part of the meeting

2 residents were also present

Mrs. J. Childs, Parish Clerk

The Chairman welcomed all who were present.

1. Apologies. Cllr. Mrs M. Walker had sent apologies for her late arrival.

2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 11th March 2025: These were signed as a true record.

3. No matters were raised: it was suggested that there had been little publicity relating to the meeting, that it was a lost opportunity and Councillors agreed that steps should be taken to advertise such meetings more widely and in as many forms and places as possible.

4. Chairman's Report: The Chairman noted the purchase of a second SID for the village funded by the Community Group and the further development of the environment in the Village Field also funded by the Community Group. Both the Community Group and the Parish Council had installed new fencing. The Chairman thanked the Community Group for their contributions to the improvement of village life and for the planting of the new Community Orchard.

Community Speedwatch had also now begun, again organized and run by volunteers and managed by Cllr. Mrs. Walker.

The Chairman thanked all Councillors, all volunteers, for their hard work, for repairs to the Bus Shelter in West Street, and offered particular thanks to Cllr Wills, Vice Chair for taking over during his absence. He believed a priority concern should now be speed control throughout the village with attention to the safety of pedestrians on the stretch of the A30 between the garage and the junction with the B3089.

5. To confirm Burial Ground Fees and Allotment rentals: Burial Ground fees and Allotment fees would be unchanged. A charge for water was included in allotment fees. A charge for water would be made to the Community Group

6. Barford Business: There was no further Barford business.

7. Closure of the meeting.

The Annual Parish Meeting closed at 7.20 pm. A Parish Council meeting followed.

