

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE BARFORD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (BRA)**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Held at the Village Hall, Barford on Wednesday 20th May 2019**

Chairman welcomed everyone.

**Apologies** – Angela Watkins, Jane Scott, Ellie Lees, Ed Kirkby

**Attendees** – Tom Hainey, Peter Phillips, Andy Steel, Patrick Norton, Jacqueline Norton, Chris Farr, Alex Farr, Mike Hooper, John Murphy, Stephanie Steel, John Newbery, Ed Butlin, Rod Scott

**Minutes of the BRA AGM on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018** were agreed. Proposed by Alex Farr seconded by Chris Farr.

**Summary of BRA activity 2018-2019** - made by Rod Scott, Caretaker Chairman.

The present threats to the rural character of the village are from the County Minerals Plan proposing a Quarry South of Wasperton Lane, and the Taylor Wimpey development at Bremridge These are being addressed by the Sand & Gravel sub-group and the JPC so I am very pleased to be able to report a very quiet year for BRA.

BRA has sent several e-mails to our members through the year. With one exception these have been in connection with Sand and Gravel events and reporting on progress of the Mineral Plan. The exception was to make members of BRA aware of an Application to build 6 bungalows at Barford Lodge (end of Church Lane) This Application was refused – one factor quoted in this decision was this location was protected from development in the Neighbourhood Plan.

However – There will undoubtedly be further housing Development proposals in the next few years – so reports by future Chairmen could well be longer.

Thanks to Stephanie as Treasurer and to Mike Hooper for keeping the web-site updated.

**Presentation of accounts** - made by Stephanie Steel, Treasurer. Details in Appendix 1  
Summary

	Opening balance	Closing Balance
BRA Account - Barclays	<b>£42.88</b>	<b>£42.96</b>
Sand & Gravel Accounts		
Barclays	£266.54	£236.04
TSB	£6519.80	£1260.85
<b>Total</b>	<b>£6765.14</b>	<b>£1498.89</b>

Adoption of Accounts Proposed by Mike Hooper, seconded by Alex Farr.

**Election of Committee 2019 - 2020**

Ed Kirkby wished to resign from the committee in light of a possible house move. The current committee agreed to continue –Ellie Lees, Stephanie Steel, Rod Scott. Alex Farr and Patrick Norton volunteered to join the committee to meet the minimum number required on the committee (5). This group was elected en bloc.

**Election of Officers 2019-20**

Postponed to the next committee meeting

**Sand and Gravel Report** - made by Andy Steel.

Presently waiting for the Inspectors report on the Consultation in December 2018. The delay in completing this is being blamed on the large number of responses received from Barford !  
Meanwhile – the group are also putting pressure on St John’s College Oxford – the owners of the land – to block the use of their land for this quarry. Letters/ e-mails are being sent to the President (Professor Maggie Snowland) and a visit is planned for Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May with a coach and publicity laid on. The visit is being organised by a group of parents of children from the School which shows the opposition to the plan from all sections of the village.

**AOB**

John Murphy mentioned the possibility of imposing a 50 mph limit on the A429 from Longbridge Island to Wellesbourne – although welcome in general it would reduce the perceived danger of heavily laden lorries joining a road presently at the national speed limit (60 mph) .

Mike Hooper asked for guidance on material to be put on the web-site.

Agreed that all information to come from and copied to BRA committee members before posting.