

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Joint Parish Council
held in Barford Memorial Hall on Tue 25th November
2025**

Present:	Chairman: Cllr J V Murphy Cllr: J T Barrott, J D Billingham, R Clay, J M Hakesford, H Gadsden, Mrs S Jarratt, T Merrygold, P Phillips, M J Sheard, G Jackson
Apologies:	Cllr: Mrs E Crow, Mrs K E Thomson, Mrs R Newsome, B Ranner
In attendance:	Cllr Matecki

Opening

117 The meeting opened at 7:30 pm.

Declarations of Disclosable Interests

118 None

Public Question Time

119 5 members of the public attended the meeting.

Topic Raised:

The new Stop the Barford Quarry website is now up and running and is a good source of information for all Quarry related matters.

AI tools have been enabled which means that anyone wishing to raise an objection can ask the website to evaluate their comments with the benefit of AI being able to access data from Planning Policies and Research reports adding gravitas to the objection. AI will also make any relevant suggestions for improvement.

There are approximately 10 areas for objection, with 3 subjects recommended per submission, however, there is no limit on the number of objections that can be raised.

The importance of personalising the objection and making it clear why it 'matters to you' was reinforced.

The Stop the Barford Quarry group will be holding clinics on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays at either Barford Shop or Barford Memorial Hall.

Cllr Matecki commented that as long as the person raising the objection had entered their name and address, the Planning Department would not have an issue with them using AI to help with their submission.

BSW JPC Response to Regulation 25

120 The Chair posed the question of how we move forward in formulating the JPC's response to Regulation 25 and noted that the view of the JPC had not changed.

Cllr Barrot noted that the NPPF quoted in the last submission had been updated.

In fact it was difficult to quantify how Smiths Concrete Ltd had arrived at specific figures in their submission, including CO2 emissions.

Cllr Matecki pointed out that if Planning felt that Smith's Concrete Ltd reply to the List of Conditions was 'wishy washy' it would be rejected.

Cllr Barrot asked how long it would be after the final date for objections before we receive a response. Cllr Matecki said that it would be Spring at the very earliest and it would not be out of the question that another Regulation 25 request be raised.

The Chair suggested that the JPC's original objection should be run through AI to pick up information from current policies and reports with the aim of producing a revised objection to be approved at the JPC meeting on 12th January 26 (Deadline for submission 16th January).

Cllr Matecki recommended that the JPC should start by saying that previous concerns have not been adequately addressed and therefore we are resubmitting them in this latest objection. Mr Chris Morrow agreed to assist the JPC on this.

All JPC members agreed on this strategy and the final response will be approved at the January JPC meeting.

The Chair further advised that each individual councillor should also submit their own personal views and comments in their Councillor name for greater impact.

121 Closure

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.35pm

Date of Next Meeting

122 Monday 12th January 2026