

BINTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 10th September 2019 7.30pm

In attendance – Cllrs D Burton, R Cox, M Flaxman (Chair) and C Taylor –
Clerk Karen Parnell – WCC/SDC Cllr Mark Cargill

Three members of the public were present.

1. Apologies

Cllrs Denise Day, Alex Finch and Tom Lloyd

2. Declarations of interest on items on the Agenda

None

3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the Council of Tuesday 9th July 2019

The minutes were approved as a true record and duly signed as such by the chairman.

4. Public participation – to receive any questions from the public (15 minutes maximum).

The PC Chairman has attempted to liaise with WCC regarding overhanging hedging.

Cllr Cargill will chase progress and request a site visit. Photographs will be provided to WCC which Cllrs Lloyd and Flaxman will obtain.

It was noted a JCB has damaged a pavement while conducting works in Binton.

Road works have resulted in damage to a bank and the standard of road surfacing work was questioned.

Police have been supplied with data from the speed camera. Speed is measured in both directions. The radar sign is constantly moved and Cllr Flaxman will request that it be turned around.

HGVs driving through the village were deemed to be a problem although it was noted some journeys are necessary and legitimate. Photographic evidence is needed to progress this matter.

5. Matters arising from the minutes not dealt with elsewhere; for information only and are items not on the Agenda

Cllr Flaxman attended the recent Reserve Site Meeting at SDC. Binton has no reserve sites but Bidford and Long Marston do, as do many other local parishes.

6. County and District Councillor's report

Cllr M Cargill reported:

Reserved sites. This is going through cabinet shortly. We are obliged by Government to have a reserved sites list in the event of losing our 5YHLS or being asked to provide additional overspill housing for say Birmingham or Coventry. This is a backup only in the event that a major site does not come forward (i.e. Long Marston or Gaydon) We are working to ensure that these schemes do come forward within the core strategy timescales. The reserved sites account for 20% of the original allocation of 14600 homes in the plan period.

We do have a 5YHLS (currently 6.25) however that could change quite quickly. There will be a consultation towards the end of the year.

WCC. In the midst of a transformation programme that is all about 'right-sizing' the authority for the future. This is similar to the transformation programme at SDC and is all about the funding levels expected to be received from Government in the future. As always grant funding is variable however certain grants have already fallen away and others are expected to follow. It could be reasonably expected that government do not know what the future holds for them due to the Brexit issue and if it's a hard or soft exit, i.e. funds will have to be reserved for a worst case scenario.

Cont: Update on the Medium Term Financial Strategy. Briefing (2/9/19) explains the position of the council regarding its MTFS. Due to the unknowns around government grant funding a 5 year rolling programme has been adopted meaning that estimates can be changed as conditions change. There are an estimated £29m cost savings needed over the plan period from 2020 to 2025 however this is all dependent on the grant from government which will be coming out soon.

Reserves are in good shape and a full programme of works is still intended.

Cherry Trees Care Home is the subject of an investigation by the CQC over allegations of abuse of residents. Coventry & Warks did a piece on this last week.

Climate emergency agreed both at WCC and SDC. This will have an impact on all residents of the District. Note that this will affect all SDC policy decisions however if there are national policies we want to see changed then we will need to lobby government to make the appropriate changes.

Rural BroadBand. Still exploring this however we have very few clubs in our golf bag. We are currently working with BDUK (now changed name to Building Digital UK - the stationary stays the same) and through them BT Openreach. Also we have a couple of other suppliers that may help us. There is history here with other local authorities who have tried to go it alone and ending up costing the authority money and the leader his job. Reputation damage is a main concern here.

SDC - Transformation update

This is progressing with consultants reports being considered on the best way forward.

Croft Lane Power station update

As of 9/9/19. The applicants are awaiting Highways England's response to the application. This is expected soon however the application will be judged by the end of October. It is expected to go to committee in November

A46 update

The SUA2 scheme is with the planning department although there is an issue as the site is going to appeal. This is not the fault of SDC but Highways England who would not approve the highways scheme proposed (still have not) This meant that SDC had to object to the scheme but now HE are failing to support their objection at appeal. This is an unfortunate position to be in and is the responsibility of HE failing to make a decision.

On the Binton/Billesley cross roads I have held a meeting with the developers who have provided me with supporting evidence of their scheme. I am taking expert advice in how or if I can maintain my opposition to the scheme.

7. Planning

Application(s) reference: 19/01909/FUL

Proposed : Proposed two storey extension to the rear of existing detached house including replacement garage with existing access, drive and parking

At : Chapel House, Binton, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 9TN

For : Mr Mike Hughes

Application(s) reference: 19/01742/FUL

Proposed : Single storey rear extension to create new conservatory and internal alterations to create enlarged kitchen and improved shower room.

At : Rosebank, 171 Binton, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 9TW

For : Mr Conner Desens

Application(s) reference: 19/01746/LBC

Proposed : Single storey rear extension to create new conservatory and internal alterations to create enlarged kitchen and improved shower room.

At : Rosebank, 171 Binton, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 9TW

For : Mr Conner Desens

Application(s) reference: 19/02409/TREE

Proposed : T1 - willow - Pollard to height of approx 4metres

At : School House, Binton, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 9TN

For : Mr Peter Kerby

8. Speed Watch Group

Item deferred to November PC meeting

9. Traffic Calming

Item covered earlier within this meeting.

10. Suggested Future Meeting Dates 2020 agreed as:

January 7th - March 10th - May 12th - July 14th - September 8th - November 10th

11. Finance

Payments:

Clerks Salary and Expenses £ 385.00

1 & 1 Internet £ 17.96

SDC Uncontested Election £ 100.00

Tom Lloyd (Gardener) £ 60.00

12. Exchange of information

The Chairman was thanked for his work in producing the newsletter.

13. Correspondence

UBUS Service letters and posters are being distributed for information within Binton.

14. Date of next meeting: 12th November 2019

(Items to be informed to the clerk by 29th October)

Meeting closed 8.15pm