

BINTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 20th July 2021 7.30pm

In attendance – Cllrs S Bishop, R Cox, M Flaxman (Chairman), T Lloyd and C Taylor – District Councillor Mark Cargill - County Councillor Piers Daniell
Clerk Karen Parnell

Two members of the public were present

Co-option of a parish councillor

Sarah Bishop was co-opted on to Binton Parish Council.

The appointment will be notified to SDC, and the DPI Interests form completed and returned to the Monitoring Officer at SDC.

1. Apologies
Cllr Alex Finch
2. Declarations of interest on items on the Agenda
None
3. To approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council of 4th May 2021
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).
Speeding and large Lorries using the village were a cause for concern and there was extensive debate around the possible interventions that could be made to restrict or prevent speeding. Signage including lighting, gateway signs and other traffic calming measures such as speed bumps and chicanes are all considerations which the chairman will raise with Graham Stanley of WCC.
Residents were urged to obtain details of Lorries to report to Cllr Lloyd who would take action with the companies identified. They will also be publicised on the Binton WhatsApp group

Piers Daniell WCC continues to liaise with a resident regarding clearing of gullies.

5. Matters arising from the minutes:
Covered elsewhere within this agenda
6. County Councillor's report – Piers Daniell (PD)
 - 1) Travellers in Alcester – PD is supporting a new piece of software with Alcester Police called Community Watch which should help us communicate more effectively with those affected by events such as this.
 - 2) Speedwatch training has started again - can PD have a list of volunteers and also if anyone would like training who hasn't had it? – Speedwatch group to follow up
 - 3) PD is sending out the weekly updates from Mark and myself. Let PD know if there is anything further Cllrs need regular reporting on. Cllrs to respond as necessary.

4} The WCC 'Twenty is Plenty' project regarding speeds on residential roads was promoted. There was further discussion around speeding and repositioning of the '30mph' signs at the southern approach to the village was suggested. To be raised by the chairman with Graham Stanley. It was noted that Speedwatch training has started again. It was also noted that interpretation of speeding data is an issue and perhaps combining information across the Alcester area might bring greater results with policing.

7. District Councillor's report – Mark Cargill (MC)

An illegal encampment of travellers in Alcester has caused problems. Trespass could be made a criminal offence which would make dealing with similar situations easier. The Gypsy and Traveller Supplementary Planning Guidance is being discussed at SDC.

Climate change is a focus area within the district.

SDC has been hit financially by circa £7 Million by the pandemic.

The Bancroft Gardens in Stratford are undergoing a makeover.

SDC Active Communities will focus more on outreach projects.

There will be no recycling collection this week due to a fire at the plant and MC will provide updates.

8. Village Hall matters

The chairman introduced his paper on developments for the Village Hall.

Hazel Martin, village resident, has agreed to manage the village hall and replaces Denise Day in this capacity. Hazel has now joined Alex Finch on the village hall committee which is a registered charity, number 522840, (a sub-committee of the parish council which manages the hall on behalf of the parish council). Cllr Bishop has also joined the village hall committee and the parish council notes the new membership and Hazel's role in managing the hall. Hazel will become a village hall bank account signatory and the parish council approval provides the necessary authorisation for the bank. Cllr Finch will provide the signatory authority. Binton parish council conveyed thanks to Hazel for taking on the management of the hall.

Since taking over the village hall, Hazel and others have begun decorating the hall with a view to the opening up for activities following the lifting of COVID restrictions. The volunteers for this work are covered by the parish council personal injury insurance scheme. A bid has been made by the Village Hall Committee to the WCC local councillors fund for support for providing new roman blinds to update the hall. Hazel and Cllr Bishop have already gained a donation of £500 worth of paint, rollers and brushes from Brewers in Stratford. They have also organised the loan of interior scaffolding and some free services of a painter/decorator. Thanks to the team of volunteers were noted by the parish council.

The stone rear wall damp problem will need to be investigated for extent and cost of reparation. The village hall committee will look at this and report back to a future parish council meeting. When the cost and extent are both known, funding routes can be considered.

Two additional sources of funding have been investigated for the village hall: Amazon Smile which allows Amazon customers to name a charity which would then receive 0.5%

of the purchase base value excluding VAT. Easy Funding is another local funding route where online shoppers route their online shopping through Easy Funding and the relevant shops then provide a donation. Both will now be progressed by the Village Hall committee. A village flyer will be prepared by Hazel and the chairman on behalf of the parish council and the Village Hall Committee to further publicise Hazel's management of the hall, the future availability, funding sources and any other matters.

The grant to the Village Hall from the parish council, budgeted at £200 per annum, was not paid in 2020/21. Cllr Flaxman proposed that we pay the Village Hall committee this year's grant and last year's grant now. The parish council agreed to this proposal to pay £400 to the Village Hall to support further improvements and help until more activities can be brought in to create income.

9. Defibrillator for the village

A request has been made by residents for the parish council to consider the provision of a Public Access Defibrillator (AED). The nearest AED for Binton appears to be at the Avon View housing development, although public access to that is not clear. Next nearest are at Welford Memorial Hall and the Bidford Health Centre. Codes to access these would be provided by the West Midlands Ambulance Service with which the AEDs have to be registered.

It was noted that the only practical solution if the parish council decided to go ahead with an acquisition would be an AED mounted externally on the Village Hall. An internal device would require residents to be on call for operation and training. An external device will also require a named guardian, some training and ongoing management of batteries and replacement pads.

The chairman invited Cllr Bishop to update the council on the research she had carried out on the acquisition and installation of an AED. Cllr Bishop recommended the acquisition of an AED from a charity – AED Donate. Their package includes installation, a press release to your community, help with a fund-raising web page, a training video and registration with the local ambulance service. All of which the parish council and Village Hall committee can deliver. The CEO of AED Donate has agreed to sell the PC the HeartSine Samaritan 500 P and external steel cabinet for £1,476 (including VAT) plus £109 for Paediatric pads. Avon Homes (who are about to start work on a small development on the old Grafton Nursery site) have agreed to make a donation to the PC to cover half of the cost. It was noted that Stryker UK (who manufacture HeartSine AEDs) have a downloadable user manual. Further training for residents could be provided in the village hall.

The PC agreed to go ahead with the purchase and fund 50% of the total cost.

Proposed Cllr Lloyd Seconded Cllr Bishop – Agreed unanimously.

Cllr Bishop will source an electrician's quote for installation.

10. Planning

Application(s) reference: 21/01702/FUL and 21/01693/LBC

Proposed : New garden wall to match the existing in the curtilage of a listed building

At : The Granary , Lower Binton Lane, Binton, CV37 9TQ

For: Ms Cathy Corbett

Application(s) reference: 21/02043/AGNOT
Proposed : Steel portal frame shed
At : Redhill Farm Yard, Redhill, Alcester, B49 6NQ
For : Mr N Ford All Things Rural
Withdrawn

11. Speed Watch Group

There appears to be the promise of action by the local police in monitoring speed, based on the evidence provided by our speed warning sign. Denise Day has been liaising with the police on this, and the Speed watch group will be keeping Piers Daniell, WCC councillor, updated on this matter.

Training has been undertaken by Cllrs Lloyd and Taylor. The warning sign will be moved and the battery charged. Collection and distribution of data remains an issue to be resolved and a report made at the next meeting.

12. Finance

Payments

Clerks Salary and Expenses £ 400.00

Binton Village Hall £ 400.00

Came and Company Insurance £ 727.57

1 & 1 Internet £ 68.36

T Lloyd (Gardening) £ 75.00

13. Items for next meeting.

2022 PC Meeting Dates

Defibrillator update

14. Exchange of information

The village green requires a gardener – Cllr Taylor to research.

Progress regarding the community forest was discussed and it was noted that a walk and talk session is planned for 28th July at 10.30 am.

15. Date of next meeting.

14th September 2021

(Items to be informed to the clerk by 30th August)

Meeting closed 9.10pm