

BINTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 9th November 2021

In attendance – Cllrs S Bishop, R Cox, M Flaxman (Chair), T Lloyd, H Martin and C Taylor- County Councillor Piers Daniell and District Councillor Mark Cargill - Clerk Karen Parnell - One member of the public was present.

1. Apologies
Cllr A Finch
2. Declaration of interest on items on the Agenda
None
3. To approve the minutes of the meeting of September 2021
The minutes were approved as a true record and duly signed as such by Cllr Flaxman.
4. Public participation – to receive any questions from the public (15 minutes maximum).
Changes to the times of postal collections was noted.
5. Matters arising from the minutes not dealt with elsewhere; for information only and are items not on the Agenda.
The owners of a local honey bee meadow farm will be selling honey at the forthcoming fayre. It was noted a tepee on the farm is for recreational use.
6. County and District Councillor's report.
SDC Cllr Cargill has forwarded regular updates to the PC. Mark has been working with SDC and Heart of England Forestry on tree planting.
Planning applications within Binton were discussed, including White Horse and Wood View.
The consultation on the merger with Warwick District Council is now finished. Creating 'rural hubs' to enable parish councils a Lengthsman type scheme to enable small repairs, maintenance and repairing of potholes for example is a consideration.
The consultation on potential ward boundary changes continues until December.
On 4th December a fun day and fund raiser will take place at Grieg Hall, Alcester 11.00am – 4.00pm. Mark will be taking part in the remembrance parade on Sunday.

WCC Cllr Daniell spoke of the need to collect accurate data to enable progress with traffic calming measures and this was discussed at length. Speeding and the severity of accidents were also cited.
Piers suggest his delegated budget could be used towards possible village entrance gateways.
WCC website has now been updated to ease reporting of hedging and highway issues.
7. Planning
Application(s) reference: 21/02438/FUL
Proposed : Minor extension to main and secondary entrance/Courtyard, block up 4 windows, new glazed outbuilding, associated exterior works and repainting.
At : The Stag , Alcester Road, Redhill, B49 6NQ
For: Mr Adam Weaver – No objection

Application(s) reference: 21/02974/FUL

Proposed : Alterations and extension of existing annexe to be used in connection with existing dwelling

At : White Horse, Binton, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 9TW

For : Mr and Mrs C Coulson – No objection

Application(s) reference: 21/03168/FUL and 21/03169/LBC

Proposed : Erection of a single storey extension

At : White Horse , Main Road, Binton, CV37 9TW

For : Mr & Mrs Chris Coulson – No objection

Application(s) reference: 21/03181/FUL

Proposed : Erection of a garden room

At : Buckwell, Binton, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 9TN

For : Ms K Baskerville – No objection

Application(s) reference: 21/03419/FUL

Proposed : Change of use of agricultural land to domestic curtilage (retrospective) and construction of two storey and single storey extensions.

At : Wood View , 177 Evesham Road, Lower Binton, CV37 9TF

For : Mr and Mrs Fisher – No objection

Application(s) reference: 21/03380/FUL

Proposed : Demolition of existing covered porch and conservatory and erection of new porch and conservatory

At : Redhill Farm , Village Road, Redhill, B49 6NG

For : Ms Jayne Henderson-Hamilton – No objection

8. Speed Watch Group update and second warning sign purchase (proposal included in Chai's paper on current year forecast and budget)

Having allocated around £2,000 parish council funds this year to speed control the chairman suggested that the PC accede to the request of the Speedwatch group and acquire a second speed warning sign which will make the use of them more manageable. Cllr Flaxman has spoken with the supplier and they have offered a discount of £255 which brings the cost down to £2,440 and that sum is included in the forecast for this year's outturn. The offer is valid during November so the PC will be able to progress at the reduced price.

The PC agreed to proceed with this purchase Proposed Cllr Flaxman Seconded Cllr Bishop Carried by majority (Cllr Cox voted against this proposal).

A meeting between the Speedwatch Group and WCC was cancelled as risk assessments were not in place.

Parking on the road to create a chicane to reduce speeding is a consideration as is collaborative working on speeding initiatives with other parishes (Wixford) and WCC.

9. Village Hall

1. Update

A fridge has been purchased, the hall has regular usage and banking arrangements have been updated.

2. Village Hall committee proposal – Paper from Chair for consideration

The chairman proposed that the parish council re-establish the committee with TORs based on the Charity Commissioners' 1990 scheme. The PC could also consider, at a later date, setting aside some funds each year from the precept to build up a repairs fund.

The committee will require some terms of reference based on the 1990 scheme and a wider membership. The Parish Council was asked to agree to formalise the Village Hall Committee as set out above. This was supported by the three current members of the committee. It was agreed Cllr Flaxman will draft Terms of Reference for discussion with the three current committee members and set up the committee on an ongoing basis.

10. Budget consideration and precept setting - To set the precept for 2022/23

Cllr Flaxman expounded on the proposed budget and clarified the current position. Village maintenance costs were discussed and reserves explained.

For the 2022/23 precept the chairman proposed that the precept be increased to £7,500 and identify within that, the sum of £2,500 for a further contribution to either speeding control or perhaps to the village hall for further improvement or condition investigation. Residents would be asked for views in the new year

The precept was agreed at £ 7500.00. Proposed Cllr Flaxman Seconded Cllr Bishop and agreed by majority (Cllr Cox voted against the proposal).

11. Payments

Clerks Salary and Expenses £ 400.00

Installation of defibrillator £ 108.00

1 & 1 Internet £ 43.16 + £ 25.20

Tom Lloyd (Gardener) £ 120.00

Receipts:

Precept 50% £ 2750.00

12. Exchange of information - The Christmas Fayre will take place on 11th December and a raffle will take place.

Date of next meeting - 11th January 2022

Meeting closed 9.10pm