

BINTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 8th November 2022

In attendance – Cllrs A Finch (Chair), S Bishop, R Cox, T Lloyd and C Taylor - Clerk Karen Parnell - No members of the public were present.

1. Apologies
Cllrs Hazel Martin, Mike Flaxman, District Councillor Mark Cargill and County Councillor Piers Daniell
2. Declaration of interest on items on the Agenda
None
3. To approve the minutes of the meeting of September 2022
The minutes were approved as a true record and duly signed as such by Cllr Finch.
4. Public participation – to receive any questions from the public (15 minutes maximum).
Not required
5. Matters arising from the minutes not dealt with elsewhere; for information only and are items not on the Agenda.
None
6. County and District Councillor's report.
SDC Cllr Cargill conveyed apologies.

WCC Cllr Daniell is still pushing hard for work on speeding reduction and as mentioned previously he is testing with Wixford Bridge to see what affect, if any, it has on speeds which will help the argument for some kind of chicane in or out of the village. Gateways are in progress but I think we will be lucky if they are in before Christmas.

7. Planning
Application(s) reference: 22/02730/TREE
Proposed : T1 - walnut - Reduce crown to 10metres to suitable growth points, crown thin by 20% and crown lift to 2metres above ground level
At : Orchard House, Binton, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 9TN
For : Sarah Kevill – No objection

Cllr Lloyd will submit a planning application regarding the removal of an apple tree in the square on behalf of the PC.

8. Speed Watch Group update
Various options for traffic calming remain under consideration.

9. Village Hall Survey – Cllr Cox
There are a number of concerns regarding the condition of the Village Hall, specifically evidence of dampness on the rear wall and obvious movement of the stonework around the large window in the wall alongside the road. In addition, there are uncertainties regarding the state of the roof and some external lintels.

To address these issues, it is proposed that we commission a qualified surveyor to inspect the building, prepare a schedule of defects in order of severity and recommend suitable measures to remedy the most serious defects together with budget costs.

Three survey quotations have been obtained as follows;

Simon Wilkinson Surveyors Limited (Building Condition Survey) £750.00 +VAT

Allcott Associates (Full Survey) £995.00 +VAT

Glyn Jones Surveys Ltd (Structural Appraisal) £600.00 +VAT

(Full Survey) £800.00 +VAT

A Full Survey best meets our needs as it covers both structural issues and the internal and external condition of the building.

After much discussion the PC agreed to appoint Glyn Jones Surveys Ltd to conduct the works. (Full Survey) £800.00 +VAT Proposed Cllr Cox Seconded Cllr Finch and agreed.

10. Budget consideration and precept setting - To set the precept for 2023/24

Cllr Flaxman expounded on the proposed budget and clarified the current position in papers submitted in advance of this meeting..

Village maintenance costs were discussed and reserves considered.

For the 2023/24 precept the chairman proposed that the precept be decreased by 10% to £6,750 and identified within that, the sum of £2,000 for a further contribution to the village hall if necessary for further improvement or works further to completion of the survey. Also included is a wage inflation linked increase for the Parish Clerk and additional anticipated extra costs for insurance.

The 10% reduction in the precept from the current year is an acknowledgement of the inflationary pressures on our residents.

The precept was agreed at £ 6750.00. Proposed Cllr Finch Seconded Cllr Lloyd and agreed by those present.

11. Payments

Clerks Salary and Expenses £ 412.00

1 & 1 Internet £ 25.20

Bank Charges £ 28.00

Binton PCC £ 100.00

Receipts:

Precept 50% £ 3750.00

12. Exchange of information - The Christmas Fayre will take place on 3rd December 3.00pm to 6.00pm and a raffle will take place.

Loud music emitting from local pubs was noted.

Date of next meeting - 10th January 2023

Meeting closed 8.00pm