

BINTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 14th March 2023 7.30pm

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

1. Apologies
Cllrs Sarah Bishop, Richard Cox, Alex Finch and County Councillor Piers Daniell
2. Declaration of interest on items on the Agenda
All councillors regarding Application(s) reference: 23/00524/TREE (on Village Green)
3. To approve the minutes of the meeting of 10th January 2023
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).
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
Cllr M Cargill has been busy in his role of chairman of SDC. This is the last Binton PC meeting he will attend due to the change of electoral ward borders. The PC Chair thanked Mark on behalf of the PC for all his support over the years.
Changes to boundaries in the forthcoming election were discussed.
7. Parish Council Election
Nomination forms were handed out to those present which will be completed and returned to SDC by 4th April for the 4th May election. Any further candidates can approach the Clerk, Chair or SDC should they wish to stand for election. Notice of election to be placed on hall notice board and on web site.
8. Planning
All planning applications have been advised to the PC for comment prior to this meeting.

Application(s) reference: 23/00355/TREE

Proposed : T1 - Silver Birch - Crown reduction height 2-3 metres, current height 8 metres

T2 - Acer - Crown reduction 1-2 metres, current height 4 metres

At : The Green, Inglenook Cottage , Main Road, Binton, Warwickshire CV37 9TN

For : Mrs Jane Jefferson – No objection

Application(s) reference: 23/00524/TREE

Proposed : T1 - apple - Remove

At : Binton Village Green, Binton, ,

For : Cllr Thomas LLOYD Binton Parish Council

9. Speed Watch Group

The camera being used at the bottom of the village has now been moved to the middle. Figures have been compared from that same location over a period of a year and the level of speeding is slightly worse. A number of traffic calming measures were again considered. It was noted the only point to collecting data is if it is acted upon.

Wixford PC has purchased a camera which records registration numbers and collates information regarding repeat offenders. Cllr Daniell has agreed to arrange for Wixford PC to contact the PC chair. PC Chair will research the costs involved.

PC Chair will investigate adapting the current cameras for solar power and report to next meeting.

10. Village Hall Committee – Roof and other maintenance etc.

Report by Cllr Bishop:

IMPROVEMENTS

VHC are waiting for electrician to return to do the electricity certificate (VHC had to cancel one appointment because it would have jeopardised heating for a client) VHC will also be asking her to fit a new light in the car park (the old one has been broken for years) The VHC will fund this. The VHC is looking at purchasing insulation to go in the roof space above the kitchen and toilets. The VHC will fund this.

INCOME

Aside from rental fees, the hall has benefited from a £73 charity windfall from EasyFundraising. The government's alternative fuel grant for businesses (£150) was paid this month.

CLIENTS

The v popular Gouache Resist Art Classes have expanded - so there is now a morning & afternoon session on Tuesdays. Nicki McGinn's pilates group found the hall too cold in January, so their classes went online. They hope to return any time now. The Stratford Scribes have decided to stay with us, despite them feeling the hall is a little too cold for them in the winter months. The VHC will be discussing whether to close the hall to clients Dec - end January in future as rentals fees don't cover the cost of heating in the current climate of overpriced electricity.

EVENTS

The hall offered a warm refuge & free tea and cake for the jolly band of volunteers who helped with a litter pick last month (Piers (WCC) provided the 'sticks' & high vis jackets)

The inaugural Binton Art Fayre is being held on March 18th, 5pm till 9pm. This has been organised by VHC member & artist Lizzie Bentley & features 3 local artists, a wood turner, baskets and dried flowers.

The hall will be a polling station for 15 hours on May 4th for local elections. (Standard rental fee is £120). The monthly pop up cafes continue to offer a much needed social hub in the village & allow for improvements to be made.

It was noted by the PC Chair that all actions arising from the surveyors report, for implementation within 12 months, have been delivered or are being actioned and an Asbestos Register is now in place.

11. New project budget for 2023/24

The current year underspending on the village maintenance was noted and the £ 600.00 gardening budget is available from the precept in the next financial year and will be used to purchase plants and accommodate tree works. Noting the underspending, Other funds may be made available if required

£ 2000.00 will be carried forward as a project budget. Converting the cameras from battery to solar powered is a consideration and the PC Chair will look into costs.

12. Payments

Clerks Salary and Expenses £ 412.00

1 & 1 Internet £ 111.52

HSBC Bank Charges £ 20.00

M Flaxman (Reimbursement for Grit Bin) £ 111.00

I D Holliday (Village Hall Roofing) £ 816.00

V.A.T Reclaim £ 154.50

13. Items for next meeting

Annual reports and year end finance.

14. Correspondence

None

15. Exchange of information

Publicity for the forthcoming PC election was discussed.

16. Date of next meeting.

16th May at 7.00pm to include the Parish Assembly and Annual Meeting of the Council

Meeting closed 8.20pm