

## Minutes of Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**In attendance** – Cllrs R Cox, A Finch, M Flaxman (Chairman) and Colin Taylor- Clerk Karen Parnell – SDC Manuela Perteghella - Five members of the public were present.

1. Apologies  
Cllrs Tom Lloyd, Hazel Martin and WCC Cllr Piers Daniell
2. Declarations of interest on items on the Agenda  
Cllr Flaxman Application(s) reference: 23/03129/FUL and APP/33720/C/23/3329159
3. To approve the minutes of the meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> November 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).  
The planning application for Wood View was discussed. Change of use was clarified and the need for a storage container explained. Noise was felt to be a concern.  
It was noted the PC have submitted comments regarding the planning appeal.
5. Matters arising from the minutes not dealt with elsewhere, for information only.  
A document outlining ownership of the village green by the PC has been located.

Postal deliveries within Binton have improved of late.

6. County and District Councillor's report:  
Cllr Piers Daniell has sent numerous reports regarding local and other relevant matters.

Piers has picked up both Binton matters and put them in his pack for when he speaks to officers this month about his delegated budgets. He doesn't know if they will cover the leak or a new speed sign (as technically Warwickshire CC no longer supports their use). He will let the PC know if they come back positively but it won't be quick and it can take 12 months from getting approval to actually something being done.

A WCC survey regarding waste and recycling will be promoted to residents.

An extract from Cllr Manuela Perteghella's report is below. The full version is on the website.

Manuela discussed flood defences and housing needs at length.

Cllr Finch and Manuela are to liaise regarding replacing missing food waste bins.

### **Budget cycle & actions so far**

We are now in the first budget cycle of the new administration, with the proposed budget going for public consultation in January. Stratford-on-Avon District Council is required to set its budget annually; this is normally approved by Council at the meeting at the end of February each year. The Council sets out its spending plans for both

revenue and capital for the year ahead, along with reviewing the position for the following four years.

A key element of the budget is the Medium Term Financial Strategy, which is updated annually.

Prior to the current budget the Portfolio Holders have started to make changes. For example, these include a new contract for grounds maintenance that will be much more sustainable and environmentally friendly with the avoidance of glyphosate.

We have seen major progress in the economic development portfolio with good relationships developed with Warwick University and Stratford College as well as the business community.

The Climate Change Fund will be used for projects that include solar panels, heat pumps and insulation measures to reduce the Council's carbon footprint. A new Community Climate Change Fund is being launched this month which will encourage Parish Councils and constituted community groups to carry out actions that support the Council's climate change goals.

SDC Leader Cllr Juned has asked for a meeting with the Environment Agency to discuss recent flooding but also the implementation of natural flood management projects. Cllr Juned is also going to talk to Warwickshire County Council about surface water flooding. Working with Warwick District Council and the County Council progress is being made on electric vehicle charging including a feasibility study to look at provision for council owned car parks, kerbside and village halls and for social housing.

### **Council Plan**

Full Council approved the Council Plan on Monday 11 December 2023. Following this the Council Plan provides the strategic direction for the Council over the next four years and will be a critical document in guiding the District Council's allocation of resources to priorities.

The proposed budget will reflect these priorities.

## **7. Planning**

Enforcement Appeal Wood View Binton

APP/33720/C/23/3329159

Re: Written representations from Binton Parish Council

Grounds for appeal :- There have been changes to the use of the property since the enforcement order, so the breach of planning is no longer accurate.

A quorate response from Binton PC has been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

Application(s) reference: 23/03357/TREE

Proposed : T1 - greengage - Remove

At : Barn Cottage , Main Road, Binton, Warwickshire CV37 9TS

For : Neil Kemp

Application(s) reference: 23/03129/FUL

Proposed : Change of use of agricultural land to a residential garden and erection of an incidental outbuilding

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

For : Mr And Mrs Fisher Discussed at length – No objection

8. Village Hall Update

The year-end accounts have been submitted to the Charities Commission.  
£ 112.00 will be provided by the village hall for bulbs for 'Binton in Bloom'.

9. Speed Watch Group

Potential 20 mph Speed Limit was discussed but deemed not to be viable.  
Batteries have been purchased for the radar sign and overhanging tree branches affecting the solar panels will be cut back.  
There has been no improvement regarding speeding in Binton.  
A chicane with solar lighting is a consideration through possible WCC or SDC monies.

10. Payments

Clerks Salary and Expenses £ 435.00  
Bank Charges £ 18.00  
Ionos Internet £ 82.80  
T Lloyd (Batteries) £ 156.00  
SDC (Uncontested Election) £ 100.00

11. Exchange of information

Not required

Date of next meeting.

12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Binton Well to be discussed

Meeting closed 8.40pm