

BINTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 12th March 2024 7.30pm

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

1. Apologies
Cllr Alex Finch
2. Declaration of interest on items on the Agenda
None
3. To approve the minutes of the meeting of 9th January 2024
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.

PC Chairman has investigated the Climate Change Fund. It is noted planners are not supportive of the use of solar panels on the village hall and also works cannot take place on the roof if it is panelled. No application has been submitted.

6. County and District Councillor's report
SDC Cllr Manuela Perteghella reported the following and the full report will be on the Binton website.

Stratford on Avon District Council Budget

On Monday 26 February, Stratford-on-Avon District Council agreed the Council's Budget. The stated aims of this budget were to include continued support for residents most hard hit by the cost-of-living crisis, help for rural communities, support for health and well-being and measures to address the climate emergency. Resources have also been allocated to implement the new Council Plan and Change Programme agreed in December 2023, which includes improving the delivery of services, developing projects to stimulate growth in the local economy, delivering better affordable homes and providing support for the voluntary sector. The council is funded from three main sources: central government grants; the money that comes from council tax receipts and service charges; and a proportion of business rates. The amount of financial support we get from the Government has reduced by 17% in the last five years. Inflation has increased costs over the same period. The challenge of the single year financial settlements (as opposed to previous three-year settlements) from Government makes planning difficult.

Public Consultation

We made a clear commitment to listen and respond to the views of people living and working in the district and the outcome of our budget consultation shows that our

proposals are widely supported. In light of relatively low number of responses, albeit an increase from the previous year, we can and should improve our Budget Consultation and we are planning further improvements in relation to the consultation on the budget for next year. I have suggested to the Portfolio Holder to plan for a 'budget roadshow' around the district for next year.

Binton Bridge repair works and road closure

The most recent schedule has been published by Warwickshire County Council. This is the 8th revision to the schedule, and like all the previous ones, is subject to change. The delays are mainly due to flooding in January and February. I, like many residents and local businesses, am frustrated by these delays.

Do not forget there is a dedicated email for these works:

Bintonbridge@warwickshire.gov.uk

Highway infrastructure progress and waste survey results involving WCC to be requested from WCC Cllr Piers Daniell by the PC Chairman.

7. Planning

All planning applications have been advised to the PC for comment prior to this meeting.

None

8. Speed Watch Group

Third Radar Sign to be enabled in the next financial year.

Solar panels are working very well. An overhanging tree will be attended to.

9. Village Hall Committee

Repairs to the roof have taken place. WCC may fund redecoration needed due to the damage caused. A smart meter may be fitted in the village hall regarding electricity.

10. Binton Well

Progress is awaited

11. Payments

Clerks Salary and Expenses £ 435.00

1 & 1 Internet £ 82.80

HSBC Bank Charges £ 20.00

T Lloyd (Gardening) £ 30.00

12. Items for next meeting

Annual reports and year end finance.

13. Correspondence

None

14. Exchange of information

Ownership of land and adjacent footpath to be researched by PC Chairman

15. Date of next meeting.

14th May at 7.00pm to include the Parish Assembly and Annual Meeting of the Council

Meeting closed 8.30pm