

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting
held in Binton Village Hall
Tuesday the 14th of May 2024 commencing at 7.15 pm

Present: Mike Flaxman (in the Chair)
Councillors Richard Cox, Alex Finch, Tom Lloyd, Hazel Martin and Colin Taylor
SDC Cllr Manuela Perteghella and WCC Cllr Piers Daniell

Clerk: Karen Parnell

One member of the public was present

Apologies: None

1. To Elect a Chairman for the ensuing Municipal Year

Cllr Mike Flaxman was elected as Chairman for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Proposed: Cllr Lloyd Seconded: Cllr Taylor

2. To Elect a Vice-Chairman for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Cllr Alex Finch was elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Proposed: Cllr Flaxman Seconded: Cllr Cox

3. Disclosure of Interests. Councillors are asked to declare personal interests in any items on the agenda. Councillors are reminded that the Code of Conduct that takes effect from May 2021 provides that should they have a prejudicial interest in any matter under discussion they should withdraw from the room and not seek to influence a decision about the matter. Cllr Finch regarding the planning application for his neighbour's property.

4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in March 2023 were agreed by the Council to be an accurate record of the meetings and were duly signed off by the Chairman as such.

5. Matters arising therefrom and new matters:

Third Radar Sign

Covered below within Item 11 on this agenda

Ownership of land next to Village Green and adjacent footpath

Subsequent to procuring documents from the Land Registry and much communication it is unlikely there is anyone identifiable in ownership of the piece of track in question. There is no registered title and no known owner. WCC are unlikely to become involved with maintenance of this area. Binton PC will undertake no further work on this matter which is being managed by our SDC councillor.

Highway infrastructure

Covered in District Councillor's report during the Parish Assembly

Waste survey results involving WCC – No report

Binton Well – WCC will complete works to improve the well in due course.

6. Finance:

The internal audit was completed on the 13th of April 2024 with no highlighted issues.

To complete the Annual Financial Return for the year ending 31st March, 2024

a) Councillors to complete the Statement of Assurance

This was done and the Chairman signed and RFO countersigned.

b) Chairman to sign The Statement of Accounts.

This was unanimously agreed by the Council and signed.

c) Chairman to sign the Bank Reconciliation as at 31st March, 2024

This was done by both the Chairman and RFO with the consent of the Council.

To agree that as this parish council has not exceeded either income or expenditure totaling over £ 25,000 and has met the qualifying criteria, they wish to certify themselves exempt from a limited assurance review – Unanimously agreed by the PC

Binton PC adopted the updated model financial regulations from NALC

Cllr Flaxman has edited the model regulations. Tailored to fit our existing practices and deleted what is not applicable. Two sections on electronic banking and payment cards are currently not applicable but may be in the future so are left in but shown as not applicable.

7. Planning:

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

Application(s) reference: 24/01033/FUL

Proposed : A small single storey rear extension, to bring our building in line with the adjoining neighbour

At : 7 Church Bank, Binton, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 9TH

For : Matt Sparrow – No representation

8. Accounts for payment.

Clerks Salary/Expenses £ 465.00

WALC £ 138.00 + £ 38.00

Kenneth Dunn (Audit) £ 50.00

Bank Charges £ 18.00

Ionos Internet DD £ 25.20

Clear Insurance Management Ltd £ 586.54

M Flaxman – Land Registry £ 39.90

Receipts: SDC 50% Precept £ 3750.00

9. District Councillors report:

Report District councillor Cllr Manuela Perteghella

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The full report forms part of the Parish Assembly minutes and is on the PC website

Changes to allocation of CIL monies were discussed, which may benefit parishes and the Open Space Policy was explained.

10. County Councillors report:

Cllr Daniell provides updates. The Councillor Grant Fund could be used towards the radar camera and village hall projects. There is a total of £ 8000.00 being made available. WCC also have monies for pothole and highway repairs which Piers asked to be advised of.

It was noted that a request by the PC Chairman for WCC to clear a footpath by the church had resulted in a works order granted but no works being undertaken. To be forwarded to Cllr Daniell.

The pedestrian footpath on Wixford Bridge is being removed for reasons of safety.

11. To discuss the 2024/25 budget

Report on projects budget.

The Speedwatch Group and Parish Council Chair

Acquisition of a third speed warning sign

Speeding and traffic volumes continue to be a focus for residents. Delays on the completion of the Shottery western bypass will continue until at least late in 2025. Consequent reductions in traffic flow cannot be expected until the bypass is completed.

At the request of the speed watch group, the Chair proposes the acquisition of a third speed warning sign which will cost £2,760. The parish council set aside £2,000 for village projects and traffic is still the highest priority for residents. Current liquidity would cover the added cost. The acquisition will enable the group to keep the sign at the midpoint of the village on a permanent basis providing data which the police are prepared to consider as useful to them. All three warning signposts are equipped with Solar panels funded last year by the parish council and our WCC councillor's fund. The Solar conversion has proved very successful and eliminated much work for the group. The third sign costs a little more than the original two signs as it needs to arrive set up for Solar panel use.

The Parish Council was requested to consider the acquisition of a third sign as set out above. If agreed an order would be placed and payment made on a proforma basis as requested.

After discussion and general agreement to the principle, it was agreed that the Chairman would liaise with Wixford PC regarding obtaining further information on acquiring a third radar sign which would incorporate registration number recognition. Once clarified the Chairman will consult with the councillors as to an agreed course of action.

12. Questions from the public

None

Meeting closed: 8.20 pm