

BINTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 12th November 2024

In attendance – Cllrs M Flaxman (Chair), R Cox, A Finch, T Lloyd and C Taylor - Clerk Karen Parnell - Three members of the public were present.

1. Apologies
County Councillor Piers Daniell and District Councillor Manuela Perteghella
2. Declaration of interest on items on the Agenda
None
3. To approve the minutes of the meeting of September 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).
Accidents involving the A46 were discussed and it was noted any action would have to come from the County or District Councillors and/or the MP. Binton Parish Council is not in a position to action any changes. A possible meeting with Cllr Piers Daniell is a consideration.
It was noted that overgrown hedgerows contributed to a lack of road safety, again a matter for the WCC Highways department.
5. Matters arising from the minutes not dealt with elsewhere; for information only and are items not on the Agenda.
Bloor Homes are still working with National Highways and Warwickshire Council to try and obtain the required road space to undertake the S78 Shottery Link Road roundabout improvements. Once completed this will allow the opening of the relief road.
Unfortunately, at this point the discussions are still ongoing with no fixed dates supplied to Bloor Homes to allow the works to commence. Manuela Perteghella is communicating with WCC and National Highways and will confirm dates when WCC finally provide that information (see below)

It was noted the next County Councillor to represent Binton from May will come from the Welford ward.

6. County and District Councillor's report.
Cllr Manuela Perteghella reported as follows:

S78 Shottery Link Road

Manuela had a meeting with Warwickshire County Council Highways including the Portfolio Holder Jan Matecki and Lead Officers. This is unlikely now to be undertaken until the Birmingham Road works have finished. She has asked Cllr Matecki and the officers to issue a communication letter about this project and give us realistic timescales. Once she receives this it will be circulated.

A46

Manuela has a meeting with National Highways in Parliament in two weeks' time, so the A46 and in particular the dangerous Billesley junction will be raised.

Extracts from the SDC full report:

The State of the District Report: This report feeds into the district council's own budget preparation. A few notable points from the report include –

- The increasingly older demographic with almost half the population over 50 which is higher than for England as a whole. By 2041 it is projected that a third of residents in the district will be over 65, against a national figure of a quarter for England. People are also living longer than ever before. These changes bring both challenges and opportunities for government and communities.
 - House prices that are higher than the median for England or Warwickshire
 - Rents that are the third highest in the West Midlands and which have increased by 13% since 2019. Renters of three bed properties are paying rents above the national average
 - The rise in long-term vacant properties including in Housing Association Ownership
 - The housing mix of new build properties
- The report has sections on crime, employment, business and economy and poverty and health. There are some worrying figures about the rise in fuel poverty since 2020.

Vacancy Manuela will have to stand down as your district councillor.

This looks likely to be in May, which means the Welford on Avon by-election will coincide with the Warwickshire County Council elections. If anyone would like to know a bit more about the role of a district councillor please do get in touch. Or you can find out here:

<https://www.stratford.gov.uk/council-democracy/be-a-councillor.cfm>

Manuela's full report with a lot of useful information for residents is published on the Binton website.

Cllr Piers Daniell continues to provide weekly updates to Binton Parish Council.

7. Planning

Application(s) reference: 24/02226/FUL and 24/02227/LBC

Proposed : Proposed conversion of an existing carport to a home office and retrospective approval for the conversion of an adjoining carport into a garden store.

At : The Old Dairy, Binton Hill Farm, Binton, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 9TW

For : Mr & Mrs Perfect – No objection

Application(s) reference: 24/02265/TREE

Proposed : -T1and T2 - yew trees adjacent to pathway around Church. Crown lift to

approx. 3M above ground on path side only

At : St Peters Church, Binton, ,

For : Parish Warden Vivien Gillman St Peters Church – No objection

Application(s) reference: 24/02059/VARY

Proposed : Vary conditions 2 and 3 of planning application 97/00957/FUL (date of decision 20/01/1998) to permit unrestricted residential occupation of property and reinstatement of Permitted Development rights under Schedule 2 Part 1 and Part 2 of the General Permitted Development Order. Original description of development: Change of use from holiday accommodation to staff accommodation – No objection

At : The Old Smithy, Lower Binton Farm, Binton, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 9TQ

For : Mrs G Voute

Application(s) reference: 24/02426/FUL

Proposed : Change of use from staff accommodation to create 5no. additional letting rooms.

At : The Stag, Alcester Road, Redhill, Alcester B49 6NQ

For : Mr Adam Weaver Automotive Brands Europe Ltd – No objection

Application(s) reference: 24/02653/TREE

Proposed : -G1 Group of sycamore and hawthorn : cut back to give clearance (red line on photo) for power lines when pole is moved to new location. (orange line on photo)

At : Sunnybank, Binton, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 9TN – No objection

For : Eddie Gellibrand

Application(s) reference: 24/02654/FUL

Proposed : Single storey side and rear extension, plus front porch, to provide additional bedroom space

At : 2 Orchard Rise, Binton, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 9TP

For : Mrs Hazel Martin - The applicant was present and outlined her application – No objection

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

The proposal described above will be considered at a Planning Committee Meeting on 20 November 2024. The recommendation is that the application be Refused. The Parish Council has no objection

8. Speed Watch Group update

Speeding

Warwickshire County Council has informed us there is now a centralised reporting system to submit evidence of speeding/ speeding data, see link below:

<https://warksspeedconcerns.org/>

Various options for traffic calming remain under consideration.

Subsequent to the insurance claim, the replacement post for the South warning sign and the radar sign itself are still awaited.

Police will be notified of the data from the Middle Village radar sign when available.

9. Village Hall Update

A pop up event in December involving a raffle will raise funds for the Diabetic Society. The card machine in the hall is now working correctly. Binton in Bloom has involved planting daffodils in the village and around the church. The Village Green has also been planted with bulbs. Mulled wine will be donated by the village hall to the carol service.

Improving the acoustics of the village hall has been investigated. Any work is likely to involve going into the beams and/or creating a false ceiling. It is unlikely such changes to the hall would be acceptable and this is not a cost-effective solution. Other options will be sought although the pressure to improve acoustics in the hall was questioned by the Chair.

10. Budget consideration and precept setting - To set the precept for 2025/26

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 the Clerk's salary and other outgoings considered. The precept was agreed at £ 7500.00
Proposed Cllr Flaxman Seconded Cllr Lloyd – Agreed unanimously.

11. Payments

Clerks Salary and Expenses £ 465.00

Ionos Internet £ 82.80

Bank Charges £ 18.00

Binton PCC £ 100.00

Binton Village Hall £ 400.00

Morelock Signs £ 706.80

WCC (Post for sign) £ 122.27

T Lloyd – Gardening £ 60.00

Receipts:

Precept 50% £ 3750.00

12. Exchange of information -

Not required

Date of next meeting - 14th January 2025

Meeting closed 8.40pm