

# BINTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025 7.30pm

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

1. Apologies  
District Councillor Manuela Perteghella and Cllr Colin Taylor
2. Declaration of interest on items on the Agenda  
None
3. To approve the minutes of the meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
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).  
Sarah Hession introduced herself as a candidate in the county council elections. She has previously been a parish and district councillor with a background as a school governor and in charity work. It was requested should she be elected that the speeding data supplied to the Police be followed up by a Policing presence in Binton focussing on preventing speeding.
5. Matters arising from the minutes not dealt with elsewhere; for information only and are items not on the agenda.

The Village Hall Committee will clean and paint signage in better weather.

WCC have cleared the path by the church of debris, and it is now wider.

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

### **A46 meeting**

This meeting focused on proposals for improvements along the A46 between Stratford and Evesham. National Highways gave an overview and presentation on A46 improvements, highways drainage, litter concerns and ongoing actions, including work at the Billesley junction. The Stratford Transport Group gave an update on Stratford-upon-Avon Integrated Transport Strategy and Action Plan local transport needs and challenges, and how this plan would impact other towns of the constituency. Stratford DC has budgeted £250,000 for a study in respect of the Western Relief Road route. Bloor Homes and Ward Williams presented on development plans for the S78 Shottery Link Road and a date of June 2025 was mentioned for work starting on the Wildmoor Roundabout, however this depends on National Highway signing off the final plans and Warwickshire County Council's timetabling of other works. National Highways was told to circulate the plans for the Billesley junction again, and to look for other option including traffic lights. Midlands Connect looked at long-term strategic improvements required for the A46. Unfortunately, the trunk road between Stratford and Evesham was not included as part of strategic economic growth and they were asked to look at data

again for this stretch of road. We have a clear list of actions – outlining key issues raised by parish and town representatives at the meeting for National Highways, Stratford Transport Group, Midlands Connect, Bloor Homes, and some for Warwickshire County Council too, to ensure that the A46 as it crosses our local area, is made safe, after the increase in HGVs traffic, fatal accidents, near misses and speeding problems, as well issues with dangerous junctions.

### **District Council Budget 2025/6**

Stratford-on-Avon District Councillors have set the district element of the Council Tax at a meeting of the Council on Monday 24 February. The amount residents will be asked to pay for a Band D property is £169.12, an increase of £5. This is an increase of 3.05%, which for an average home represents just an additional 42p per month to the District Council next year. Stratford-on-Avon remains a low-taxing authority, 18th lowest out of 164 district councils across the country in 2024/25. Although the District Council acts as the collecting agent for Council Tax, it only receives 7.1% of the Council Tax paid by residents. Warwickshire County Council receives the lion's share of 76.6%, the Police 12.8% and Towns/Parishes 3.5%.

WCC Cllr Piers Daniell e mails regular reports.

### **Delegated Budgets:**

Cllr Daniell is unable to fund new projects before the May election. His delegated budget is overspent.

A significant improvement for the next County Councillor for Alcester will be the direct involvement of Balfour Beatty in managing this process. Their engagement has vastly improved the ability to track and deliver projects efficiently.

Warwickshire County Council is urging residents to report any Highways faults that they encounter while driving or walking in the county via its website. This includes flooding issues such as blocked drains.

### **Highways faults that can be reported online include:**

- Potholes;
- Street light problems;
- Rights of way problems;
- Faulty traffic lights; and
- Roadwork problems
- Blocked drains

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/reportit>

## 7. Planning

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

Application(s) reference: 25/00018/FUL

Proposed : proposed change of use of ground floor commercial unit to residential use and associated works to amalgamate converted space with existing first floor residential flat to create single dwelling

At : The Clay Barn, Redhill, Alcester, B49 6NQ

For : Louise Darby

Application(s) reference: 25/00222/FUL  
Proposed : Proposed erection of double garage  
At : Ashfield, Binton, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 9TS  
For : Mr & Mrs Russell Short – PC Objection

8. Speed Watch Group  
A46 meeting – 28th February 2025

Binton Parish Council was represented by Cllrs Flaxman and Lloyd. The meeting is reported under the SDC councillor's report, and this is on the PC web site in detail. The full report of the meeting setting out the Q&A session will be posted on the web site once available plus the 4 presentations made by the Stakeholders. The council Chair's detailed note to the meeting will also be on the PC web site.

9. Village Hall Committee  
Daffodils are currently flowering as part of Binton in bloom. In due course further plants will be obtained and nurtured.

10. Payments  
Clerks Salary and Expenses £ 465.00  
1 & 1 Internet £ 25.20  
HSBC Bank Charges £ 9.00  
T Lloyd (Gardening) £ 90.00

11. Items for next meeting  
Annual reports and year end finance.

12. Correspondence  
None

13. Exchange of information  
Not required

14. Date of next meeting.  
13<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm to include the Parish Assembly and Annual Meetings of the Council  
Meeting closed 8.25pm