

# BINTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025

**In attendance** – Cllrs M Flaxman (Chair), R Cox, T Lloyd and C Taylor - Clerk Karen Parnell - County Councillor James Norris and District Councillor Cliff Brown - Three members of the public were 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 September 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).  
Speeding was discussed and it was noted the middle village radar sign has one screen so has been turned around which has resulted in different figures and speeding performance being demonstrated.
5. Matters arising from the minutes not dealt with elsewhere; for information only and are items not on the Agenda.

#### **Wildmoor Roundabout A46**

Works on the project commenced on 22nd September 2025 and are proceeding as planned. The team's initial focus has been on essential preparatory works, including site clearance, topsoil stripping, trial hole excavation, and disconnecting existing lighting. Safety barriers and traffic management measures have also been implemented.

**Flying tipping** can be reported to SDC for action at  
<https://www.stratford.gov.uk/online-forms/fly-tipping-form.cfm>

6. County and District Councillor's reports.  
WCC Cllr James Norris reported as follows:  
**WCC Supports Single Unitary Authority**  
At its meeting on 14 October, Warwickshire County Council voted to support the creation of a single unitary council for Warwickshire, in response to the Government's plans to reorganise local government into single-tier structures. This follows the publication of the English Devolution White Paper and a public consultation on the future of council services. The Council stressed the importance of town and parish councils in maintaining local identity. It also supported full constituent membership of the West Midlands Combined Authority for any future unitary authority.  
A final proposal will be submitted to Government by 28 November, with a decision expected by Summer 2026 following a public consultation.  
Cllr Norris supported a Lib Dem amendment which recommended the creation of two new unitary authorities for Warwickshire, rather than a single county-wide authority. The motion supported a two-unitary structure: South Warwickshire: Stratford and Warwick Districts. North Warwickshire: North Warwickshire, Nuneaton & Bedworth, and Rugby Boroughs

Unfortunately, the amendment was not carried and the Council proceeded with its support for a single unitary authority. Reform, Conservatives and Labour all prefer a single authority for WCC.

### **Cllr Jerry Roodhouse Named Honorary Freeman of Warwickshire**

Warwickshire County Council has awarded Councillor Jerry Roodhouse the title of Honorary Freeman of the County of Warwickshire—the first time this honour has been given in over two decades.

SDC Cllr Cliff Brown reported on Local Government reorganisation agreeing with Cllr Norris and also as follows:

#### **Planning**

The recent Bordon Hill planning appeal confirmed our worst fears. The Government has effectively moved the goalposts (twice in fact) and has removed our Forward Land Supply figure firstly the NPPF reduced it to 5.2 years and the calculation by the Planning Inspector at Bordon Hill further reduced it to 2.7 years. These are political decisions over which we have no control – it affects 60% of planning authorities in England – most of whom are in a much worse state.

It means that the District has to develop a more pragmatic view on planning in general until we can get back our buffer. Parishes are likely to see more speculative planning applications in the coming months as developers test the waters. We are looking at boosting and re-invigorating the Planning, Enforcement, and Legal staff to be much more robust with developers. We are also looking at tactics to rebuild our 5 year land supply by identifying actual completions and empty properties and reviewing reserved sites.

#### **Highways**

I have approved several schemes across the Division from my devolved highways budget. Many redundancies and reorganisation of the Highways Department and the change of administration has affected implementation but I will be pushing for priority projects to be commenced as soon as possible and all projects to be completed in this financial year. I am meeting new managers on 15th October to commence this programme.

Potholes – Many people are complaining about potholes – and quite rightly – I've spent more money than I want to on tracking and tyres since I started driving across the Division. I have had some success getting potholes filled in – in fact everything I've reported has been fixed. Most of these are quite well known and are sent to me by more than one person – when I contact Highways I find that they have not been reported before – I am happy to continue to report the potholes to county. It would be useful if residents could use the system for reporting highways defects – it does work most of the time. and I have had a number of potholes filled, road signs replaced, cleaned and freed from rampant hedges.

#### 7. Planning - None

#### 8. Speed Watch Group update

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/>

Cllr Taylor has charts to demonstrate speeding data which will be made available to the public and placed on the website. One radar sign will need to be replaced in due course.

#### 9. Village Hall Update

A pop up event in December involving a raffle will raise funds for the Shakespeare Hospice. A quiz night will raise monies for the church. A Christmas tree has been donated. An Artisan Fayre will take place at the end of November.

#### 10. Budget consideration and precept setting - To set the precept for 2026/27

Cllr Flaxman explained 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 £ 6000.00 - A reduction of £ 12.00 per household in Binton. Proposed Cllr Lloyd Seconded Cllr Cox – Agreed unanimously.

#### 11. Payments

Clerks Salary and Expenses £ 490.00  
Ionos Internet £ 97.20  
Bank Charges £ 1.00  
Binton PCC £ 100.00  
T Lloyd – Gardening £ 120.00

#### Receipts:

Precept 50% £ 3750.00

Funds were requested by Luddington Parish Council to contribute to the installation of approximately 400m of new footpath along the B439 Evesham Road between footpath SD18 and the existing footpath at The Cottage. It would include a drop kerb opposite SD316 to Binton. This would create the missing link between the Parishes of Welford on Avon, Luddington and Binton. The matter was discussed but very costly and outside of this parish's resources. It was agreed we would be unable to contribute

Date of next meeting - 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Meeting closed 8.35pm