

BINTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 10th March 2026 7.30pm

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

1. Apologies
None
2. Declaration of interest on items on the Agenda
None
3. To approve the minutes of the meeting of 11th November 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 in the village was discussed at length as a resident was distressed by lack of action and concern for riding horses on the highway. It was thought the Shottery bypass may ease the situation and it was suggested that strategic parking in Binton might be an option.
5. Matters arising from the minutes not dealt with elsewhere; for information only and are items not on the agenda.
6. County and District Councillor's reports
SDC Cllr Cliff Brown:
I am still dealing with a considerable amount of work – Mainly Highways, Planning, Flood risk and poor co-ordination of Roadworks, Impossible Diversions and sat navs sending HGV's down single track roads.

I am setting up urgent meetings with County and Government agencies to discuss the lack of appreciation of the complexities of our area.

The Budget for County and District will be set in February – Things are tight but we believe a budget is possible and News on Business rates and DSG SEND override is positive and it appears the Government is listening – we won't be awash with funds but we can see a better way forward than some other councils.

There are three important government consultations ongoing – Two on Leasehold/Freehold and Estate Charges and The LGR (Unitary) arrangements – Details can be found on WCC and SDC websites and social media accounts and the [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) website – please have your say – the result of unitary discussions is expected around 16 July this year to enable authorities to meet the implementation date of April 2028 – don't miss your chance to contribute to the consultation.

WCC Cllr James Norris:

On-Street Pay & Display Parking cancelled

Warwickshire County Council had previously been considering a proposal to introduce on-street Pay & Display parking in Alcester. In anticipation of formal discussions, I

sought the views of all parish councils to ensure that any response would accurately reflect the position of our local communities.

I am pleased to report that the administration at the County Council abandoned their proposal.

I wish to extend my thanks to all residents who took the time to submit representations, and to all the parish councils for their constructive engagement and support throughout this process.

Warwickshire County Council Budget Day – 5 February

After an extended debate and a two-week adjournment, councillors approved the County Council's budget for the year. The initial meeting on 5 February ended without agreement, leading to a reconvened session on 17 February. During the process, councillors considered a range of proposals, including an alternative budget that would have increased investment in services for children and young people, such as funding to address child poverty, support for Children & Family Hubs, and capital projects to improve rural access and climate resilience. This amendment did not pass.

The approved budget includes a 4.44% rise in Council Tax and the social care precept, along with £4.2 million in planned "service efficiencies" that are yet to be defined and £2.47 million in reductions to Children & Family Centres. Following feedback from councillors, previously proposed reductions to youth grants were withdrawn, protecting support for local community organisations. Opposition councillors raised concerns regarding long-term financial sustainability and the potential for future increases in council tax, while emphasising the importance of early investment in services for children and young people.

7. Planning

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

Application(s) reference: 26/00322/TREE

Proposed : -T1 - yew, crown lift to two meters above ground.

-G1 x 3 - prunus - Cut back from property, removing 2-3 meters laterally, no height reduction.

At : The Old Farmhouse, Binton, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 9TW

For : Mr Mark Newell

8. Speed Watch Group

The PC Chairman will involve the Police as having been told monitoring of speed cannot be carried out in Binton due to parking, he has learnt the monitoring we require has been carried out in Bidford by using a tripod. WCC Cllr Norris will be copied in to correspondence.

Specifics of when WCC are liable for pothole damage to vehicles was requested from WCC Cllr James Norris.

9. Village Hall Committee

Concerns have been raised regarding excessive parking around the village hall for the tuition lessons. The chairman has responded outlining the beneficial income to the village hall and useful service that is being provided.

There has been some movement of the village hall lately and notably the car park due to recent weather. The situation will be monitored and the latest surveyors report forwarded to the Village Hall Committee for consideration. Any repairs will be supported by the PC if deemed necessary.

10. Finance

Budget update

There will be a £ 3000.00 underspend at the end of the year which has enabled the PC to reduce the precept for next year to £ 6000.00

Payments

Clerks Salary and Expenses £ 490.00

1 & 1 Internet £ 97.20

HSBC Bank Charges £ 1.00

T Lloyd (Gardening) £ 50.00

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.

12th May at 7.00pm to include the Parish Assembly and Annual Meetings of the Council
Meeting closed 8.25pm