

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting
held in Binton Village Hall
Tuesday the 12th of May 2026 commencing at 7.45 pm

Present: Mike Flaxman (in the Chair)
Councillors Richard Cox, Tom Lloyd and Colin Taylor

WCC Cllr James Norris

Clerk: Karen Parnell

Two members of the public were present

Apologies: Cllr Alex Finch

1. To Elect a Chairman for the ensuing Municipal Year

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

Proposed: Cllr Taylor Seconded: Cllr Cox

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 Lloyd

3. Disclosure of Interests. Councillors are asked to declare personal interest 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. None

4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in March 2026 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:

Broom to Stratford on Avon Cycle Path

There is news concerning the start of the section from Bidford to Stratford.

A bid to Stratford District Council for £350,000 CIL monies had been awarded to Bidford Parish Council. Since then, there has been significant progress in agreeing a partnership with the Bidford Parish Council, Walk Wheel Cycle Trust and others to take the project forward. A timetable of works has been agreed and will get underway later this year.

Stratford Western Relief Road

It was agreed at a recent meeting that the issues from the local plan and traffic matters should be separated and that there would be a meeting on 19th June about the plan and the preferred route for the relief road. There will be a separate meeting set up about traffic and speeding on local roads with WCC and Police present in due course.

6. Finance:

The internal audit was completed on the 13th of April 2026 with no highlighted issues.

To complete the Annual Financial Return for the year ending 31st March 2026

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, 2026

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

7. Planning:

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

Application(s) reference: 26/00754/TREE

Proposed : - T1 beech - Fell (as directly underneath the power line)

- T2 holly - Fell

- T3 fir - Fell

At : Old Post Office, Binton, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 9TW

For : Mr Henry Moberley Gearmate Ltd

Application(s) reference: 26/00852/FUL

Proposed : Demolition of single storey side projection, creation of two storey side extension creation of single storey rear extension

At : Old Post Office, Binton, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 9TW

For : Mr Henry Moberley SUPPORT. Planning reasons to be provided.

8. Accounts for payment.

Clerk's Salary/Expenses £ 565.00

WALC £ 190.20

Kenneth Dunn (Audit) £ 100.00

Bank Charges £ 2.00

Ionos Internet DD £ 32.40

Clear Insurance Management Ltd £ 696.12 + £ 50.00 Hirers cover

T Lloyd (Gardening) £ 60.00

Receipts: SDC 50% Precept £ 3000.00

9. District Councillors report:

Not present

10. County Councillors report:

Warwickshire County Council report May 2026, Cllr James Norris (Alcester and villages)

Highways, Traffic and Road Safety

During April, I have dealt with a high volume of highways and road-safety issues raised by residents, parish councils and district colleagues.

A significant focus has been speeding and road safety on Stratford Road, Alcester. I have responded to multiple residents, reviewed traffic survey data, and formally requested a site visit with Warwickshire County Council's Traffic & Safety team. The data indicates persistent speed non-compliance, and I am working with officers to identify proportionate, preventative measures to improve compliance. Where

appropriate measures are agreed, I have confirmed my willingness to support delivery through my delegated budget.

Across the division, I have raised and chased a number of other highways matters, including:

- obscured and damaged signs, including around the Arrow roundabout and Alcester bypass;
- dangerous or inconsiderate parking at junctions in Alcester;
- worn stop and give-way markings near the Town Hall;
- a damaged manhole cover at Crooks Lane, Alcester;
- the condition and future treatment of Birmingham Road, including the timing of relining relative to pothole repairs.

In all cases, issues have been logged with Warwickshire County Council Highways, and I continue to monitor progress and chase updates where necessary.

Planning and Development

I have responded to residents and parish councils regarding several planning-related matters.

In relation to the former Moorfields school site in Alcester, I have confirmed that the County Council's intention is to dispose of the land. At present, there are no confirmed timescales or details on the disposal process. I continue to request updates from officers and will make any firm information public as soon as it becomes available.

I have also supported residents and a parish council regarding a Lawful Development Certificate application at Arden Meadow, Wilmcote. I raised concerns directly with Warwickshire County Council Ecology about the cumulative ecological impacts of development and fed back officers' advice to residents.

In addition, I have acknowledged and, where appropriate, passed on residents' objections to district councillors for other planning applications within Alcester town centre.

Summary

During April, my casework has been dominated by highways and road-safety matters, alongside ongoing planning issues and education-related scrutiny. I continue to prioritise:

- resident safety,
- clear communication with parish councils,
- and constructive engagement with officers to secure progress on local concerns.

I am grateful to parish councils and residents for continuing to raise issues and for their patience while matters are progressed through the appropriate channels.

11. Speedwatch Group Update

Our data from the VAS mid village camera does not reveal a problem, due to improved V85 average speeds. It is up to residents to put their complaints on the CRS web site

12. To discuss the 2026/27 budget

Report on projects budget: No specific project has been identified. There has been a slight underspend in the previous year

13. Questions from the public

None

Meeting closed: 7.55 pm