

BINTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 14th September 2021 7.30pm

In attendance – Cllrs S Bishop, R Cox, A Finch, M Flaxman (Chair), T Lloyd, H Martin and C Taylor – Clerk Karen Parnell – SDC Cllr Mark Cargill WCC Cllr Piers Daniell

Three members of the public were present.

Co-option of a parish councillor:

Hazel Martin was co-opted on to Binton Parish Council. The DPI interests form will be completed and forwarded to the Monitoring Officer at SDC.

1. Apologies

None

2. Declarations of interest on items on the Agenda

None

3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the Council of 20th July 2021
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).

It was noted that gateway signage is now in place in Welford.

Speeding Lorries continue to be monitored and reported.

Works to the A46 junction are awaiting action and works to the Billesley exit are on hold due to reasons of finance.

It was suggested a structural survey of the village hall may be required.

The PC Chairman outlined the method the PC uses to respond to planning applications.

The owner of White Horse outlined his plans for renovation with diagrams and photos.

They consist of two separate applications for alterations to the current annex and an extension to the main house.

5. Matters arising from the minutes not dealt with elsewhere; for information only and are items not on the Agenda.

‘Easy Funding’ for the village hall is now in place. Residents were urged to sign up.

6. District and County Councillor’s reports

SDC Cllr M Cargill reported:

Gypsy, Traveller and Show people Supplementary Planning Guidance has been adopted by SDC as part of the Core Strategy. SDC are currently around forty sites short. Sustainability is an issue.

There is a consultation regarding the merger between Stratford and Warwick District Councils. Mark outlined key elements regarding the operational side. Buildings will be considered in due course. Mark will host Zoom meetings on the subject.

WCC Cllr P Daniell reported:

Reports are regularly circulated by Piers. Speeding in Binton has been the subject of meetings. A list of persons in Warwickshire who have attended ‘Speed watch’ training is being compiled. Getting teams of people out and visible is necessary to gain results.

A retail crime initiative is being looked into to help prevent theft and abuse.

The 'Afghanistan Settlement' involves around a hundred people in Warwickshire. Potential sites for travelers are being considered. Highways actions are constantly chased.

7. Planning

Application(s) reference: 21/02274/FUL

Proposed : Change of use of land from equestrian use to B8 storage and distribution and the erection of a shed for cleaning and drying wild flower seed

At : Land Adjacent To, The Stag Barn, Redhill,

For : Mr N Ford All Things Rural - No objection

Application(s) reference: 21/02443/FUL

Proposed : Siting of marquee, external seating, gates, entrance feature, and landscaping

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

For : Mr Adam Weaver - No objection

Application(s) reference: 21/02788/FUL

Proposed : Proposed single storey extensions with internal and external alterations and an area of hardstanding to the front garden for parking.

At : Buckwell, Binton, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 9TN

For : Mr & Mrs Kimpton Kimpton Developments – No objection

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8. Village Hall – update from Village Hall manager

Cllr Martin explained the rear wall has been partially repaired. The kitchen has been redecorated and cleaned. Skirting boards will be in place and the flooring attended to in due course. The Google search for the hall is being updated.

A number of new users of the hall include Pilates classes, band practice and child development.

It was noted the lack of internet may be an issue for some training sessions.

- Cllr Bishop (WCC grant funding)

WCC has granted the village hall £ 741.00 for the provision of blinds. They are on order.

9. Defibrillator for the village – update from Cllr Bishop

This will be installed within a case at a cost of £ 108.00. It will also be registered.

Training is a consideration and will be looked into. Costs are not known.

10. Heart of England Forest – hedge cutting Church Bank – update from Cllr Bishop

The hedge has been hand cut over several days. There remain safety concerns regarding the bend in the road. Width but not height of the hedge has been addressed.

A mechanical cut will be enabled early next year.

11. Speed Watch Group – progress report from group on all areas of investigation
WCC has refused to change the speed limits on the southern approaches to Binton.
Cllr Lloyd has met with the Police and WCC and as the average speed through the village is recorded at 36.1 mph the Police are obliged to take action and have recently begun to do so.

The south western western and western relief roads and were discussed at length as was the accompanying developments and generated traffic.

It was suggested Binton PC might join forces with Welford PC regarding traffic calming measures and any potential grants.

A road safety audit will be required by WCC at a cost of £ 800.00 before actions can be undertaken. This is to further investigated by Cllr Bishop.

Installing 2 x 1.2 metre signs and 2 x 1 metre signs is a possibility subject to further information. These would cost £ 1500.00 plus V.A.T. The PC agreed in principle to the allocation of a budget of up to £2,000 to include any audit fees. Once further investigations are complete a final proposal will be circulated and can be agreed for action by the Chair against the approved budget. Location of signage was discussed and other measures including chicanes (build outs) remain as options and the Group will take these further with WCC and report back to PC.

12. Village Green Gardening – Cllr Lloyd

A new gardener has been found and more plants may be needed. The budget for 2022/23 will be considered in November.

14. Suggested Future Meeting Dates 2022 agreed as:

January 11th

March 8th

May 10th

July 19th

September 13th

November 8th

15. Finance

Payments:

Clerks Salary/Expenses £ 400.00

AED Donate £ 1617.60

Avon Homes donation for defibrillator £ 674.00

1 & 1 Internet DD £0

M Flaxman (Printing) £ 37.95

Binton PCC (Donation) £ 100.00

T Lloyd (Gardening) £ 87.50

Receipts: SDC 50% Precept £ 2750.00

V.A.T Reclaim £ 290.60

16. Exchange of information

WCC have put a temporary cover over an exposed drain along Church Bank for reasons of safety. A permanent solution is needed.

An impassable footpath will be reported to WCC for action.

The village Autumn Fayre was promoted and product stalls and cakes will be in abundance.

Budget consideration and precept setting – November PC meeting

17. Correspondence

A resident of Binton expressed concerns regarding traffic issues at the top end of the village.

18. Date of next meeting: 9th November 2021

(Items to be informed to the clerk by 27th October)

Meeting closed 9.30pm