

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BINLEY WOODS PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE MORRISON ROOM, VILLAGE HALL, RUGBY ROAD, BINLEY WOODS ON 19th JULY 2023

PRESENT: Councillors P Salisbury, Mrs E French, G Dunn, S Roberts, N Brinton, D Jones, Mrs E Johnson, Mrs L Harbour and Mrs P Docker. Borough/County Councillor Timms was also in attendance

**Minute
Number**

23-24/45 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were 4 members of the Public present, who had attended to express their thanks to the Parish Council and Borough Councillor Timms for speaking at the Borough Council Planning Committee expressing the views of the Village in opposing the development at Binley Woods Service Station.

23-24/46 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

There were no apologies for absence as all Councillors were in attendance.

No financial interests were declared

23-24/47 MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS, DECISIONS TAKEN OUT OF MEETINGS

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st June 2023 were agreed as a true record and were to be signed by the Chairman.

The following decisions were taken out of meeting: -

Planning application – 78 Monks Road – Single Storey rear and first floor extensions – No objection subject to normal neighbour and statutory consultations.

Planning application – 116 Rugby Road – Front open porch and first floor bay window. Rear Single Storey extension. Side Single Storey extension to integrate garage into dwelling. Conversion of Garage into habitable space. Hip gable garage roof conversion – No objection subject to normal neighbour and statutory consultations.

Tree Pruning – The Chairman reported that he had been unable to obtain a quotation from a third quote for Tree Pruning and a revised quote in the sum £3,850.00 from

Beechwood Trees had been agreed at an Urgency Sub Committee. The Village Hall Committee had agreed to pay a sum of £350.00 in respect of the tree on the Village Hall Car Park.

23-24/48 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES NOT ARISING ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

There were no matters arising.

23-24/49 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

The Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill – The Clerk correspondence from the Village Hall Committee. Further information was required and this matter was deferred until the next meeting.

23-24/50 ACCOUNTS, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL

Accounts

The following accounts were paid out of meeting

Rugby Web Design – Web Site - £274.80
P Salisbury – Signs - £83.32
Zurich – Annual Premium - £730.42
Perennial – Grass Cutting - £1,038.00
Coventry Responders – Donation - £100.00
Npower – Street Lighting - £679.04
BT – Village Hall - £45.26

The following accounts were submitted for payment: -

J. Cook – Salary and Expenses – June - £504.09
HM Revenue and Customs – PAYE on Clerk's salary - £107.80

Financial Management

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had forwarded the Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statement for the year 2022/23 to the External Auditor. Councillor Roberts on the first quarter of the Financial Year indicating that the expenditure was well within budget.

**23-24/51 REPORTS
Police; Community Alert**

Councillor Roberts informed the meeting of an improvement in Police presence. There were no other police matters to report. The Clerk confirmed that the donation of £100.00 to Coventry First Responders had been sent after CPR training sessions had been conducted. Councillor Roberts agreed to contact Coventry Responders with a view to holding First Aid Training

Borough/County Councillor's Report – Councillor Timms reported informed the meeting of the proposal to increase parking outside Woodlands Road with the introduction of 90 degree parking bays. Consultations with the shopkeepers and fundind were to be undertaken. She also informed the meeting of a proposal to remove the footpath on Craven Avenue to the Recreation Ground.

Primary School – Councillor Mrs Harbour reported on a very satisfactory OFSTED report.

Youth Club – Councillor Mrs Harbour informed the meeting that a Youth Worker was still to be appointed.

Football Clubs – There were no matters to report.

Village Hall – Councillors Mrs Docker and Mrs Johnson reported on complaints on late night noise following a recent booking.

Bus Services – Councillor Mrs Harbour reported on the continued problems with Stagecoach.

23-24/52 NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

Councillor D Jones declared an interest and left the meeting.

Planning Application – 12 Saxon Close – First floor side extension - IT WAS AGREED THAT no comments be sent to the Planning Authority and the application take its course.

Councillor Jones rejoined the meeting

Development at Binley Woods Service Station - The Chairman reported on the Planning Committee meeting which had taken place earlier that day. The Chairman and Borough Councillor Timms addressed the meeting objecting to the proposal and the Planning Committee refused the applicant proposal. The Chairman reminded the meeting that this was only the first stage and the developer had a right of appeal to the Planning Inspectorate, which in all probability, they would pursue. There was no doubt that some type of redevelopment was needed and the Chairman agreed to contact the Developer with a view to entering into dialogue to ascertain if some less intrusive proposals could be considered.

23-24/53 LOCAL PLAN/NEWSLETTER

Local Plan – There were no matters to report.

Newsletter – The Chairman reported that he was in the process of producing the next Newsletter. Councillor Roberts agreed to assist the Chairman with items to be included in the Newsletter.

**23-24/54 MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACES
IN THE VILLAGE**

Recreation Ground – There were no matters to report.

Highway Verges – There were no matters to report.

Village Green – There were no matters to report.

Allotment Gardens - – Councillor Mrs Docker reported on the successful Open Day which was held on 16th July 2023.

Litter and Dog Litter – There were no matters to report.

Trees/Tree Planting – **The Chairman** informed the meeting that the hedges throughout the Village were now being trimmed back by Greenways Garden Services.

23-24/55 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT ISSUES

Highway repair and maintenance - There were no matters to report.

Pedestrian Rights of Way – There were no matters to report.

Street Lighting - There were no matters to report.

Hedge Maintenance – There were no matters to report.

23-24/56 WISH LIST

There were no matters to report.

23-24/57 REVIEW OF ACTION LIST NOT ELSEWHERE CONSIDERED

The Action List was reviewed and a revised Action List is attached to these minutes.

23-24/58 NEXT MEETING – The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 6th September 2023.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

CHAIRMAN

	Action List		Name	Complete
1	Monitor street light repairs		PD, EF	
2	Proceed to produce Newsletter		SR,PS	
3	Keep Parish Council informed of progress of various enforcement Issues		Cllr Timms	
4	Contact Developers in respect of Binley Woods Service Station Proposal.		PS	
5	Monitor situation in respect of cars parking on highway verges		DJ	
6	Monitor repairs to potholes		All	
7	Contact Warwickshire Police to request notes of the issue of parking outside Woodlands Road Shops following the EVA		PS	
8	Application to Green Shoots Community Climate Change Fund		EF	
9	Signs for Dogs to be kept under control in the Recreation Ground		PS, EF	
10	Inspect the trees in the Village to ascertain how many had died and were in need of replacing		PS, NB & GD	
11	Monitor situation dangerous parking outside the Primary School		PS	
12	Contact Football Team to inform them to desist from arranging friendly matches until August and receipt of the Hire Charges for the 2023/24 season		Clerk	

