

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BINLEY WOODS PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE MORRISON ROOM, VILLAGE HALL, RUGBY ROAD, BINLEY WOODS ON 18th OCTOBER 2023

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

**Minute
Number**

23-24/71 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the Public present.

23-24/72 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

There were no apologies for absence.

No financial interests were declared

23-24/73 MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS, DECISIONS TAKEN OUT OF MEETINGS

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th September 2023 were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

The following decisions were taken out of meeting: -

Planning application – 3 Norman Ashman Coppice – Single Storey front and side extension and alterations – No objection subject to normal neighbour and statutory consultations.

Planning application – 3 Woodlands Road – Extension of Outbuilding – No objection subject to normal neighbour and statutory consultations.

Planning application – 303 Rugby Road – Larger home extension – No objection subject to normal neighbour and statutory consultations.

Electricity Supply for Street Lighting – The Clerk reported that the current fixed rate from Npower was ending on 31st October 2023 and Npower would not enter into another fixed rate. The charge would be in accordance with their Standard Variable Default Rate. The current fixed rate is 14p/kwh and Standard Variable Default Rate is 43p/kwh. This would increase the cost from £8,507.00 per annum to £25,040.00 per annum. The Clerk had been able to secure a fixed contract from SSE Electricity

from 1st November to 31st October 2026 at 30p/kwh meaning an annual cost of £16,984.00. The Chairman and Councillor Roberts instructed the Clerk to place the Order with SSE Electricity.

23-24/74 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES NOT ARISING ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

Replacement Notice Board outside the Village Hall – The Chairman reported that the order for the replacement Notice Board had been placed and the price was now £1,285.00, which reflected additional costs for the provision of three locking doors.

23-24/75 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had circulated general correspondence by email.

23-24/76 ACCOUNTS, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL

Accounts

The following accounts were paid out of meeting

BT – Village Hall - £45.26
Greenways Garden Services - £1,550.00
E.on – Street Light Repair - £432.79
VP Computers – Office Sundries - £50.40
E.on – Quarterly Maintenance - £1,159.20
E.on – Street Light Repair - £432.79
Valda Energy – Pavilion - £63.47
P Salisbury – Poppy Wreaths - £43.97
Perennial – Grass Cutting - £1,038.00
Npower – Street Lighting - £694.10
BT – Village Hall - £45.26

The following accounts were submitted for payment: -

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

Financial Management

Councillor Roberts reported on the half yearly budget figures, confirming that the Parish Council's expenditure was well within budget.

23-24/77 REPORTS

Police; Community Alert

Councillor Roberts informed the meeting that there were no matters to report.

Borough/County Councillor's Report – Councillor Timms gave an update on the proposal to increase parking outside Woodlands Road with the introduction of 90degree parking bays. The Borough Council were to receive funding for EV charging points throughout the borough and encouraged the Parish Council to look on the website to see if an allocation could be made for Binley Woods. Funds were being made available for Bus Services and suggested that these may be used for the Indigo Service, which operated all over the Borough. Councillor Timms was asked to look into the possibility of Indigo buses providing a service to Walsgrave hospital. The Parish Council were concerned about the ineffectiveness of the recently painted double yellow lines. Councillor Timms informed the meeting that their application was within guidelines.

Primary School – Councillor Mrs Harbour reported that School had re-opened following the Summer Break.

Youth Club – Councillor Mrs Harbour informed the meeting that a Youth Worker was still to be appointed. Negotiations were taking place with Wolston Youth Club to ascertain the feasibility of sharing a Youth Leader.

Football Clubs – There were no matters to report.

Village Hall – There were no matters to report.

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

23-24/78 NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

No Planning Applications had been received.

23-24/79 LOCAL PLAN/NEWSLETTER

Newsletter – The Chairman reported that he and Councillor Roberts had agreed the contents of a Newsletter which would now go to print.

23-24/80 MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACES IN THE VILLAGE

Recreation Ground – The Chairman reported that he had seen the annual ROSPA report, which had come in just before the meeting. He agreed to contact Urban Recreation to organise remedial action. The Clerk informed the meeting that the Annual Grass Cutting was up for renewal for the 2024 and IT WAS AGREED that 3 quotations be obtained for consideration at the November meeting

Highway Verges – There were no matters to report.

Village Green – There were no matters to report.

Allotment Gardens – There were no matters to report.

Litter and Dog Litter – Councillor Dunn informed the meeting that the most recent Litter Pick had been carried and Mrs Male had been thanked for organising it.

Trees/Tree Planting – The Chairman informed the meeting that the hedges throughout the Village had now been trimmed. The new trees and plants had been ordered and would be paid for out Councillors fund of £750.00 plus an additional amount out of the Parish Council's unallocated reserves.

23-24/81 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 – Councillors Roberts and Mrs Docker reported on the survey which they had carried out to ascertain the extent of faulty footway lighting within the village. There was some dissatisfaction with the present contractors in respect of substandard service and the Clerk was asked to pursue the possibility of engaging different contractors.

Hedge Maintenance – There were no matters to report.

23-24/82 WISH LIST

There were no matters to report.

23-24/83 REVIEW OF ACTION LIST NOT ELSEWHERE CONSIDERED

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

23-24/84 NEXT MEETING – The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 15th November 2023.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

CHAIRMAN

	Action List		Name	Complete
1	Monitor street light repairs		PD, EF	
2	Proceed to arrange printing of Newsletter		SR,PS	
3	Keep Parish Council informed of progress of various enforcement Issues		Cllr Timms	
4	Monitor situation dangerous parking outside the Primary School		PS	
5	Monitor situation in respect of cars parking on highway verges		DJ	
6	Monitor repairs to potholes		All	
7	Inspect the trees in the Village to ascertain how many had died and were in need of replacing		PS, NB & GD	
8	Contact E.on in respect of increased lantern replacements		Clerk	
9	Explore the possibility of appointing fresh contractors for Street Light Repairs		Clerk	