

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT THE MORRISON ROOM, VILLAGE HALL, BINLEY WOODS on WEDNESDAY 10th DECEMBER 2014

PRESENT: Councillors P Salisbury, K Short, S Roberts, N Brinton, Miss V Loughran and Mrs P Docker.

Borough/County Councillor Mrs H Timms was also in attendance

Question Time

The meeting was attended by 2 members of the public present who asked a question on the future development at Brandon Stadium.

Minute Number

14-15/91 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor D Jones (holiday), P Claisse (prior commitment) Mrs E Johnson (unwell), Borough Councillors Mrs B Garcia and A Gillias.

No financial interests were declared

14-15/92 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING, DECISIONS TAKEN OUT OF MEETINGS

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2014 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

No decisions were taken out of meeting: -

14-15/93 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES NOT ARISING ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

Broadband – Councillor Short updated the Parish Council on the CSW Broadband Project.

14-15/94 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of General Correspondence other than those previously circulated by email.

14-15/95 ACCOUNTS, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL

Accounts - The following accounts were submitted for payment: -

BT – Phone Bill - £61.47

BT – Village Hall – Broadband - £70.80

The above accounts were signed out of meeting

K Short – Office Sundries - £103.15

E.On – Street Light Repair – Light outside 15 Sir Winston Churchill Place - £45.60

E.On – Street Light Repair – Light at the rear of Village Hall in Heather Road - £15.60

Severn Trent – Pavilion account - £106.17

Village Hall Committee – Room Hire – Parish Plan Working Party - £13.00

J Cook - Clerk's salary and expenses – December - £384.81

HM Revenue and Customs – PAYE on Clerk's salary - £78.20

E.On – Replacement column number 61 in Craven Avenue - £1,450.80

E.On – Replacement column number 24 in Monks Road - £1,450.80

ES Wright – Grass Cutting - £2,592.00

Financial matters – Precept 2015/16 - The Clerk reported on a meeting which he had attended at Rugby Borough Council and IT WAS AGREED THAT the Parish Council's Precept for 2015/16 should remain at £39,000.00.

14-15/96 REPORTS

Police; Neighbourhood Watch

The Clerk circulated the November crime figures which had been received from Charlene Cawte, the new PCSO for Binley Woods. Councillor Roberts informed the meeting that there were no Neighbourhood Watch matters to report.

Borough Councillor's Report - Borough Councillor Timms reported on matters generally.

County Councillor's Report - County Councillor Timms reported on matters generally.

Community Forum – There were no matters to report.

Primary School – In the absence of Councillor Mrs Harbour there was no report.

Youth Club – Councillor Mrs Harbour reported on matters generally.

Football Clubs – The Chairman reported on matters generally.

Village Hall – Councillor Mrs Docker reported on matters generally.

14-15/97 NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

The following applications had been received

54 Rugby Road – Change of use of existing garage to a separate dwelling

– IT WAS AGREED THAT the Parish Council objects to the application as the proposed development goes against Policy BW 4 in the Binley Woods Village Design Statement, which reads:

“Policy BW 4: New Housing on Land to the Rear of Existing Properties

“Proposals for additional housing to the rear of existing properties will need to sustain the character of the surrounding residential area. This will apply in particular to any multi-storey, multi-dwelling proposals because of their potential impact on the residential amenities of existing properties.” The Parish Council also objects to the application on the ground that the accessway is too narrow.

1 Foxwood Drive – Single storey rear extension – IT WAS AGREED THAT an objection be raised on the grounds that the height of the hedge, fence and gate were excessive and not in keeping with the area and would restrict visibility of traffic turning into Craven Avenue.

278 Rugby Road – Two storey front extension – IT WAS AGREED THAT no objection be raised subject to normal neighbour and statutory consultations.

14-15/98 PARISH PLAN WORKING PARTY/NEWSLETTER

Councillor Short reported on matters generally, having previously circulated an Evaluation Report in respect of the new play equipment. IT WAS AGREED THAT the Evaluation Report be authorised and the selection of Sutcliffe Play as the preferred supplier be endorsed.

14-15/99 MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACES IN THE VILLAGE

Recreation Ground –The Chairman informed the meeting that he had ordered and received replacement seats and a chain for the swings at the Recreation Ground. He also reported that he had called out a plumber to carry out emergency repairs to a leaking sink at the pavilion. The actions of the Chairman were ratified. Councillors Short and Brinton agreed to fit the new seats and chain

Village Green – There were no matters to report.

Allotment Gardens – Councillor Mrs Docker reported on matters generally.

Remembrance Garden Initiative – Borough Councillor Timms agreed to investigate this matter and report back to the Chairman.

Highway Verges – 170 Rugby Road – Councillor Roberts informed the meeting that the shrubbery that extends over the garden boundary is creating a

hazard to traffic turning out of Woodlands Rd onto the Rugby Rd, particularly for the vehicles turning right. The depth of the shrubbery from 170 Rugby Rd restricts the view of oncoming traffic travelling towards Rugby, necessitating vehicles to gradually ease out of the junction in order to get a better view. Whilst this could perhaps be tolerated at normal traffic levels, the volume of traffic now on the A428 (and likely to be for the foreseeable future) is such that the hazard has increased substantially. Councillor Roberts was of the opinion that it is essential that this shrubbery be cut back to the boundary of the premises in order to reduce the risk of any serious accident at this junction. IT WAS AGREED THAT the Clerk write to the occupier requesting that he or she co-operates with the County Council in their efforts to have the shrubbery cut back

Litter and Dog Litter – The Clerk informed the meeting that the replacement post for the bin in Ferndale had been placed and would be installed as soon as possible. It was reported that a temporary fix had been undertaken by person(s) unknown

Tree Planting – In the absence of Councillor Claisse this matter was deferred to the January meeting.

14-15/100 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 – Councillor Mrs Docker informed the meeting that the replacement columns had been installed on 15 November 2014.

Hedge Maintenance – The Chairman reported that Greenway Garden Services had tidied up the corner shrubs at the junction of Heather Road and Oakdale Road.

Bus Services – There were no matters to report.

14-15/101 PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILATOR

Councillor Roberts reported that the cost of the Defibrilator would be £1,400.00. IT WAS AGREED THAT Councillor proceed to order the Defibrilator to be located outside the Village Hall.

14-15/102 REVIEW OF ACTION LIST NOT ELSEWHERE CONSIDERED

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

14-15/103 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Wednesday 21st January 2015.

CHAIRMAN

	Action List		Name	Complete
1	Contact Borough Councillor Timms on question of Remembrance Garden at Village Green		PS	
2	Keep watching brief in respect of parking on highway verges		DJ	
3	Contact E.on for feasibility and cost for LED lighting		Clerk	
4	Keep Parish Council informed of progress of various enforcement issues		Cllr Timms	
5	Confirm arrangements for next Finance Working Party for January 2015		Clerk	
6	Obtaining quote for enhancing signage to eastern and western approaches on Rugby Road.		EJ	
7	Write to occupier of 170 Rugby Road regarding overgrown shrubbery		Clerk	
8	Report to future meeting on the question of the provision of a composting WC at the Allotment Gardens		PS	
9	Chase progress on quotation for 2 lighting columns at Village Hall Car Park		Clerk	
10	Order skip for Allotment Gardens		PD	
11	Public Access Defibrillator – Proceed with order		SR	
12	Fit new seats and chains to swings at Recreation Ground.		KS/NB	
13	Write to Post Office regarding ongoing problems with post box and incorrect signage for alternative box		Clerk	