

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT THE MORRISON ROOM, VILLAGE HALL, BINLEY WOODS on WEDNESDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2010

PRESENT: Councillors P Salisbury, D Jones, R Jones, P Claisse, Mrs L Harbour and Mrs J Feetenby. PCSO Matthew Havelock, PCSO Kenneth Wyer and Borough Councillor T Day were also in attendance.

Question Time – The meeting was attended by Messrs M Cannon, K Crawley, K Short and N Brinton.

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09-10/101 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS

Further to minute 09-10/94 the Clerk informed the meeting that nobody had come forward as a result of the Election Notices posted on the Parish Notice Boards. The meeting was attended by Mr Kenneth Short and Norman Brinton who also attended the January meeting and had shown an interest in being co-opted on to the Parish Council. Messrs Short and Brinton gave a brief resume and asked to be considered for co-option. It was proposed by Councillor D Jones and seconded by Councillor Mrs J Feetenby that both Mr Short and Mr Brinton be co-opted on to the Parish Council. The proposal was put to the vote and carried unanimously. Councillors Short and Brinton signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office took their place and joined the meeting

09-10/102 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Hodkinson (away on holiday), P Howells (away on holiday), Borough Councillor D Poole and Borough/County Councillor H Timms.

No financial interests were declared

09-10/103 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS, DECISIONS TAKEN OUT OF MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th January 2010 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. There were no decisions taken out of meeting

09-10/104 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES NOT ARISING ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

Co-option procedure – As a result of allegations made by a resident and protracted correspondence in respect of the procedure for advertising casual vacancies and co-option, the Clerk had requested Warwickshire and West Midlands Association of Local Councils to refer this matter to the Legal Officers at the National Association of Local Councils for guidance and

clarification. The Clerk circulated the opinion and findings of the Legal Officer at National Association of Local Councils, which showed that the Parish Council had acted within legislative guidelines and there had been no breach of statutory duty. IT WAS PROPOSED by Councillor R Jones and SECONDED by Councillor P Claisse that the Clerk write to the resident informing that the Parish Council's procedures were found to be in order, the matter was now at an end and no further correspondence would be entered into. There were no amendments to the proposal. The proposal was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

09-10/105 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance – The Clerk circulated a letter which had been received which was duly noted.

Local Development Framework - The Clerk circulated a letter which had been received from Rugby Borough Council, which was duly noted.

WALC – The Clerk circulated the most recent Newsletter, together with Councillor Hodkinson's comments which were duly noted.

09-10/106 ACCOUNTS, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL

Accounts - The following accounts were submitted for payment : -

Leo Stenson and Son – Village Green fence - £9,287.00

The above account was signed out of meeting.

E.On – Electricity Supply - £839.07

E.On – New Street Lighting - £1,521.63

E.On – New Street Lighting - £240.88

E.On – New Street Lighting - £458.25

Staples – Office Supplies – £22.00

P.G.Salisbury – Recreation Ground Keys - £10.00

J Cook - Clerk's salary and expenses – January - £459.04

WALC – Good Councillors Guide - £3.00

Village Hall Committee – Room Hire 2010 - £143.00

Financial Management – The Chairman reported on the meeting of the Finance Working Party held on 30 January 2010. The Clerk circulated an explanatory prepared by Councillor Hodkinson and a draft budget for the year 1st April 2010 to 31st March 2011. The draft budget was duly approved.

Web Site – Councillor Claisse confirmed that he had progressed this matter and Agenda and Minutes (once formally approved) were now appearing on the Parish Council Web Site.

09-10/107 REPORTS

Police; Neighbourhood Watch

PCSO Matthew Havelock reported on the crime figures for the period 1st January 2010 to 31st January 2010.

County Councillor's Report – In the absence of County Councillor Timms there was no report.

Borough Councillor's Report – Borough Councillor Day reported as follows: -

1. A delegation of pupils and the Head Teacher from the Primary School would present the Pupils Manifesto immediately prior to the next meeting of the Parish Council.
2. The meeting of Coventry Airport Consultative Committee would be held on 18th February 2010 and
3. Leader Report - The Clerk circulated a letter from Councillor Day in respect of the Leader Project. IT WAS AGREED THAT the Parish Council were unable to act as fund holder but were prepared to make a donation in the sum of £250.00 to come out of next year's budget.

WCC Area Committee; Earl Craven Locality Panel – In the absence of County Councillor Timms there was no report.

WALC Rugby Area and County Committees – In the absence of Councillor Hodkinson there was no report.

Primary School; Youth Club; Football Clubs, Village Hall, Library – There were no other Primary School or Library matters to report. Councillor Mrs Harbour reported on the meeting with the Youth Club organiser held on Wednesday 27th January 2010. The Clerk circulated a letter which had been received from the Village Hall Committee regarding noise emanating from functions IT WAS AGREED THAT the Parish Council support the actions of the Village Hall Committee and request to be kept informed if the problem persists.

09-10/108 NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING MATTERS

136 Rugby Road – Two storey side extension and rear extension and external alterations – IT WAS AGREED THAT no objection be raised, subject to normal neighbour consultation

Little Chef Service Station – Retention of 1 no. non-illuminated banner sign – IT WAS AGREED THAT no objection be raised, subject to normal neighbour consultation

Little Chef Service Station – Retention of 2 no. non-illuminated box signs – IT WAS AGREED THAT no objection be raised, subject to normal neighbour consultation

09-10/109 MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACES IN THE VILLAGE

Recreation Ground – The Clerk circulated a reply which had been received from the Birmingham County FA regarding the incident on 29th November. IT WAS AGREED THAT the Clerk lodge an appeal to the Football Association against the decision of the Birmingham County FA. The Clerk reported the current position in respect of the application for planning permission. The Clerk circulated a note received from a resident requesting for the disabled

access. The Chairman reported that the resident had been supplied with a key and had paid the £2.00 deposit

Village Green –The Chairman informed the meeting that work on the fence had been completed.

Allotment Gardens – Councillor Hodkinson submitted a written report, which was duly noted.

Remembrance Garden Initiative – It was agreed to ask Councillor Hodkinson to once again attempt to contact the land owner. Councillor Salisbury would once again make further contact with the owner of a second plot of land.

Highway Verges – Councillor D Jones reported that he was still liaising with County Councillor Mrs Timms on the continuing problem of cars parked on highway verges.

Litter and Dog Litter – Councillor Mrs Feetenby informed the meeting that the “commercial” dog walking contractors had been instructed by the Dog Warden not to have any more than 4 dogs under the supervision of 1 dog walker at any time and the dogs must be kept on a lead..

Tree Planting – Councillor Claisse reported on the planting of further trees.

09-10/110 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT ISSUES

A46/A428 Junction – There was nothing further to report

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

Bus Services – Councillor Mrs J Feetenby reported that she had received a nice reply from Stagecoach reference closure of the A428, Brandon to Bretford Road.

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

Street Lighting – The Clerk reported that a reply had been received from the Legal Officers at NALC. The Clerk had contacted County Councillor Timms for confirmation as to when the responsibility for highway lighting had been delegated to the Parish Council. County Councillor Timms agreed to progress this matter on behalf of the Parish Council.

Storm and Foul Drainage – There were no matters to report.

Hedge Maintenance – There were no matters to report.

09-10/111 REVIEW OF ACTION LIST NOT ELSEWHERE CONSIDERED

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

09-10/112 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Wednesday the 17th March 2010.

CHAIRMAN

	Action List		Name	Complete
1	Place order for painting War Memorial in April/May 2010		PS	
2	Report street lights not working on Rugby Road to County Council		Clerk	
3	Keep watching brief with County Councillor Mrs Timms to have additional dropped kerbs in the village.		PS	
4	Councillor Mrs Harbour to attend Youth Club meetings		LM	
5	Process next stage of Freedom of Information Act		DH and Clerk	
6	Letter to residents with next newsletter requesting no parking on highway verge on Rugby Road		PS	
7	Place Agenda and minutes for future meetings on Web Site		PC	
8	Order Councillors Guide from Shaw and Sons		Clerk	
9	Obtain quotes for a path at Village Green		DH and PS	
10	Reconvene Recreation Ground Working Party.		PS	
11	Maintenance of Village Green Play Tower.		PS	
12	Request County Council to introduce yellow lines at junction of Ferndale Road and Craven Avenue		Clerk	
13	Place Notice of Co-option on Web Site		PC	
14	Liaise with Clint Parker in respect of next round of tree planting		PC	
15	Clarify time scale for spending Capital Programme money with RBC in respect of Pavilion extension		Clerk	
16	Appeal to the Football Association against the decision of Birmingham FA in respect of incident outside Sports Pavilion		Clerk	
17	Contact dance group to inform them that no further cash payments could be accepted in respect of hire of Sports Pavilion		Clerk	
18	Write to Rodent Warrior to confirm services for Pest Control		Clerk	
19	Liaise with County Councillor Mrs Timms on the continuing problem of cars parked on highway verges.		DJ	
20	Contact owners of land in respect of Remembrance Garden		PS, DH and Clerk	