

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT THE SPORTS PAVILION, CRAVEN AVENUE BINLEY WOODS on WEDNESDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2012

PRESENT: Councillors P Salisbury, K Short, N Brinton, Mrs L Harbour, Mrs E Johnson and Mrs P Docker. Borough/County Councillor Mrs H Timms was also in attendance.

Question Time

There were no members of the public present..

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11-12/112 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Jones (family commitments) K Crawley (work commitments), P Claisse (away in business) Borough Councillor D Poole and Borough Councillor T Day.

No financial interests were declared

11-12/113 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING, DECISIONS TAKEN OUT OF MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2012 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman reported on a decision of an Urgency Sub Committee confirming the Parish Council would issue a Housing Needs Survey for Binley Woods. The decision of the Urgency Sub Committee was ratified.

11-12/114 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES NOT ARISING ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

There were no matters arising from the last minutes not elsewhere on the agenda.

11-12/115 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Waste Core Strategy - The Clerk circulated a letter which had been received from Warwickshire County Council, which was duly noted.

Request for donation - The Clerk circulated an email which had been received from Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance. The

Clerk informed the meeting that there were funds available in this year's budget and this was the first approach for funding which had been made from this Charity. IT WAS AGREED THAT a donation of £250.00 be made to Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance.

National Spring Clean 2012 - The Clerk circulated a letter which had been received from Rugby Borough Council, which was duly noted.

Hedgerows - 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 which was duly noted.

11-12/116 ACCOUNTS, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL

Accounts - The following accounts were submitted for payment: -

Village Hall Committee – Grant towards electrical repairs - £2,700.00

The above account was paid out of meeting

Moppins – Pavilion Caretaker - £390.45

Village Hall Committee – Room Hire – Parish Plan meetings- £26.00

Village Hall Committee – Room Hire – Parish Council meetings- £130.00

J Cook - Clerk's salary and expenses – February - £376.81

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

K F Short – Parish Plan expenses - £94.52

Star Computers – Ink cartridges - £26.00

P G Salisbury – Basketball nets - £11.00

P G Salisbury – Bingo machine - £174.00

Financial matters – There were no financial matters to report.

Newsletter – Councillor Short informed the meeting that he was in the process of compiling the next Newsletter. He asked for items to be considered for inclusion to be included.

11-12/117 REPORTS

Police; Neighbourhood Watch

The Clerk informed the meeting that no crime figures had been received from PCSO Kenneth Wyr. There were no Neighbourhood Watch matters to report.

Borough Councillor's Report – Borough Councillor Timms reported on matters generally, making particular reference to Rural broadband.

County Councillor's Report – County Councillor Timms reported on matters generally, making particular reference to possible turning off of street lighting. She also reported fully on the proposals for Library facilities after 31st March 2012.

WCC Area Committee; Earl Craven Locality Panel – There were no matters to report.

Primary School; Youth Club; Football Clubs, Village Hall, Library –

There were no Primary School or Football Club matters to report.

The Chairman reported that the electrical works at the Village Hall were due to complete during the week ending 18th February 2012

Councillor Mrs Harbour reported that a new Youth Club Management Committee had been formed and was due to meet in the near future. Library matters were dealt with in the County Councillors report referred to above.

11-12/118 NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

The following planning applications had been received

37 Monks Road – Retention of single storey rear extension – IT WAS AGREED THAT no objection be raised subject to normal neighbour consultations.

66 Rugby Road – Outline planning permission to erect a detached dwelling (replacement of existing bungalow) – IT WAS AGREED THAT the Parish Council object to the proposal on the grounds that the submitted plans do not accurately show the location and dimensions of the development. The development would have an overbearing effect on the street scene and adjoining properties.

11-12/119 PARISH PLAN/SHELTERED HOUSING

Councillor Short circulated a note of present position which was duly noted. He also reported on recent meetings and reminded Councillors of future meetings still to be held. IT WAS AGREED THAT: -

1. Only residents of Binley Woods would be eligible for the Housing Needs Survey prize draw and
2. Members of the Parish Council and the Parish Plan Steering Group would not be eligible for the draw.

11-12/120 MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACES IN THE VILLAGE

Recreation Ground – It was reported that the instances of dog owners not picking up had increased and IT WAS AGREED THAT the Clerk request the Dog Warden at Rugby Borough Council to carry out more patrols.

Village Green – The Clerk informed the meeting that he had written to ES Wright confirming that the quote in the sum of £600.00 for grass cutting for the 2012 season had been accepted.

Allotment Gardens – Councillor Mrs Johnson reported the problems with rat infestation had worsened. The Chairman agreed to contact Rodent Warrior to carry out the necessary procedure needed to obviate the problem.

Remembrance Garden Initiative – There were no further matters to report.

Highway Verges – The Clerk informed the meeting that he had written to ES Wright and Greenways Garden Services confirming that the joint quote in the sum of £5,670.00 had been accepted.

Litter and Dog Litter – It was agreed the Clerk contact the Dog Wardens and request more visits to the recreation ground and rear field.

Tree Planting – County Councillor Timms informed the meeting that she would bring pressure on County Council Officers in respect of the request for consent that the 2 large trees outside 16 and 18 Birchwood Road be replaced with smaller ones.

11-12/121 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT ISSUES

Highway repair and maintenance – Councillor Jones sent a report that an order had been placed with Nuneaton Signs for “No Parking” signs which would be placed on the lamp posts along Rugby Road. County Councillor Timms informed the meeting that the trees obscuring 30mph signs on Rugby Road had not been removed as they were privately owned. Due to the time of year, the signs were currently unobstructed. If the problem persists into the spring, Warwickshire County Council would consider legal action requiring the owners to cut the trees back.

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

Street Lighting – The Clerk circulated a list of charges which would come into effect on 1 April 2012, which was duly noted. He was further actioned to approach the lighting supplier to request the possibility of switching alternate lights off from midnight to 5am, and at what reduction in costs.

Storm and Foul Drainage – It was reported that this matter was now under the control of Severn Trent and it was agreed to remove the item from future agendas.

Hedge Maintenance – There were no matters to report.

Bus Services – There were no matters to report.

11-12/122 ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

The Clerk confirmed that he had booked the Village Hall and the 2012 Annual Assembly would be held on Wednesday 16th May 2012. As in previous years, the ordinary May Parish Council meeting would take place immediately after the Annual Assembly.

11-12/123 REVIEW OF ACTION LIST NOT ELSEWHERE CONSIDERED

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

11-12/124 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held in the Morrison Room on Wednesday the 21st March 2012.

CHAIRMAN

	Action List		Name	Complete
1	Obtain permission of WCC to remove 2 large trees at Birchwood Road		Clerk and H Timms	
2	Contact E.On to ascertain cost savings if Street Lights were switched off		Clerk	
3	Support residents if needed in representations to resolve the state of garages in Elm Close/Monks Road		Clerk	
4	No Parking signs on Highway Verges with particular reference to available types and sizes and other Notice Boards – Contact Nuneaton signs and report back to February meeting		PS & DJ	
5	Contact Dog Warden to request increase in patrols		Clerk	
6	2015 Election expenses to be discussed at April Finance Working Party		Clerk, PS DJ & KS	
7	Check to see if trees obscuring 30mph signs on Rugby Road have been removed or request the signs to be moved		KC	
8	Suggest a new position for the Notice Board, presently outside the Library		All	
9	Remove item in respect of Storm and Foul Drainage from future Agenda		Clerk	
10	Reconvene Recreation Ground Working Party		PS	
11	Arrange Finance Working Party for April		Clerk	
12	Instruct Rodent Warrior to deal with rat infestation at Allotment Garden if necessary		PS	