

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT THE MORRISON ROOM, VILLAGE HALL, BINLEY WOODS on WEDNESDAY 18th JANUARY 2017

PRESENT: Councillors P Salisbury, S Roberts, P Claisse, D Jones, 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 was one member of of the public present.

**Minute
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16-17/100 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor Miss V Loughran (family commitments), Borough Councillors, Mrs B Garcia, A Gillias and PCSO C Cawte. No financial interests were declared

16-17/101 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING, DECISIONS TAKEN OUT OF MEETINGS

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th December 2016 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

The following decision was taken out of meeting: -

Planning application – 46 Heather Road – Conversion of integral garage into residential room – No objection subject to normal neighbour and statutory consultations.

Planning application – 152 Rugby Road – Erection of single storey side and rear extension – No objection subject to normal neighbour and statutory consultations.

The decision of the Urgency Sub Committee was duly noted.

16-17/102 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES NOT ARISING ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

RESIGNATION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR – The Clerk informed the meeting that a Bye-Election had not been claimed within the prescribed period and the Parish Council were now required to fill the vacancy by Co-option

16-17/103 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Grant Funding – The Clerk circulated a letter which had been received from Rugby Borough Council inviting representatives to attend a briefing session on 9th February 2017. IT WAS AGREED THAT the Chairman and Mrs Salisbury on behalf of the Village Hall Committee attend the briefing session, if allowed.

Royal Garden Party – The Clerk circulated a letter from WALC inviting nominations to attend on 16 May 2017. IT WAS AGREED THAT Councillor Miss V Loughran put her name forward as the Parish Council's representative.

16-17/104 ACCOUNTS, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL

Accounts –

The following accounts were submitted for payment: -

Smiths Nurseries – Trees - £225.12
E.On – Quarterly Electricity Supply - £2,560.00
VP Computer Services – Anti Virus annual upgrade - £22.00
J Cook - Clerk's salary and expenses – January - £384.81
HM Revenue and Customs – PAYE on Clerk's salary - £78.20
Moppins – Pavilion Caretaker - £390.45
Binley Woods Village Hall Committee – Room Hire Meetings 2017 - £140.00
BT – Village Hall Line Rental - £101.88

Financial matters – The Clerk and Chairman reported on the Finance Working Party meeting held on 14th January 2017. There had been a recommendation to increase the Precept by £500.00 for the financial year 2017/18. This was to compensate for the reduction in Council Support Grant which Rugby Borough Council received from Central Government. It was pointed out that by the financial year 2019/20 the Council Support would disappear completely, meaning a total loss of revenue in excess of £2,000.00. An increase of £700.00 (an increase of approximately 1.80%) over the next 3 years would therefore offset the loss of the Council Support Grant. An amendment to the Finance Working Party's recommendation to increase the Precept by £700.00 to £39,700.00 for the year 2017/18 was proposed by Councillor D Jones and seconded by Councillor Mrs P Docker. The amendment was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

16-17/105 REPORTS

Police; Community Alert

PCSO Cawte's monthly report which had previously circulated by email was duly noted. Councillor Roberts reported on the continued good response to Community Alert.

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

County Councillor's Report - County Councillor Timms reported on matters generally, making particular reference to impending budget matters. The Chairman requested that County Councillor Timms do all in our powers to introduce improved traffic lights sequencing at the A46/A428 junction.

Community Forum – Councillor Timms reported that the next meeting was scheduled to be held on 16th February 2017.

Primary School – There were no matters to report.

Youth Club – There were no matters to report.

Football Clubs – The Chairman reported that Woods United had now been disbanded and no longer used the football pitch on Sundays.

Village Hall – Councillor Claisse reported incidents of members of the public playing football on the Car Park had reduced. Councillor Mrs Docker agreed to raise this matter at the next meeting of the Village Hall Committee.

Bus Services – There were no matters to report.

16-17/106 NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

The following application had been received

84 Rugby Road – Erection of two storey rear extension – IT WAS AGREED THAT no objection be raised subject to normal neighbour and statutory consultations.

16-17/107 PARISH PLAN/FUN DAY 2017/LOCAL PLAN WORKING PARTY/ NEWSLETTER

The Chairman reported on matters generally and was in the process of compiling the next Newsletter.

16-17/108 MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACES IN THE VILLAGE

Recreation Ground –The Chairman reported that the two benches which had been ordered for the inside of the recreation ground had now been installed, and he had received thanks from Mrs J Outhaite, who had requested them.

Village Green – There were no matters to report.

Allotment Gardens – There were no matters to report.

Remembrance Garden Initiative – There were no matters to report.

Highway Verges – Councillor Jones informed the meeting that was waiting for a date from Warwickshire County Council to install the bollards which had been ordered previously.

Litter and Dog Litter – The Chairman reported on the next village litter pick.

Tree Planting – Councillor Claisse informed the meeting that the 12 trees previously ordered had now been planted.

16-17/109 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT ISSUES

Highway repair and maintenance – The Chairman agreed to request quotations from the Parish Council’s contractors for grass cutting for the 2017 season.

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

Street Lighting – The Clerk reported on the current position in respect of alternative suppliers for the conversion to LED bulbs, electricity supply and maintenance. IT WAS AGREED THAT the Clerk contact E.On to request a quote for the conversion to LED bulbs, with any subsequent reduction in supply costs and confirmation of the number of bulbs which needed replacing. It was further agreed he would request an up to date diagram/map from E-On of the whole village to ascertain where each lamp was sited

Hedge Maintenance – There were no matters to report.

16-17/110 REVIEW OF ACTION LIST NOT ELSEWHERE CONSIDERED

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

16-17/111 NEXT MEETING – The next meeting of the Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th February 2017.

CHAIRMAN

