

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

PRESENT: Councillors P Salisbury, D Jones, D Hodkinson, K Short, N Brinton, P Howells, P Claisse, Mrs L Harbour and Mrs J Feetenby. Borough/County Councillor Mrs H Timms and Borough Councillor T Day were also in attendance.

Question Time – There were no members of the public present.

A delegation of 4 pupils, together Mrs Liz Watts and Mrs Karen Davidson, the Head Teacher of the Primary School attended the meeting. The pupils presented their Manifesto and the Parish Council agreed to take their suggestions on board. The suggestions (together with the Parish Council's responses were as follows:-

- 1) Graffiti/Kicking wall - to be constructed at the same time as the pavilion extension
- 2) Bike lane(s) in the village. Laudable but may not be possible especially on the Rugby Road, as County Councillor Timms advised because this is an A road (further information from County Councillor Timms)
- 3) CCTV. The Chairman and County Councillor Timms explained that a new radio networked (cheaper and more effective) version is being trialed in Wolston, and would be installed in Binley Woods later.
- 4) Garden in the Park. Effectively this is in the island between the new paths in the bottom field.
- 5) Litter and Dog foul bins. Councillor Hodkinson suggested that the children should make a project of deciding where future bins should be located.
- 6) Play Equipment. Councillor Hodkinson advised that we are planning to put aside a sum of money to add/replace new in the future. County Councillor Timms suggested that the Youth Opportunities Fund may be used to supplement this, particularly if it were driven by the children. Again Councillor Hodkinson suggested that the children should make a project of deciding what type of play equipment they would like.
- 7) Bat and bird boxes. The Parish Council advised that we could not fit these to trees in the wood, but we will look to put them parts of the village.
- 8) Concern about trees being cut down in the wood. The Chairman quoted from the Friends of Brandon Wood newsletter, which said that this was part of a long-term project to improve the diversity of flora and fauna in the wood.

The presentation was excellent and the Parish Council showed their appreciation in the time-honoured manner.

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09-10/113 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

Apologies for absence were received from Borough Councillor D Poole.

No financial interests were declared

09-10/114 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS, DECISIONS TAKEN OUT OF MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th February 2010 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. There were no decisions taken out of meeting

09-10/115 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES NOT ARISING ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

Resignation of Parish Councillor – The Clerk circulated a copy of a letter of resignation which the Chairman had received from Councillor Bob Jones, together with a copy of the Clerk's reply thanking Councillor Jones for his service over a period of nine years. The Clerk reported that a Notice of Vacancy had been placed on the Parish Council's Notice Boards and copies placed on the Parish Council web site and Binley Woods Online.

Parish Councillors Guide – The Clerk confirmed that the guide had been received and passed to the Chairman had read it. Further copies were available from Amazon.co.uk at a price of £12.15 each. IT WAS AGREED THAT a further 3 copies be purchased.

09-10/116 PARISH PLAN/HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

The Clerk circulated a copy of a report prepared by Councillor Hodkinson, following the presentation on 22nd February 2010, which was duly noted.

09-10/117 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Amenity Verge Cutting – The Clerk circulated a letter which had been received Rugby Borough Council indicating that the contribution for 2010/11 would be £2,960.00.

Local Development Framework - The Clerk circulated a letter which had been received from the Programme Officer, which was duly noted.

09-10/118 ACCOUNTS, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL

Accounts - The following accounts were submitted for payment : -

BT – Phone Bill - £49.50

WALC – Delegate Fee - £15.00

The above accounts were signed out of meeting.

P.G.Salisbury – Toilet Tissue - £8.98

J Cook - Clerk's salary and expenses – January - £450.54

Moppins – Pavilion Caretaker - £390.45

Staples – Office Supplies – £12.00

Shaw and Sons – Parish Councillors Guide - £15.95

E.On – Quarterly Maintenance - £742.89

09-10/119 REPORTS

Police; Neighbourhood Watch

The Clerk circulated the crime figures for the period 1st February 2010 to 28th February 2010.

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

Borough Councillor's Report – Borough Councillors Day and Timms reported on matters generally.

WCC Area Committee; Earl Craven Locality Panel – County Councillor Timms informed the next Open Forum meeting was to be held on 18 March 2010.

WALC Rugby Area and County Committees – Councillor Hodkinson reported on matters generally.

Primary School; Youth Club; Football Clubs, Village Hall, Library – There were no other Primary School, Youth Club, Football Club, Village Hall or Library matters to report.

09-10/120 NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING MATTERS

No planning applications had been received

09-10/121 MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACES IN THE VILLAGE

Recreation Ground – The Clerk informed the meeting an appeal had been lodged with the Football Association against the decision of the Birmingham County FA and a response was awaited. The Chairman informed the meeting that an objection had been lodged in respect of the planning permission for the extension at the Sports Pavilion and a Bat Survey was required. The Chairman had commissioned a survey at a cost of £250.00. The action of the Chairman was noted. The Chairman informed the meeting that he had received a quotation from E.S. Wright and Son Limited in the sum of £1,610.00 plus VAT in respect of grass cutting and strimming. IT WAS AGREED THAT the quotation be accepted and the order placed.

Village Green – The Chairman informed the meeting that he had received a quotation from Treating Wood Good in the sum of £218.20 plus VAT in respect of the Play Tower. IT WAS AGREED THAT the quotation be accepted and the order placed.

Allotment Gardens – Councillor Hodkinson reported on matters generally.

Remembrance Garden Initiative – It was agreed to that Councillor Jones and the Clerk liaise with a view to 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. Car parking issues to be pursued following residents being informed in the next newsletter.

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had received a quotation from Greenways Garden Services in respect of grass cutting in the village. There had been an increase of 3% on the previous year. IT WAS AGREED THAT the quotation be accepted and the order placed.

Litter and Dog Litter – Councillor Mrs Feetenby informed the meeting that the Dog Warden was monitoring the “commercial” dog walking contractors who had been instructed 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. The Friends of Brandon Wood should be informed of concerns regarding of dog walking company letting dogs loose in the wood, and as a gesture withdrawing membership.

Tree Planting – There were no matters to report.

09-10/122 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 – There were no matters to report.

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.

09-10/123 REVIEW OF ACTION LIST NOT ELSEWHERE CONSIDERED

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

09-10/124 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Wednesday the 21st April 2010.

09-10/125 DATE OF ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY AND MAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – IT WAS AGREED THAT subject to availability of the Village Hall the above meetings are Thursday the 20th May 2010, commencing at 7.30pm.

CHAIRMAN

	Action List		Name	Complete
1	Place order for painting War Memorial in April/May 2010		PS	
2	Placer order for grass cutting and strimming at the Recreation Ground.		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 further copies of Councillors Guide from Amazon		PS	
9	Obtain quotes for a path at Village Green		DH and PS	
10	Reconvene Recreation Ground Working Party.		PS	
11	Placer order for maintenance of Village Green Play Tower.		Clerk	
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	Chase progress on 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	Placer order for amenity grass cutting in the village.		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, DJ and Clerk	