

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, BINLEY WOODS on WEDNESDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2013

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

Question Time

The meeting was attended by members of the Parish Plan Steering Group and Parish Plan Working Party. Mr Douglas Hodkinson reported that the pavement around the bus stop adjacent to 128 Rugby Road is dangerous and a hazard to residents' safety. This is, and the pavement has a larger than normal slope which creates a slip hazard as people walk along the Rugby Road. The Chairman agreed to request the County Council carry out an investigation with a view to remedial measures being undertaken.

A presentation was made to Douglas Hodkinson in recognition of many years service to Binley Woods in various capacities. He is soon to leave the village.

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13-14/78 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor P Howells, (family commitments), Councillor D Jones (prior commitment), Mrs L Harbour (prior commitment) and Councillor Mrs P Docker (prior commitment), Borough Councillor Mrs B Garcia and Borough Councillor A Gillias.

No financial interests were declared

13-14/79 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING, DECISIONS TAKEN OUT OF MEETINGS

The minutes of the meetings held on 16th October 2013 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

There were no decisions taken out of meeting: -

13-14/80 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES NOT ARISING ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

There were no such matters arising.

13-14/81 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of General Correspondence received.

13-14/82 ACCOUNTS, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL

Accounts - The following accounts were submitted for payment: -

BT – Phone bill – Village Hall - £75.60

The above account was signed out of meeting

ES Wright – Grass cutting - £2,520.00

E.On – Street light repair – column 89 Heather Road - £51.00

E.On – Street light repair – column 144 Court Leet - £32.40

J Cook - Clerk’s salary and expenses – October - £384.81

Society of Local Council Clerks – Annual Subscription £100.00

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

Village Hall Committee – Room hire - £13.00

P Salisbury – Poppy wreath - £37.00 (£18.50 to be refunded in respect of cost of wreath for Mrs Maddison which had already been received by the Chairman)

K F Short – Decanter for Doug Hodgkinson - £70.90

BT – Phone bill – Parish Council - £61.88

Greenways – Grass cutting - £3,990.00

Greenways – Hedge trimming - £420.00

Chairman’s honorarium – The Chairman declared an interest and left the meeting whilst the matter was discussed. The Vice Chair reported that it was usual at this time of year to discuss the Chairman’s honorarium. IT WAS PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR ROBERTS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRINTON THAT the Chairman should receive an honorarium in the sum of £500.00. There were no amendments to the proposal which was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

The Chairman rejoined the meeting

13-14/83 REPORTS

Police; Neighbourhood Watch

In the absence of a report from PCSO Wyer there was no report .The Chairman reported on Police matters. Councillor Roberts reported on Neighbourhood Watch matters making particular reference to Rogue Trader issues.

Borough Councillor’s Report –Borough Councillor Mrs Timms reported on matters generally, making particular reference to the matter of the former Oakdale Nursery being purchased as by a Garden Nursery company.

County Councillor’s Report – County Councillor Mrs Timms reported on matters generally, making particular reference to the matter of the former Library being leased as a Child Care Day Nursery.

Community Forum – There were no matters to report.

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

Youth Club – In the absence of Councillor Mrs Harbour there was no report.

Football Clubs – The Chairman reported that it would be necessary to replenish the supply of line marker fluid. Woods United had paid for the initial supply. IT WAS AGREED THAT the Parish Council pay for the next batch of fluid and thereafter the cost of the fluid to be shared equally between Woods United and the Parish Council.

Village Hall – Councillor Mrs Johnson reported on Village Hall matters generally.

Library – This matter was dealt with under County Councillor's report.

13-14/84 NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

The following applications had been received

Binley Woods Library – Insertion of doors, erection of fence and erection of shed – IT WAS AGREED THAT the Parish Council raise no objection subject to normal neighbour consultations.

42 Woodlands Road - Demolition of existing bungalow and construction of new dwelling house – IT WAS AGREED THAT the Parish Council raise no objection subject to normal neighbour consultations.

13-14/85 PARISH PLAN/SHELTERED HOUSING/NEWSLETTER

Councillor Short reported on the present position and on the way forward. The Chairman reported that he had received figures for a “Thank you” event. The cost of the event to include refreshments and 1 musician was £16.00 per head and £19.00 for refreshments and 2 musicians. IT WAS PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR CLAISSE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRINTON that the figure to include 2 musicians be accepted. There were no amendments to the proposal which was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

13-14/86 MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACES IN THE VILLAGE

Recreation Ground – Following distribution of the most recent Newsletter the Clerk circulated emails which had been received from 2 residents in respect of the increase in dog owners failing to pick up dog faeces and the possibility of closure of the Recreation Ground to dogs. IT WAS AGREED THAT the Clerk email the residents indicating that the comments had been noted and the residents be encouraged to report incidents to the Dog Warden

at Rugby Borough Council so that offenders could be dealt with through due process.

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 – Following distribution of the most recent Newsletter the Clerk circulated an email which had been received from a resident in respect of the farmer's field. IT WAS AGREED THAT the Clerk email the resident indicating that the comments had been noted and the Parish Council's position remained unaltered. The email would be forwarded to County Councillor Timms.

Litter and Dog Litter – The Clerk circulated an email which had been received from a resident.

Tree Planting – Councillor Claisse informed the meeting that a quotation had been received in respect of tree planting. IT WAS AGREED THAT Councillor Claisse obtain a revised quote to exclude strimmer guards.

13-14/87 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT ISSUES

Highway repair and maintenance – The Clerk circulated a letter which had been received from the Highways Agency in respect of the A45/A46 junction which was duly noted. The Clerk circulated a letter which had been received from Warwickshire County Council in respect of winter gritting which was duly noted.

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

Street Lighting - There were no matters to report.

Hedge Maintenance – There were no matters to report.

Bus Services – There were no matters to report.

13-14/88 REVIEW OF ACTION LIST NOT ELSEWHERE CONSIDERED

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

13-14/89 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Wednesday 11th December 2013.

CHAIRMAN

	Action List		Name	Complete
1	Reply to resident on question of right of way at farmer's field and forward copy to County Councillor Timms		Clerk	
2	Support residents if needed in representations to resolve the state of garages in Elm Close/Monks Road		Clerk	
3	Keep Parish Council informed of progress of bid to Warwickshire County Council for acquisition of Library site		Cllr Timms	
4	Arrange photo ID and photographs of Parish Councillors in next newsletter		PS	
5	Trees - Obtain a revised quote to exclude strimmer guards		PC	
6	Request County Councillor Timms to investigate dangerous pavement outside 128 Rugby Road near to Bus Stop		PS	
7	Reply to residents on question of dog fouling in Recreation Ground		Clerk	
8	Keep Parish Council informed of progress of various enforcement issues		Cllr Timms	
9	Contact County Council to request repair and reinstatement carriageway on Rugby Road due to increase in number of potholes.		Cllr Timms	
10	Arrange for the Notice Board, presently outside the Library to be relocated at the Recreation Ground		PS	
11	Arrange thank you night – Parish Plan		PS	
12	Reconvene Recreation Ground Working Party		Parish Plan Group	
13	Arrange next Finance Working Party for early January 2014		PS,EJ, KS and Clerk	
14	Obtaining quote for enhancing signage to eastern and western approaches on Rugby Road		EJ	
15	Refund £18.50 for Poppy Wreath		PS	