

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BINLEY WOODS PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE MORRISON ROOM, VILLAGE HALL, RUGBY ROAD, BINLEY WOODS ON 18th JUNE 2025

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs E French, N Brinton, Mrs A Bye, G Dunn, Mrs L Harbour, Mrs E Johnson and Mrs P Docker. Borough Councillor Heather Timms and County Councillor Anne-Marie Sonko were also in attendance

Councillor Mrs E Johnson Vice Chair in the Chair

There were 3 residents present and Geoff Davies from the Speedway Action Group. Mr Davies gave an update on the proposed development. He informed the meeting that a consortium of local business people had the funds and were in negotiations to purchase the Stadium. He discussed proposals for the inclusion of certain facilities for the benefit of the Local Community. He agreed to email the Clerk with the proposals (to be circulated to all Parish Councillors) and explore the possibility of a Public Meeting.

**Minute
Number**

25-26/35 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the Public present

25-26/36 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P Salisbury (holiday) and Councillor S Roberts (family commitment)

No financial interests were declared

25-26/37 MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS, DECISIONS TAKEN OUT OF MEETINGS

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2025 were agreed as a true record and were to be signed by the Vice Chair.

There were no decisions taken out of meeting: -

25-26/38 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES NOT ARISING ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

There were no matters arising.

25-26/39 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence other than that which had been circulated by the Clerk by email.

25-26/40 ACCOUNTS, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL

Accounts

The following accounts, which had been authorised by the Chairman and Councillor Roberts were paid out of meeting by the Clerk using electronic bank payments: -

Mrs P Docker – Bedding Plants - £11.90
Valda Energy – Pavilion - £172.70

The following accounts were submitted for payment: -

J. Cook – Salary and Expenses – May - £549.90
HM Revenue and Customs – PAYE on Clerk's salary - £122.40
HMRC – Employers NI on Clerk's Salary - £29.29
Perennial – Grass Cutting - £1212.00
BT – Village Hall - £57.01
BT – Parish Council - £44.99
Water Plus – Pavilion - £27.62
E.on – Quarterly Maintenance - £868.00
SSE – Street Lighting -Electricity - £1,472.42
Water Plus – Pavilion - £28.12

The Clerk was authorised to pay the accounts by electronic bank payments

Councillor Roberts had forwarded a report on the current financial position of the Parish Council and produced a mini statement for the month of May which was duly noted.

25-26/41 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Annual Governance Statement for the year 2024/25 had been sent to the External Auditor.

25-26/42 ANNUAL ACCOUNTANCY STATEMENT

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Annual Accountancy Statement for the year 2024/25 had been sent to the External Auditor.

25-26/43 INTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT

Further to minute 25-26/25, the Clerk reported on a meeting of the Finance Working Party held on 1st June 2025 informing the Parish Council had received an amended report from the Internal Auditor which incorporated the amendments in accordance with the Finance Working Party's request.

25-26/44 REPORTS

Police; Community Alert

In the absence of Councillor Roberts there was no report.

Borough Councillor's Report – Borough Councillor Mrs Timms reported on matters generally, making particular reference to the proposal for a Unitary Authority and the Local Plan.

County Councillor's Report – Recently elected County Councillor attended her first meeting and reported on matters generally, in particular funding availability and she agreed to email the Clerk (to be circulated to all Parish Councillors) with full details.

Primary School – There were no matters to report.

Youth Club – Councillor Mrs Harbour informed the meeting that the Youth Club were seeking additional volunteers.

Football Clubs – The Clerk circulated a request from AFC Woods for use of the Football Pitch and Pavilion for the forthcoming 2025/26 season IT WAS PROPOSED by COUNCILLOR FRENCH and SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DUNN that the request be approved subject an increased charge of £420.00. There were no amendments to the proposal which was carried unanimously.

Village Hall – Councillor Mrs Docker informed the meeting that the Village Hall Committee was to meet on 26th June 2025.

Allotment Garden – Councillor Mrs Docker reported on matters generally.

Bus Services – Councillor Mrs Harbour informed the meeting that there were no matters to report.

25-26/45 NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

A Planning Application had been received in respect of **221 Rugby Road - Proposed single storey side and rear extensions** IT WAS AGREED that no objection be raised subject to neighbour and Statutory Consultations

25-26/46 LOCAL PLAN/NEWSLETTER

Local Plan – There was nothing to report.

Newsletter – There was nothing to report.

25-26/47 MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACES IN THE VILLAGE

Recreation Ground – There were no matters to report.

Highway Verges – There were no matters to report.

Litter and Dog Litter – The next Litter Pick will be on a date to be determined.

Trees/Tree Planting – There were no matters to report.

25-26/48 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT ISSUES

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

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

Street Lighting – The Clerk informed the meeting that following the Finance Working Party meeting held on 1st June 2025. he had requested yet again that a face to face meeting with E.on was required.

Hedge Maintenance – There were no matters to report.

25-26/49 ABBEY GRANGE – There were no matters to report

25-26/50 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR– 2 Residents who had sat through the meeting had shown an interest in filling the Vacancy on the Parish Council. Both residents agreed to attend the July meeting to make a formal request for co-option. As there was only one vacancy, they would make a short presentation to the Parish Council who would decide which one of the residents would be co-opted. This process will be dealt with at the beginning of the July meeting when the co-option would take immediate effect.

25-26/51 WISH LIST– There were no matters to report

25-26/52 REVIEW OF ACTION LIST NOT ELSEWHERE CONSIDERED

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

25-26/53 NEXT MEETING – The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 16th July 2025.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

CHAIRMAN

	Action List		Name	Complete
1	Monitor street light repairs		PD, SR	
2	Thanks to Lisa Male for organising Litter Picks		Clerk	
3	Assistance with Website		LH	
4	Arrange Working Party in respect of Patio Works at the Pavilion, Spring 2025		PS	
5	Monitor situation in respect of cars parking on highway verges		All	
6	Monitor repairs to potholes		All	
7	Contact E.on for clarification on Maintenance Charges		Clerk	
8	Write to County Councillor re service roadworks in attempt to get prior notification of such works.		SR	
9	Inform Chairman of preferred location of planting trees on highway verges		All	
10	Arrange meeting with Friends of Brandon Wood, Councillor Timms, Warwickshire Wildlife Trust and the Parish Council		HT/ WWT	
11	Obtain 2 more quotations in respect of lighting at the Sports Pavilion		PS	