

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BINLEY WOODS PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE MORRISON ROOM, VILLAGE HALL, RUGBY ROAD, BINLEY WOODS ON 15th APRIL 2026

PRESENT: Councillors P Salisbury, N Brinton, S Roberts, G Dunn, Mrs P Docker, K Brambill, Mrs A Bye, Mrs L Harbour, Mrs E French and Mrs E Johnson. Borough Councillor Mrs H Timms was also in attendance

Councillor P Salisbury in the Chair

**Minute
Number**

26-27/1 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public present.

26-27/2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Ann-Marie Sonko

No financial interests were declared

26-27/3 MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS, DECISIONS TAKEN OUT OF MEETINGS

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th March 2026 were agreed as a true record and were to be signed by the Chairman.

The following decision was taken out of meeting: -

Planning application – 38 Monks Road - Variation of condition 3 of R25/0673 to alter exterior facing materials from facing brick to white render (Single storey extension to the rear. Single storey extension to the side. New roof with rear dormer and front dormer windows to allow for additional bedroom space.) - No objection subject to normal neighbour and statutory consultations.

26-27/4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES NOT ARISING ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

There were no matters arising.

26-27/5 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had circulated all correspondence by email

26-27/6 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: -

Valda Energy – Pavilion - £370.44
Strictly Tables & Chairs – Village Hall Tables - £575.00
Steers Printing – Annual Assembly - £68.00
E.on - Street Light Repairs -£936.00

The following accounts were submitted for approval

J. Cook – Salary and Expenses – March - £567.17
HM Revenue and Customs – PAYE on Clerk’s salary - £126.60
HMRC – Employers NI on Clerk’s Salary - £32.54
SSE – Street Lighting - £1,594.797
BT – Parish Council - £49.34
Water Plus – Pavilion - £28.74
WALC/NALC – Annual Subscription - £968.00
Godiva Medical Responders – CPR training - £250.00

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

Financial Management - Councillor Roberts had produced a report on the current financial position of the Parish Council and produced a mini statement for the month of March 2026 which was distributed at the meeting and duly noted. The Clerk reported that he had all relevant documentation ready to produce to the Internal Auditor, and will take all the finances to her before the next meeting in May.

26-27/7 REPORTS

Police; Community Alert –Councillor Roberts reported on Police and Community Alert matters in particular the continued riding of motor cycles in the woods. He informed the meeting that the next “pop in” session with the police would take place on 18th April 2026 between 12.00 pm and 1.30 pm

Borough Councillor’s Report – Borough Councillor Mrs Timms reported on matters generally and in particular that there would be a new leader of the Council as the incumbent was not standing at the upcoming Local Election.

County Councillor’s Report – In the absence of County Councillor Sonko there was no report.

Primary School – There were no matters to report..

Youth Club – Councillor Mrs Harbour informed the meeting that a Management Meeting was held recently.

Football Clubs – There were no matters to report.

Village Hall – Councillor Mrs Docker informed the meeting that the Village Hall committee was to be held on 23rd April 2026.

Allotment Garden – There were no matters to report.

26-27/8 NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

The following application was received: -

203 Rugby Road – Retrospective application for retention of 2m high fence adjacent to the highway – IT WAS AGREED THAT no objection be raised in respect of the 2 metre high fence adjacent to the car park of the Roseycombe Public House but an objection be raised in respect of the fence adjacent to number 201 Rugby Road on the grounds it was not in keeping with the street scene and would create a dangerous precedent.

26-27/9 LOCAL PLAN/NEWSLETTER

Local Plan – There was nothing to report.

Newsletter – There was nothing to report.

26-27/10 MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACES IN THE VILLAGE

Recreation Ground/Village Green – Councillor Roberts to had received an updated quote from BI Johnson in respect of the internal works at the pavilion which would act as a template for two further quotations that the Parish Council will seek. The Chairman informed the meeting that he had received a verbal quote form another contractor and would chase up for a formal written one. He also informed the meeting that he was seeking funding in respect of the works.

It was reported that the newly painted exterior at the pavilion required cleaning result of balls being kicked against the wall. IT WAS AGREED THAT the goalposts adjacent to the walls be moved to the back field.

Village Green Tidy Up. IT WAS AGREED THAT this would take place, weather permitting on Saturday 28 April 2026 at 10.00 am

Highway Verges – There were no matters to report.

Allotment Garden – There were no matters to report.

Litter and Dog Litter – There were no matters to report.

Trees/Tree Planting –The Chairman and Councillor Brinton had met with the owner of 27 Birchwood Road to ascertain if he would be prepared to contribute half of the cost of cutting the oak tree referred to above.

26-27/11 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT ISSUES

Highway repair and maintenance – The Clerk was requested to contact Warwickshire County Council

1. To ascertain the start date for the Cycleway on Rugby Road.
2. Report the condition of the Carriageway on Woodlands Road which had deteriorated to such a degree as to be dangerous.
3. Report the continued problem of double parking at road junctions
4. Request plainings at Gossett Lane and County Councillor Sonko make contact with the owner to ascertain if there could be a more permanent solution in respect of the access road.

Bus Services – Councillor Mrs Harbour reported on matters generally.

Pedestrian Rights of Way – There were no matters to report

Footway Lighting – The Clerk agreed to chase progress with Eon in respect of the Maintenance Agreement . The Clerk also agreed to report to County Councillor Sonko that the recently repaired Lamp at the junction of Rugby Road and Woodlands Road opposite the Pizza Parlour had failed.

Hedge Maintenance – There were no matters to report

26-27/12 ABBEY GRANGE – There were no matters to report.

26-27/13 DEFIBRILLATORS/FIRST AID – Councillor Roberts agreed to make enquiries regarding the possibility of having First Aid training .

26-27/14 WISH LIST– There were no matters to report

26-27/15 REVIEW OF ACTION LIST – The Action List was reviewed and a revised one is on the next page..

26-27/16 NEXT MEETING – The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 20th May 2026.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

CHAIRMAN

	Action List		Name	Complete
1	Monitor street light repairs		PD, SR	
2	Village Green Tidy Up		All	
3	Contact E.on to request draft Maintenance Agreement		Clerk	
4	Instruct Electrician to install exterior light at the Pavilion		KB	
5	Monitor situation in respect of cars parking on highway verges		All	
6	Monitor repairs to potholes		All	
7	Contact Warwickshire County in respect of highways issues		Clerk	
8	Liaise with the contractors in respect of a start date for works to repair cracks in the wall at the Sports Pavilion		KB	
9	Contact Rugby Borough in respect of Planning Enforcement breaches		Clerk	
10	Order "No Vehicles" signs from Nuneaton Signs		PS	
11	Preparation of Newsletter		PS	
12	Raise complaint with Stagecoach in respect of new Electric Buses		LH	
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