

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BINLEY WOODS PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE MORRISON ROOM, VILLAGE HALL, RUGBY ROAD, BINLEY WOODS ON 5th AUGUST 2026

PRESENT: Councillors P Salisbury Mrs A Bye, K Brambill, N Brinton, S Roberts and Mrs P Docker. Borough Councillors Timms and Gillias were in attendance.

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26-27/62 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Land at Coventry Stadium, Rugby Road, Coventry, Brandon, CV8 3GJ

Messrs Jeff Davies and Wayne Roberts from Save Coventry Speedway and Sox gave an update on the recent application for outline planning permission and options for the future development of the Stadium.

26-27/63 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor G Dunn (unwell) Mrs E French (holiday) Mrs L Harbour (holiday) and Mrs E Johnson (holiday)

No financial interests were declared

26-27/64 NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following Planning Applications had been received: -

Land at Coventry Stadium, Rugby Road, Coventry, Brandon, CV8 3GJ for Outline Planning Application with all matters reserved except access for residential development of up to 104 dwellings, the partial demolition of the existing stadium and the development of a replacement speedway track and associated facilities and infrastructure. The Parish Council object to the above proposal on the following grounds: -

1. The development encroaches on to the Green Belt.
2. The proposal is contrary to the Local Plan.
3. The site is designated as a Sports Stadium.
4. The development together with the proposed developments at Sherwood Farm, Oakdale Nurseries and in the area of the A428/A46 junction, would lead to an unacceptable increase in traffic volume on Rugby Road and throughout Binley Woods
5. The development would have an adverse impact on the local infrastructure, particularly within the area of Binley Woods.

6. There is insufficient parking for the estimated 3,000+ visitors to the stadium.
7. There are insufficient schools within the adjoining area to facilitate the number of new houses
8. There are insufficient Health Care within the adjoining area to facilitate the number of new houses
9. The existing Stadium is not surplus to requirements. Brandon and Bretford Neighbourhood Plan seeks to protect such facilities, and the provision of housing does not outweigh the loss of this existing facility to replace it with the smaller, sub-standard proposal.

27, Birchwood Road, Binley Woods, Coventry, CV3 2JH for Proposed outbuilding.

IT WAS AGREED THAT an objection be raised on the grounds that the building constitutes an invasion of privacy to adjoining dwellings

14 Pinewood Drive, Binley Woods, Coventry, CV3 2BX - Proposed bi-folding doors and rooflights to rear elevation, new ground floor side window and new front dormer and rooflights on front elevation..

No objection subject to Statutory and Neighbour consultations.

26-27/65 ACCOUNTS

J. Cook – Salary and Expenses – August - £620.57
 HM Revenue and Customs – PAYE on Clerk's salary - £140.00
 HMRC – Employers NI on Clerk's Salary - £42.53
 BT – Parish Council - £47.99
 Perennial – Grass Cutting - £1,212.00
 Perennial – Ground Maintenance - £216.00
 E.on – Replacement minicell - £72.00
 Earth Anchors – Benches - £919.20

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

26-27/66 INTERNAL REFURBISHMENT WORKS AT THE PAVILION

Contractors had commenced works on 3rd August 2026 and it was anticipated that these would take 2 weeks to complete. Discussions had taken place with the incumbent proprietor of the Café in the Park in respect of the terms and conditions for future use. The Chairman had produced a new draft Agreement which would be reviewed annually. The proprietor would be required to sign the Agreement at which point the keys would be handed back to her. The proprietor would be required to sign the Agreement prior to restarting to open the Cafe.

26-27/67 FIRE PROTOCOLS

Following a question from a resident, Councillor Roberts made enquiries regarding protocols in respect of wildfires occurring in the woods. A reply was received from

Warwickshire Wildlife Trust which outlined their protocols and a copy was sent to The concerned resident. The reply was copied on to the resident and advised to the Parish Council. No response has yet been received from Friends of Brandon Wood.

26-27/68 LAMPOSTS

Councillor Roberts reminded the Clerk that no response has yet been received from Colt Barratt of EoN in respect of our request for more information and inventory of the lamppost replacement and maintenance programme.

26-27/69 NEXT MEETING – The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 16th September 2026.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

CHAIRMAN