

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BINLEY WOODS PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE MORRISON ROOM, VILLAGE HALL, RUGBY ROAD, BINLEY WOODS ON 16th SEPTEMBER 2026

PRESENT: Councillors P Salisbury, K Brambill, Mrs E Johnson, Mrs L Harbour, Mrs E French and Mrs P Docker. Borough Councillor Timms was also in attendance.

**Minute
Number**

26-27/70 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There was one member of the public present and 2 PCSO's from Warwickshire Police. The PCSO's reported that there were no new trends and burglaries at the Off Licence and Rugby Road. Parking problems on Craven Avenue, particularly when the Football Team were playing home matches. They also offered apologies and reassurances on the shortcoming which were brought up at the recent Pop in Session at the Café in the Park

The Parish Council had become aware of an event to be held at a large property on Rugby Road on the Bank Holiday weekend in late May 2027. It appeared that approximately 400 people would be attending. The Parish Council were well aware of the traffic congestion which would occur as a result and the Police agreed to monitor the situation. If the event was anything other than a family occasion, the organisers would need Planning Permission and Licensing Agreements. Councillor Timms agreed to take this on board.

26-27/71 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Dunn (unwell) S Roberts (holiday) N Brinton (family commitment) and Mrs A Bye (holiday)

No financial interests were declared

26-27/72 MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS, DECISIONS TAKEN OUT OF MEETINGS

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd July 2026 and 5th August 2026 were agreed as a true record and were to be signed by the Chairman.

The following decisions were taken out of meeting

UNSAFE TREE AT THE RECREATION GROUND – Following an inspection by Beechwood Trees and Landscapes an Oak Tree at the Recreation was found to be unsafe and a real danger. The cost of the felling the tree to ground level was

£1,920.00 (inclusive of VAT). Reluctantly, The Urgency Sub Committee agreed that the tree should be felled without delay.

26-27/73 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES NOT ARISING ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

There were no matters arising.

26-27/74 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence had been circulated by the Clerk by email.

26-27/75 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: -

Water Plus - £29.46

Valda Energy – Pavilion - £83.70

BI Johnson – Pavilion Refurbishment - £21,696.00

The following accounts were submitted for payment: -

J. Cook – Salary and Expenses – September - £667.13

HM Revenue and Customs – PAYE on Clerk’s salary - £151.80

HMRC – Employers NI on Clerk’s Salary - £51.32

BT – Parish Council - £47.99

Perennial – Grass Cutting - £1,121.00

Urban Recreation – Playground Repairs -£2,382.00

Beechwood Trees and Landscapes – Tree Felling - £1,920.00

Water Plus – Pavilion - £30.04

E.on – Replacement Lantern - £468.00

E.on – Blown Fuse £15.00

SSE – Footway Lighting - £1,229.42

Beechwood Trees and Landscapes – Hedge Trimming – Village Hall - £1,680.00

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 August 2026 which was distributed at the meeting and duly noted.

26-27/76 REPORTS

Police; Community Alert

Councillor Roberts supplied a report emanating from the Pop In meeting held on 8th September 2026.

Borough Councillor's Report – Borough Councillor Timms reported on matters generally. She made particular reference to the fact that Local Government Reform had been paused. To this end she informed the meeting that she would not be standing for re-election in the May 2027 Borough Council 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 reminded the meeting that the next meeting was scheduled for 21st September 2026.

Football Clubs – There were no matters to report.

Village Hall – There were no matters to report.

Allotment Garden – A request was received from the Allotment Association to ask the Parish Council for approval to improvements to the Trading Shed which includes a new roof and the addition of solar panels. IT WAS AGREED THAT the Parish Council confirms its approval and continued support to the Allotment Association

Bus Services – Councillor Mrs Harbour reported on her continued requests to have 2 bus stops reinstated, accessibility issues and not keeping to time with Stagecoach and was promised further assistance from them in the near future.

26-27/77 NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

203 Rugby Road – It was mentioned at the meeting that the side fence at the property of the property had not been lowered within the time limit required by Rugby Borough Council. IT WAS AGREED THAT the Clerk contact Rugby Borough Council requesting that positive Enforcement Action be taken.

26-27/78 LOCAL PLAN/NEWSLETTER

Local Plan – There was nothing to report.

Newsletter – There was nothing to report.

26-27/79 MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACES IN THE VILLAGE

Recreation Ground/Village Green

Detecting – A request had been received from a resident to carry out ground detecting at the Recreation Ground. IT WAS AGREED THAT the request be refused.

Highway Verges – There were no matters to report.

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

Dog Bins - It was reported that Rugby Borough Council no longer supplied Dog Waste Bins and provided a 50% contribution towards the cost. A quote had been received from Broxap in the sum of £520.00 (ex VAT) for 2 Replacement Bins. IT WAS AGREED THAT the bins be ordered.

Litter Pick – The most recent litter pick had taken place on 12th September 2026

Trees/Tree Planting – IT WAS AGREED THAT a replacement tree be planted close to the oak tree which was recently removed. The possibility of having a wood sculpture on the remaining stump of the recently removed of the Oak Tree at the Recreation Ground was discussed. Decision could not be made as to what form the sculpture would be. Preliminary estimates were in the region of £6,000.00 to £10,000.00. The Chairman informed the meeting that he had applied to Npower and the National Lottery for funding.

Pavilion Refurbishment – It was reported that BI Johnson Ltd had now completed all refurbishment work. The Clerk informed the meeting that a new Contract for 12 months from 1st September 2026 in respect of the Café in the Park had been signed by both parties and was now in force.

26-27/80 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT ISSUES

Highway repair and maintenance –

No Parking signs on Rugby Road - The Chairman and Councillor Brambill agreed to review the purchase of No Parking signs Councillor Brambill will look at fitment to lampposts.

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

Street Lighting – The Clerk had received further details of the revised Quarterly Maintenance Charges which had been received from Eon. In the absence of Councillor Roberts this matter was deferred until the October meeting.

Hedge Maintenance – There were no matters to report.

26-27/81 ABBEY GRANGE – In the absence of Councillor Dunn there was no report.

26-27/82 REVIEW OF ACTION LIST NOT ELSEWHERE CONSIDERED

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

26-27/83 NEXT MEETING – The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 21st October 2026.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

CHAIRMAN

	Action List		Name	Complete
1	Monitor street light repairs		PD, SR	
2	Contact E.on to request draft Maintenance Agreement		Clerk	
3	Cars parked on highway verges		All	
4	Monitor repairs to potholes		All	
5	Confirm that the length a 4 inch diameter pipe would be sufficient to support a 12 feet high Christmas Tree		PS	
6	Contact Rugby Borough in respect of further Enforcement Action to lower the fence at 203 Rugby Road		Clerk	
7	Order “No Vehicles” signs from Nuneaton Signs		PS/KB	
8	Preparation of Newsletter		PS	
9	Raise complaint with Stagecoach in respect of new Electric Buses		LH	
10	Order 2 Replacement Dog Bins from Broxap		Clerk	
11	Write to the Allotments Association to confirm approval to improvements to the Trading Shed		Clerk	
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