MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BINLEY WOODS PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE MORRISON ROOM, VILLAGE HALL, RUGBY ROAD, BINLEY WOODS ON 21st OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT: Councillors P Salisbury, G Dunn, K Brambill, S Roberts, N Brinton, Mrs E Johnson, Mrs A Bye, Mrs L Harbour, Mrs E French and Mrs P Docker. County Councillor Anne-Marie Sonko was also in attendance.

Minute Number

26-27/84 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were two residents of Binley Woods present. Two PCSO's from Warwickshire Police were also in attendance.

The residents had sent an email that stated following the refurbishments to the Sports Pavilion, the Café in the Park had a cold atmosphere was noisy and "it lacked colour". The email also requested that the Café be allowed to open whilst the footballers were changing and showering. The Chairman said that statements made within the email claiming that he and all Councillors had made decisions that were **`Un-informed and Misjudged'** was incorrect, grossly harming, whilst bordering on being Slanderous and libellous. The Chairman reminded the residents that it is primarily a Sports Pavilion for the whole community. A letter of response had been sent following receipt of the email to clarify the Parish Council's position. It was also stated that the Café Proprietor was happy, and had signed a new Tenancy Agreement. Notwithstanding this, Councillors Docker and Roberts said they were prepared to meet the two residents at the Pavilion to ascertain exactly what the problem is.
The PCSO's reported that there were no increases in car thefts or car key thefts.
Continued problems in respect of car parking, in particular Ferndale Roads Road and Heather Road and Ferndale Road and Craven Avenue and Motor Bikes in the Woods. The Parish Council made the Officers aware of Motor Cyclists doing wheelies and filming themselves, on Rugby Road. The Officers said that such instances should be reported by dialling 999.

26-27/85 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

Apologies for absence were received from Borough Councillor Timms.

No financial interests were declared

26-27/86 MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS, DECISIONS TAKEN OUT OF MEETINGS

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th September 2026 were agreed as a true record and were to be signed by the Chairman.

The following decisions were taken out of meeting

WOOD CARVING – FELLED TREE AT THE RECREATION GROUND
Quotations had been sought for a Wood Carving in what remained of a partially felled Oak Tree at the Recreation Ground. An Urgency Sub Committee consisting of the Chairman, Councillors Bye, Docker French, Roberts and Brinton agreed that the quotation of £1,920.00 received from Chainsaw Carving be accepted.

26-27/87 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES NOT ARISING ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

There were no matters arising.

26-27/88 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence had been circulated by the Clerk by email.

26-27/89 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 - £202.61
Beechwood Gardens – Trees and Bushes - £4,866.00
P Salisbury – Handrail and Picture Frames - £49.85
Beechwood Gardens – Village Hall - £1,680.00
SSE – Footway Lighting - £1,444.87

The following accounts were submitted for payment: -

SKC Driveways – Patch Repairs to Foul Line - Village Hall - £1,824.00
J. Cook – Salary and Expenses – October - £584.03
HM Revenue and Customs – PAYE on Clerk's salary - £130.80
HMRC – Employers NI on Clerk's Salary - £35.97
BT – Parish Council - £47.99
Perennial – Grass Cutting - £,1212.00
ROSPA – Annual Inspections - £237.60
Flamex – Fire Extinguishers - £132.00
Water Plus –Pavilion - £29.46
Broxap - 2 Dog Litter Bins - £753.60
P Salisbury – Poppy Wreaths £46.00, Village Green Plaque, £26.99 and Picture Frames (Pavilion) £16.12 Total £88.11

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

Financial Management - Councillor Roberts had produced a report on the half

year financial position of the Parish Council and produced a statement for the period which was distributed at the meeting and duly noted.

26-27/89 REPORTS

Police; Community Alert

Councillor Roberts informed the meeting that the next Pop In session would be held on 14th November 2026. 11.00 am to 12.00 pm

Borough Councillor's Report – In the absence of Borough Councillor Timms there was no report.

County Councillor's Report –County Councillor Sonko reported on matters generally in particular vehicles parked at road junctions. She reported on the current position in respect of the cycleway on Rugby Road and that she would be attending a presentation shortly. She said that the delay should not affect the moving one of the Planters and she would arrange for this to be done as soon as possible.

Primary School – There were no matters to report.

Youth Club – There were no matters to report.

Football Clubs – There were no matters to report.

Village Hall – There were no matters to report.

Allotment Garden – Councillor Mrs Docker informed the meeting that the hedges had been cut. A bonfire Night 9without fireworks) had been arranged for 5th November 2026

Bus Services – Councillor Mrs Harbour agreed to contact Stagecoach again regarding the poor seating arrangements on the new Electric Buses.

26-27/90 NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

203 Rugby Road – The Chairman reported that Rugby Borough Council had granted Planning Permission for the retention of all but one of the 2 metre high fence panels between the adjoining property. The property nearest to Rugby Road should be reduced to 1 metre in height. The Chairman questioned the legality of Rugby Borough Council's decision.

26-27/91 LOCAL PLAN/NEWSLETTER

Local Plan – There was nothing to report.

Newsletter – The Chairman agreed to chase progress on this matter.

26-27/92 MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACES IN THE VILLAGE

Recreation Ground/Village Green

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

Dog Bins – The Clerk reported that 2 Dog Bins had been delivered from Broxap. Rugby Borough Council had agreed to install the bins, empty them and carry out any future maintenance at no cost to the Parish Council. The Parish Council would arrange for the removal and disposal of the current damaged bins.

Sports Pavlion – It was agreed that 2 small picnic tables to be sited to be sited in the area vacated by the two mini goalframes, adjacent to the Pavilion.

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. It was agreed that that the Chairman an Councillor Brinton would assess all Parish Council trees in the village and prune/cur back as necessary.

26-2793 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 – Councillor Roberts had reviewed the revised Quarterly Maintenance Charges which had been received from Eon. He had suggested that priority should be given to the replacement of the soon to be unavailable SOX/SON bulbs with LED ones. The first phase would be to be replace bulbs during the current financial year at a cost of approximately £11,000.00. IT WAS PROPOSED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRAMBILL that Councillor Roberts' suggestion be approved. There were no amendments to the proposal which was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Hedge Maintenance – The Chairman reported that he had a site visit with Perennial and requested a quote for maintenance of all hedges under Parish Council ownership.

26-27/94 ABBEY GRANGE – There were no matters to report.

26-27/95 ELM CLOSE GARAGE AREA

A request had been received from one of the residents in Elm Close for Parish Council support to support the residents in their request to the various Statutory Authorities who are responsible regarding the severe conditions at the Elm Close garage area. Councillors Docker and Roberts agreed to look at the site for themselves and subject thereto, the Clerk would email the resident to confirm the Parish Council's support. It was also reported to The Police and County Councillor Sonko.

26-27/96 REVIEW OF ACTION LIST NOT ELSEWHERE CONSIDERED

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

26-27/97 NEXT MEETING – The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 18th November 2026.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

CHAIRMAN

	Action List		Name	Complete
1	Monitor street light repairs		PD/SR	
2	Order Replacement Bulbs from E.on		Clerk	
3	Cars parked on highway verges		All	
4	Monitor repairs to potholes		All	
5	Inspect Garage site at Elm Close		PD/SR	
6	Meet with residents regarding Cafe in the Park		PD/SR	
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 Picnic Tables for outside the Sports Pavilion.		Clerk	
11	Write to the Allotments Association to confirm approval to improvements to the Trading Shed		Clerk	
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