

BINTREE PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING of BINTREE PARISH COUNCIL

Thursday 28th September 2023 at 7pm
in St Swithun's Church

Meeting commenced: 7.00pm

Councillors present: R Tooke, C. Bone, G. Holmes, G Bambridge, C Langford, J Hoskins

Public present: None

Minute taker: M Bozsonyik

56/23 To receive apologies

None

57/23 Declarations of interest on items on the agenda and consideration of any requests for dispensations

None

58/23 To agree the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 27th July 2023

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

59/23 Public participation

None

60/23 Finance

To approve expenditure

- a. Grounds Maintenance invoice £1800 (second instalment) agreed to be paid
- b. Bintree Telephone Box £2282.00 agreed
Bintree Relief In Need to pay £1000

The parish council to pay £3282.00 and BRIN to pay £1000 when possible.

Cllr Bone suggested having a print out of an expenditure sheet for each meeting.

Income

- c. Precept 2nd instalment of £2750

61/23 To agree clerks wages from April-September and discuss vacant clerk position.

Clerks wages were agreed.

Clerk position will be vacant from mid October.

BRIN are also looking for a Clerk.

A job advertisement for both positions to be put up on the village notice board, church notice board and possibly a notice up in the Royal Oak pub.

Cllr Hoskins to email contacts linked with CANT for the job openings.

62/23 Planning applications

BINTREE The Old Rectory County School

Thinning out poplar trees (roughly 20 years old), planting about 30 fruit trees.

No objections from any of the councillors.

63/23 To receive an update on the New Town proposals and Local Plan meeting

Cllr Banbridge and Cllr Hoskins had a meeting with George Freeman. Freeman will write to the leader of the council to ask why the 2nd consultation is happening. An update should be given during the next meeting.

All the comments from the first consultation have been captured and reviewed.

Councillors are to encourage people to go online and give their views and complete the short survey. In the initial letter for the parish councils there was a brief mention to try to reach as broad an audience as possible.

64/23 To receive an update on the defibrillator project

Cllr Langford cleared the rubbish in the telephone box and will put a new handle on the door. There is a voucher for the paint. The invoice for the defibrillator is to be paid and wait for next steps.

65/23 Highways matters

- a. To receive feedback on research into the possibility of introducing a public footpath along the path of the old road alongside the A1067 between Bintree and Twyford.

Cllr Langford agreed to email Cllr Borrette in regards to the footpath however for the time being the main focus is the defibrillator project being installed and Cllr Langford will pick up the footpath matter at a later date.

- b. Village speed limit

A member of the public has queried the speed limit in the village and if it can be reduced to 20 mile an hour.

Cllr Bone to forward the application process to the other Cllrs.

A reminder that any accidents need to be reported to help build a case in applying for a reduced speed limit.

c. Grave yard maintenance

M Bozsonyik to email the grounds maintainer for a cut quote for the inside hedges of the church and the graveyard, also a gentle reminder to leave the bulbs until they go brown and not to cut them when they are green.

BRIN could have some funds to go towards the church maintenance.

It was agreed that bulbs would be fine to plant next to the existing bulbs (mostly daffodils) on the bank near the graveyard.

66/23 Village events

Coffee morning 14th October 10-12

67/23 Correspondence

- a. Grounds maintenance contract- M Bozsonyik to email.
- b. NALC payroll service invoice of £76.80- not using services.
Will not be paid as services not used.

68/23 To receive any items for inclusion on the next agenda

20 mile hr proposal.

69/23 To agree date of next meeting

By convention of the fourth Thursday of each odd numbered month, the next meeting is proposed for Thursday, 23rd November

Possibly meet in the methodist church- check with cll Holmes.