**BONINGALE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Tuesday 7th December 2021**

**Present**

Cllrs. D Slatcher (Chairperson), C Keeton (Vice Chair), S Burgess, A Gilson-Caldwell, K Vilton.

Clerk to Boningale Parish Council: M Ward.

1. **Apologies.**

To receive and approve apologies for absence. Members are asked to give their apologies direct to the clerk.

None.

1. **Declarations of interest.**

To consider declarations of interest under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 s32 and the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012.

Where a member indicates that they have a prejudicial interest but wish to make representation regarding the item before leaving the meeting, they must do so under item 4 (D) of Public Participation.

None.

1. **Public Participation.**

**Members of the public**are invited to ask questions, make representations, or submit comments on any item on the agenda. This is **LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON –**at the sole discretion of the Chairman.

No members of the pubic were present.

1. **Minutes of the previous meeting (enclosure).**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 1ST September 2021.

Cllr Burgess proposed that the minutes were a true and accurate record which was seconded by Cllr Keeton and unanimously agreed by council.

1. **Matters arising.**

To consider any issues arising from the minutes that are not included on the agenda.

Cllr. Keeton raised the issue of rules and regulations which might apply to the council website. He agreed to investigate the matter further and report back to council if there were any issues that required further attention.

1. **Correspondence.**

To review any outstanding correspondence that has been received since the last meeting.

The clerk brought to members’ attention a letter requesting financial support from the Hope House charity. Councillors confirmed their policy of making no donations to charity and agreed that no funding would be provided.

Members also discussed the provision of some funding to help with the installation of speed cameras to be provisionally sited on Burnhill Green Road and the A464. There had been no response from Shropshire Council on correspondence relating to local road conditions and speeding in the area and Cllr. Burgess agreed to continue with the dialogue to seek improvements and increase road safety.

1. **To approve accounts for payment.**
* Staffing September – December 2021 - £250.00.

Council agreed the staffing payment.

1. **Financial Statement – December 2021, (enclosure)**

The financial statement was considered by members and agreed without alteration.

1. **Items for inclusion on the next agenda.**

Councillors asked that the following items should be included in the next council agenda:

* Road safety and how to improve it;
* A churchyard maintenance grant;
* Fly tipping;
* The former BT phone box in Church Lane, Boningale;
* Council marketing.
1. **Consideration of a draft budget and precept for 2022/23, (enclosure).**

The clerk presented a draft budget which amounted to a total of £2,940 and included a sum for inflation, a payment to council reserves and a specific grant to St Chad’s church to help with churchyard maintenance. After discussion Cllr. Slatcher proposed that the draft should be approved with the amendment that the grant relating to the church should be made discretionary and subject to further discussion with a recommendation that a churchyard grant should be limited to £300 and that the precept demand should total £3,000. Cllr. Burgess seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed by council.

1. **To consider any matters of road safety in the Boningale area.**

Cllr. Burgess reported that letters previously copied to members had not resulted in any progress regarding the condition of local roads and that Shropshire Council had been unable to provide funding for road improvements. He would continue the correspondence and try to provide speed data with the help of a speed gun and said that the police were offering support and recent incidents would be brought to the attention of the county.

1. **To further consider the payment of a grant for churchyard maintenance at St. Chad’s church, Boningale.**

Members agreed that this item had already been covered in earlier discussions.

1. **To review any instances of fly tipping in the area and any further action that may be required.**

Cllr. Slatcher reported that there had been no reply to earlier correspondence from Streetscene which was disappointing. He informed members that new police officers had been appointed to the area and he would keep trying to enlist the support of other agencies to combat the continuing problem of fly tipping in the area.

1. **Update on the refurbishment of the former BT telephone box.**

Cllr. Keeton reported that the work on the former BT phone box was complete except for the door which was being currently refurbished and the person conducting the work hoped to have it finished by the coming weekend. Slabs for the surrounding area had been obtained and Shropshire Council had agreed to move a gritting bin. There was every expectation that the facility would be ready for use by the spring of 2022.

Members thanked Cllr. Keeton for all his work and for carrying through this project to a successful conclusion.

1. **To agree a designated area of interest allocation for individual councillors.**

The chairman outlined the former scheme whereby individual councillors were allotted a district in which they would take a special interest. After discussion members agreed to discontinue this practice.

1. **To further consider any marketing initiatives on behalf of the council.**

Cllr. Slatcher agreed to consult with the Albrighton Parish Magazine in order to publicise any events in the Boningale area including any road incidents.

1. **Any outstanding planning applications.**

There were no outstanding planning applications.

Members confirmed that planning issues should not be part of the brief of Albrighton Civic Society.

1. **Time and date of the next meeting.**

The next meeting of Boningale Parish Council will take place on 2nd March 2022 at 7.30 pm in the Old School Room, Church Lane, Boningale.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Signed……………………………………………………….. Date……………………………………………..

Chairman