

Boningale Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday 13th December 2018 at 7.30 pm

Present

Cllrs. D Thomas (Chairman), R Bennett-Casserly, P Hill, A Sankey, P Snowdon.
In attendance: M Ward, Clerk to Boningale Parish Council.

No members of the public were present.

1. Apologies.

There were no apologies for absence.

2. To receive and approve the minute of the meeting held on 19th September 2018.

Cllr. Thomas proposed that the minutes were a true and accurate record which was seconded by Cllr. Hill and agreed by the council.

3. Matters arising.

There were no matters arising.

4. Correspondence.

- Shropshire Council – 2019 Register of Electors and monthly updates;

Noted by council

- BHIB Council Insurance – Winter is coming:

Noted by council.

5. Planning applications.

Cllr. Thomas informed members that the application regarding the scout camp situated in South Staffs was being considered later in December at Codsall and the matter would then be referred to Shropshire Council regarding access to the site. Council agreed that Cllr. Thomas should attend the Shropshire meeting and ensure that members were fully informed regarding the issues concerning access and road safety.

Cllr. Snowden left the meeting for the next item

18/05317/FUL Erection of a two-storey side extension to include balcony following demolition of single storey extension at 3 Rushey Lane, Albrighton, Shropshire.

There were no objections to the application.

6. Highways.

There were no notices regarding road works in the Boningale parish area, but members were still concerned that there were potholes that had not been repaired and there were instances of speeding in the area, particularly by motor cyclists. Members agreed to investigate the issue of speeding in June 2019 when the weather had improved, and daylight hours had increased, and motor cyclists were more evident.

7. Finance.

- **To receive the Statement of Accounts to December 2018;**

The accounts were agreed by council and showed a balance of £1060.97. Two items of expenditure totalling £298 had been incurred since the last meeting in September.

- **The production of a draft budget and precept for 2019/20;**

Members considered several items of proposed expenditure and two grant requests that had been received plus on-going expenditure for the year. After discussion council unanimously

agreed that the precept for 2019/20 should be increased to £2,300.

- **Possible purchase of two notice boards;**

Members agreed to the purchase of one notice board which would be sited at the far end of the council area rather than in the village which could continue to use the church notice board on a temporary basis. The Chairman agreed to provide quotes and details for suitable lockable boards at the next council meeting when a decision would be made as to which model to purchase.

- **To consider a grant request towards the cost of the Boningale graveyard maintenance;**

Cllr. Hill declared an interest in this agenda item and took no part in the discussion.

Members agreed to provide a grant of £300 for the coming year to be reviewed annually.

- **To consider a grant request by the Red House trustees in support of their community activities;**

Members agreed to provide a grant of £100 in support of the Red House.

A suggestion that support should also be considered for the Albrighton Flyer was also considered. Members felt that because the Flyer was provided for the residents of Albrighton and there had been difficulties providing the service for local people living outside the village boundary no grant should be offered at present.

Members also discussed the problem of the planting on the A464 opposite to the Boningale junction which had been undertaken by the Albrighton Civic Society. Bushes had been planted which members felt were unsuitable and represented a potential hazard to traffic when they grew larger and there was regret that there had been minimum consultation about the initiative and no-one

knew who was responsible for the maintenance of these plants. The clerk was asked to produce a draft letter recording council concerns and distribute it to members for comment as soon as possible before a final draft was sent to the Civic Society.

8. Update on the council website, any modifications considered necessary and the functioning of the email system.

Cllr. Snowdon agreed to contact Shropshire Council to ensure that the website was made more visible and liaise with Google so that an enquiry produced the site in the Google listings.

After discussion members agreed that council agendas and minutes would appear on the site in their own section, a new heading would encourage new ideas for consideration and enable comment and debate and a list of planning applications due for consideration as they applied to the Boningale area would also be added.

9. To receive an update on suggested uses for the telephone box and agree next steps

Various suggestions for the future use of the telephone box had been received and previously discussed and the council had now become the legal owner of the facility. Cllr Hill stated that several volunteers had come forward offering to develop and maintain the box and she proposed to hold an informal meeting after the Christmas period to consider the various options which would be made available to the council at its next meeting.

10.To agree the dates of council meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting in 2019.

Members agreed that the council would meet on 20th March, 15th May (APM), 11th September and 11th December during 2019.

11.Suggested agenda items for the next council meeting.

Councillors agreed to use the present agenda as a template for future meetings with suitable modifications as required.

12.Date of the next council meeting.

The next meeting of Boningale Parish Council will take place on
Wednesday 20th March 2019 at 7.30 pm in the St. Chads Parish Hall,
Church Lane, Boningale.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.32 pm.

Signed..... Date.....
Chairman