

Boningale Parish Council

Minutes of meeting

Wednesday 4th March 2020 at 7.30 pm

Public Session

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

Present

Cllrs. D Thomas (Chairman), R Bennett-Casserly, P Hill, A Sankey, P Snowdon.

In attendance: M Ward, Clerk to Boningale Parish Council.

1. Apologies.

There were no apologies

2. To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2020.

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

3. Matters arising.

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

There were no matters arising.

4. Correspondence.

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

The council received a trade catalogue from Broxap relating to litter and recycling bins and an update to the local electoral register received on-line.

Cllr. Hill tendered her letter of resignation addressed to the chairman and informed members that this was her last meeting after ten years of service. She stated that she would continue to support the council regarding local projects such as the telephone box development. The chairman thanked Cllr. Hill for all her years of service and wished her well in the future.

Members discussed the process of finding a replacement for Cllr. Hill and noted that a local resident, Mr Chris Heaton, had expressed an interest in joining the council.

5. Planning applications.

To receive and consider any planning applications that are currently outstanding.

There were no outstanding planning applications for members to consider.

The clerk asked members to declare a clear view regarding applications forwarded on-line as to whether they should receive support or objections should be raised. A lack of clarity had sometimes made it difficult to draft a council response to the planning authority.

6. Highways.

To receive an update on any local highways needing attention and other highways concerns.

Members reported that there had been no replies to the various letters that had been sent to Shropshire Council regarding flooding in Church Lane and Newhouse Lane caused by mud blocking the drains. The drains needed jetting and when a lorry had recently visited the site it had sucked up mud and then dumped it on the grass verge for it to wash back on to the road surface. Potholes on Burnhill Green Road had also not been filled and residents felt abandoned because of the lack of attention and action by the highway authority.

The clerk agreed to write to Shropshire Council regarding the council's dissatisfaction over this matter.

7. Finance.

- To receive the Statement of Accounts to March, 2020.

The accounts up to March 2020 were received and accepted by the council. They showed a closing balance of £378.61 which was likely to be the end of year total on 31st March 2020

- To renew the annual Office 365 (Personal) subscription - £59.99.

The annual Office 365 renewal was accepted by the council and a cheque for £59.99 was given to the clerk to pay the subscription.

8. Preparations and format of the Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday 6th May 2020.

Members agreed to follow the same format for the agenda of the Annual Parish Meeting scheduled for 6th May 2020 that had been used in 2019 with the addition of a possible co-option to the council caused by the resignation of Cllr. Hill and the involvement of Ms Jackie Fletcher, the local CPSO.

9. To consider the Albrighton Place Plan and its implications for the parish of Boningale as agreed at the council meeting on 11th December 2019.

The chairman reported that the Albrighton Place Plan had not been finalised and was still in development. This item was therefore deferred until Albrighton Parish Council completed their review of the plan.

10. Update and further action regarding the future use of the Boningale telephone box.

Councillors noted that £120 had been provided for the development of the old telephone box and Cllr. Hill reported that volunteers were ready to begin the work once the weather improved.

11. Request for items of interest from Boningale for inclusion in the Albrighton parish magazine

The clerk reported that he had received a request from the editor of the Albrighton Parish Magazine for items that related to Boningale. Members agreed that a first contribution would be forwarded to the editor after the Annual Parish Meeting on 6th May and three other articles would be provided

at intervals during the remainder of the year. The clerk was asked to write to the editor outlining this agreement.

12.Suggested agenda items for the next council meeting.

There were no further suggestions for agenda items for the next council meeting beyond those already agreed.

13.Date and time of the next council meeting.

The next council meeting would be the Annual Parish Meeting which was scheduled for 6th May 2020 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall, Boningale.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

Signed..... Date.....

Chairman