

BONINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting

Wednesday 1st March 2023

Present

Cllrs. D Slatcher (Chairman), 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

2. 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.

3. 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 public were present.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting (enclosure).

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 13th December 2022.

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

5. Matters arising.

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

The Chairman reported that the blocked drain causing concern had been reported to Shropshire Council, work had been done on the gully, but the blockage had not been resolved and a further report had been made.

Shropshire Council had informed the Chairman that there was no money for work related to improving road safety in the area, but the matter would be reviewed in the future.

6. Correspondence.

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

None.

7. To approve accounts for payment.

- Staffing – £250.00
- Citizens Advice Bureau - £250.00

The two payments were noted by members.

8. Financial Statement – March 2023.

The council accounts were approved, and it was noted that with no anticipated expenditure during the month it was likely that the figures would be unaltered at the end of the financial year.

9. Items for inclusion on the next agenda.

- Council reorganization in the local area.
- Policies to be included on the council website.

10. Further discussion on the Pepperhill Solar Farm to be built south of the Holyhead Road.

No further information on the proposed solar farm had been made available by Low Carbon. The footpath through the site had been slightly altered and the new route was generally agreed to be an improvement.

The clerk was asked to contact Low Carbon to ask for an update on progress.

11. To consider and revise a draft grants policy for possible adoption by Boningale Parish Council.

Several alterations were agreed to the draft policy as follows:

- A typing error under the Policy section;
- A request for an email address was added to section 3;
- Section 12 is to be enlarged;
- Section 14 to be removed;
- To allow more time for closing dates on page 2.

Members agreed that all future applications must be accompanied by a completed form and a copy would be forwarded to Pauline Hill to accompany her latest grant request.

12. To consider a possible event(s) associated with the forthcoming coronation of King Charles.

Councillors did not feel that an event to mark the king's coronation would be appropriate in Boningale.

13. Discussion on road safety issues and policing in the Boningale area.

Speeding problems at the junction with Cross Road and the A464 Shifnal Road were discussed with a reduction in speed initiated by Shropshire Council thought to be necessary. Blocked drains in the area continued to cause problems.

14. Any outstanding planning applications.

There were no outstanding planning applications.

15. Time and dates of council meetings during 2023/24.

The following dates for future meetings were agreed by members:

- Annual Parish Meeting – 20th April 2023;
- Council meetings – Wednesday 15th June 2023;
- Wednesday 27th September 2023;
- Wednesday 6th December 2023;
- Wednesday 6th March 2024.

All meetings would begin at 7.00 pm and be held in the Old School Room, Boningale.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.