BOMERE HEATH & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL, WHICH WAS HELD IN BOMERE HEATH VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 8th JANUARY 2025 at 7.30pm.

PUBLIC SESSION

Prior to the start of the meeting, members of the public will be invited to make comment on any matters included in this agenda or raise issues affecting the Parish.

PRESENT: Messrs D. Harmer (Chairman) C. Stockton & A. Herbert. Mrs L.Cowley.
County Councillor L. Picton

APOLOGIES: Mr E. Mason & Miss C. Mason

Item	Description	P	S	Action
1a	**Declaration of Personal or Prejudicial Interests.** For Members to disclose any personal or prejudicial interests in any items on the Agenda for this meeting. Mrs L. Cowley declared an interest in the planning application for 8 Grafton as they are her neighbours.			
1b	**The Minutes of meeting held on 11th December 2024 were agreed and signed as a true record. P. BY Mr C. Stockton & S. BY Mr A. Herbert and agreed unanimously.**			
	SPEAKER: Mr Jack Picketts (S.T.W.A.) **The P.C. were given an update on the lead replacement project in the Parish. S.T.W.A. are very pleased with how this has gone, 1120 water samples have been taken so far. Details of up-and-coming road closures:** **3rd February 2025 Preston Gubbals Rd -Old School House.** **10th February 2025 The Knolls Junction to Methodist Chapel** **17th February 2025 Baschurch Rd o/s Old House** **10th March 2025 Manor Farm Junction to Millers Clump Junction o/s Old School House Fitz Mill**			
2	**Report from Shropshire County Councillor** **The P.C. were informed that the Devolution plans are ongoing. At the present moment in time the financial settlement for Shropshire from the Government is not looking good.** **The P.C. asked if there had been anymore updates re the traffic calming in Forton Heath. It was agreed Mr Harmer would contact Shropshire Council again for information.**			**D.H.**

3a	**Chairpersons Report**			
3b	**CLERKS REPORT** The clerk presented a budget summary where spend was compared to budgets set. The figures were read out and agreed unanimously by the Councillors. P. by Mr C. Stockton & S. by Mr D. Harmer.			
3c	The Clerk presented a Bank Reconciliation as at 31st December 2024. All the figures were read out and signed by the chairman. The final figure was £88,100.34 P. by Mrs L. Cowley & S. by Mr D. Harmer			
3d	**Bank Balances as at 4.12.24** Treasurers account: £18,198.10 CIL account £500.17 Savings account: £15,320.46 Cambridge B.S. £54,081.61 FINANCE: The Interim Internal Audit Report was read out to the Councillors and the comments were noted. A letter from Shropshire Council re Precept requirement was read out and the figures were discussed again from the business plan meeting 22nd October 2024. It was agreed unanimously the precept figure for 2025/26 will be £32,565.00. P. by Mr D. Harmer & S. by Mr C. Stockton. The Clerk informed the Councillors of the interest of £1581.61 which has accumulated on the Cambridge B.S. account. It was resolved that a request should be made to Cambridge B.S.to forward this amount to the P.C. to be paid into the Treasurers Account. A letter was duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk to this effect. BUSINESS PLAN MEETING: The Clerk informed the Councillors of the date for this meeting 22nd January 2025 starting at 7. 30pm.It was agreed the Finance, Risk Management & Standing Orders policies will be reviewed then.			
4	**Matters arising from the Minutes.** **To discuss any further updates on Hugo Fox re new Gov.uk email addresses.** **Mr Herbert has been looking into costings, following a discussion it was agreed to increase the agreement with Hugo Fox from the Bronze to Silver package for more free storage.** **The P.C. are awaiting further correspondence from B.H.C.C. re potential funding for improved drainage to the cricket pitch.** **Email from Shropshire Council - reorganisation of Parish Boundaries, this had already been forwarded to the councillors.**			

5 a	**Planning Applications to consider.** **To consider and respond to applications received from Shropshire Council.** 8 Grafton, Shrewsbury REF 24/04710/FUL - Support Erection of 2 dwellings and formation of new vehicular access. North West Relief Road scheme REF 21/00924/EIA See S.C. planning portal for details. Greenfields, Forton Heath REF 24/04853/FUL - Support Erection of 1 dwelling (following demolition of existing dwelling) and change of use of land. Amended plans for Walford Heath Nurseries REF 24/04423/FUL were discussed - Represent			
5b	**Planning Application Outcomes.** **GRANTED PERMISSION: None**			
6	**Police Report -** Not received.			
	Correspondence. <u>To consider and where necessary, respond to items of correspondence received since the last meeting</u> *Already forwarded to Members Road Closures: - Unnamed Rd between Preston Gubbals and A528, Bomere Heath 3.2.25 -6.2.25 The Common, Bomere Heath 10.2.25			
8	**8. Items raised at the last meeting or requested by Councillors.** (a) The Parish Council Web Site. – Items are updated regularly. (b) Youth Club. – S.Y.A. are trying to arrange for another leader to help out. (c) Business Plan - Next meeting 22.1.25			
9	**Exchange of Information.** (a) For Members to bring to the notice of the Council any items requiring urgent attention regarding:			

	i. Highways. ii. Footpaths & Rights of Way iii. Street Lights. iv. Other. (b) Items for inclusion on the next agenda.			
10	**Accounts agreed for Payment.** For Members to approve payment of the following accounts: B.H.V.H. £16.00 room hire B.H.V.H. £30.83 Broad band Hugo Fox £11.99 website Google Cloud £78.00 Npower £197.78 electricity R.Briers £44.22 Bband Fitz V.Hall Staff costs £783.53 J.P Eccleston £1824.00 grass/hedge cutting removal of fallen tree in play area. B.H.V.H. £220.00 Room hire Oct,Nov & Dec S. Horton £77.61 H.W.A			
11	**Date and time of next meeting –** Wednesday 12th February 2025 Location **– BOMERE HEATH VILLAGE HALL**			