

Bengeo Rural Parish Council Meeting 25th July 2023

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DRAFT MINUTES

<u>Present:</u>	<u>In Attendance:</u>
Cllr Tony Ellis (Chair)	Victoria Preuss - Clerk
Cllr Neil Blackaller	District Cllr Aubrey Holt
	County Cllr Ken Crofton

23/24 - 027	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Apologies was received and noted from Cllr Matthew Clutterbuck, Cllr Matthew Lezmore and Cllr Jayne Abery,</p>
23/24 – 028	Declarations of Councillors’ interests pertaining to agenda items – None.
23/24 – 029	Minutes from 12 th June 2023 approved.
23/24 – 030	Public Participation
23/24 – 031	<p>Internal Audit Actions</p> <p>The Clerk provided an update on the 22/23 internal audit actions. The request the mark a number of actions as complete was carried over to the September 2023 meeting. The Clerk confirmed that both defibs were now registered on CIRCUIT website and have both been checked. Awaiting for a response from Tonwell Village Hall concerning the Parish Council using the village halls postal address for the Parish Council.</p> <p>The increase in insurance cover is being progressed with the Parish Council current provider Zurich.</p>
23/24 – 032	<p>Planning</p> <p>No planning submission for review and consideration.</p>
23/24 - 033	<p>The latest financial position and reconciliation to the bank balance was presented at the meeting. It was reviewed at all attendee.</p> <p>A member of the Tonwell Village Hall committee at the start of the meeting had handed a £100 donation to the Community Fund for the playground. The amount was counted and confirmed.</p> <p>Following a discussion concerning grants and funding for the proposed new play area for Tonwell, Cllr Aubury Holt offered to provide the Parish Council with some information about what grants were available and what their application process would be.</p>
23/24 – 034	<p>Parish Updates</p> <p><u>Chapmore End</u></p>

	<p>The Parish Council were informed that a number of hedges, even though some had been cut, require to be cut again. Cllr Ellis will speak to the contractor about arranging for the hedges that are under the care of the Parish Council to be cut.</p> <p>Cllr Ken Crofton informed the Parish Council that 3 of the posts around the pond in Chapmore End are due to be replaced. The new posts are currently with Ringways for installation. Concerns were raised that a number of other posts also now need replacing, but Cllr Crofton informed the group that any further replacement would be the Parish Council responsibly and not Highways.</p> <p>The water level of the pond has fallen and the maintenance of the overflow pipe can now take place, once a contractor has been identified.</p> <p>ACTION – responsibility of the posts to be further investigated.</p> <p><u>Crouchfields</u></p> <p>None</p> <p><u>Tonwell</u></p> <p>The Clerk shared the response with the Council concerning the bus route 907. The response was not positive and that currently there are no plans to include Tonwell on the route as 907 is a fast service. Also, that given the low bus usage within Tonwell currently, another service would not be considered.</p> <p>An update was given concerning the proposed closure of Tonwell Primary School. It is now understood that the submission to Cabinet for a decision has been postpone until September 2023 to allow of parents to make there case to keep the school open.</p> <p>The new section of the A602 is due to open in early August with Cllr Ellis attending the opening event on Monday 31 July. The existing section of the A602 is due to be handed back to Woodhall estate and not for public use.</p> <p>A contractor has been identified to install the new King’s Coronation bench within along with refurbishing four benches and constructing two new concrete bases.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that Highways had now taken over responsibility for the ground maintenance of two greens at bottom of Barley Croft along with the bus turnaround area n accordance with the map that was shared. These areas will no longer to maintained by the Parish Council.</p>
23/24 - 035	<p>Any other business</p> <p>None</p>
<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>11 September 2023</p>	