

Bengeo Rural Parish Council Meeting 14th July 2025

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MINUTES

<u>Present:</u>		<u>In Attendance:</u>
Cllr Tony Ellis (Chair)	Cllr Neil Blackaller	Victoria Preuss – Clerk
		Cllr Aubrey Holt

25/26 – 013	Apologies Apologies was noted from Cllr Matthew Clutterbuck and Cllr Jayne Abrey.
25/26 - 014	Declarations of Councillors' interests pertaining to agenda items. None
25/26– 015	Minutes The minutes from the May 2025 meeting were reviewed, but due to not being quorate the approval of the minutes will be carried forward to the next meeting.
25/26 – 016	Public Participation None
25/26 - 017	Internal Audit a – The Parish Clerk provided an overview of the Internal Audit Action tracker to the Council. b – The Parish Clerk presented the updated Standing Orders 2025, but due to not being quorate the requested approval will be carried forward to the next meeting. c – The Parish Council presented the updated Financial Regulations 2025, but due to not being quorate the requested approval will be carried forward to the next meeting.
25/26 - 018	Planning Applications a – The planning application for Staff Houses, Crouchfield was noted and no objections made.
25/26 - 019	Finance a – The Parish Clerk presented the latest finance sheet including invoice details, powers to spend and reconciliation to the cash book was presented to the Parish Council for review and their approval. The finance sheet was reviewed by those in attendance, but due to not being quorate approval will be carried forward to the next meeting. b - The spend to date against the budget was reviewed and noted by the Council. c – Acceptance of quotes – the quote for the HAPTC External Audit Service and for Operational Playground Inspection were confirmed as accepted.
25/26 - 020	Chapmore End Cllr Aubrey Holt updated the Council on the ongoing fly tipping issues in Chapmore End. New signage is due to be put up along the BOAT to act as a deterrent. Cllr Aubrey Holt confirmed that he will continue to monitor this issue with the East Herts enforcement team. Concerns were raised again in connection with the faded slow signs on the road.

	The Parish Clerk was requested to send to both Cllr Aubrey Holt and Cllr Ken Crofton the previous submissions and responses from Highways. It was also confirmed that the litter bin had been reinstated at Chapmore End and that the Parish Council will be funding it emptying. Tonwell Nothing significant to note. The new play area is being used, and that the sign is on order and the Clerk is currently waiting for an installation date. The gates onto the field are in need of some adjustment and minor works. A quote for the work will be obtained and if acceptable will be progressed. Crouchfields Nothing to note.
25/26 - 021	Items to Note a – Due to availability the meeting date for September will need to be moved. The Parish Clerk will contact the Councillors to confirm a new meeting date. b – In accordance with the latest guidance, the Parish Council website will be moving to .gov.uk domain along with a new Clerk email address.
Date of Next Meeting 29 September 2025	