

BONINGALE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting
29th May 2024 in the Old School Room Boningale

Present

Councillors C Keeton, A Gilson-Caldwell, K Vilton, S Burgess.
Clerk to the council M Ward,
Three members of the public.

1. Welcome and introduction.

The Vice-Chairman welcomed councillors and members of the public to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence.

Councillor Slatcher tendered his apologies which were accepted by the meeting.

3. To review the unaudited accounts for Boningale Parish Council 2023/24 and related discussion.

The clerk went through the unaudited accounts for Boningale Parish Council for 2023/24 which showed a balance of £2492 at the close of the fiscal year on 31st March 2024. Total receipts for the year were £3140 and payments totalled £2580. There were no question from councillors or the public regarding any details relating to the council's accounts.

4. Presentation of the Chairman's annual report and discussion of the contents.

The Chair of Council's report was read to the meeting which recorded that flooding in the church had now been remedied and repairs had been carried out regarding a telegraph pole that had blocked a drain and local pot holes had been also been dealt with by Shropshire Council. This had led to a noticeable improvement to roads in the area.

Work on the Pepperhill solar farm had now started and this was the largest project in the village for many years and the council would be monitoring its progress over the coming months.

5. To debate the proposal for Boningale Homes to build eight hundred homes and related services on green belt land at Newhouse Lane, Patshull Lane and Cross Road, Albrighton.

The council could not debate a proposal to build homes and related facilities in Albrighton up to the A464 Shifnal Road until an application had been received which was likely to be registered with Shropshire Council in approximately three weeks. Feelings against the initiative were high in Albrighton with concerns that the local amenities would be overstretched which would also have an adverse effect on Boningale residents. A speed limit on the A464 was likely although extra tree planting might help to reduce the noise.

Members of the Albrighton Action Group thanked Boningale residents for their support and it had formed an action committee with associated sub-committees, and it had produced and circulated leaflets explaining the issues to local people. The group planned to object to the housing proposal online once it had been received by Shropshire planning committee and it maintained its support for the Shropshire Local Plan. Workshops had been introduced, volunteers recruited, and a Facebook account was active. A petition was in progress and currently about 3,400 people had registered their resistance to the project. The Action Group had funds of approximately £6000 but more money was needed to help pay for advertising and meet legal costs.

6. Questions and recommendations from members of the community regarding other issues relating to the Boningale area.

The Vice-Chairman reported that the church bells would ring on 6th June commemorating D-Day in the second world war and there was debate regarding the best future use of the Boningale Old School Room. A possible council donation to the Albrighton Action Group was discussed but deferred as no formal planning application had been received.

7. Final remarks from the Chairman and closure of the meeting.

There being no further business the Vice-Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance at the meeting and noted that the next Boningale Parish Council meeting would take place on 25th June 2024 at 7.00 pm in the Old School Room, Boningale.

Thanks were again recorded and the meeting closed at 7.46 pm.