

BONINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 14th May 2025

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at The Old School Room, Boningale commencing at 7:00PM

Present: Councillors A. Gilson, C. Keeton (Vice-Chairman), V. Haines and D. Slatcher (Chairman)

Also Present: Mrs K. Eshelby (Clerk/RFO), Councillor E. Barker (County Councillor Representative),
Mr M. Ward (Outgoing Clerk)

1. **Welcome and introduction**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, introduced new councillors, informed councillors of a vacancy and made them aware that a co-option advertisement has been published.

2. **Apologies**

There were no apologies

3. **Minutes** – To confirm the minutes of the following meeting of the council - Annual Parish Meeting held on 29th May 2024:

Councillors **resolved** to accept the minutes and were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

4. **To review the unaudited 2024/2025 accounts**

The outgoing Clerk informed councillors that at the end of the financial year there was £3131 in the bank, showing a healthy balance of reserves. He stated that there was a reduction in spending due to less grant application requests.

It was noted that there will be £250 payment to AVAG in the next financial year that had already been agreed.

Micheal informed councillors that the process for the year end audit was underway.

5. **Presentation of the Chairman's Annual report and discussion of the contents**

Councillors received an update of the council's activities over the last year from the Chairman reporting that installation of the Solar Farm is now complete and once testing is completed, electricity should be released to the grid very soon.

Ongoing issues were discussed such as the village still suffering from flooding despite activity to resolve the issue from Shropshire Council and Severn Trent.

Potholes on various roads within the Parish are causing problems as they are not being actioned by Shropshire Council despite the numerous reporting on "fix-my-street". Councillor E. Barker assured councillors she would chase highways to push for action.

Councillor E. Barker was briefed on the Solar Farm at her request.

The Chairman thanked Steve Burgess and Kathy Vilton for their commitment to the Parish over the last few years as councillors, and bid farewell to the outgoing Clerk, thanked him for his service and wished him well in his retirement.

6. **Questions and recommendations from members of the community regarding issues relating to the Boningale Area**

There was no member of the public present.

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

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and informed councillors that the next meeting, the Annual Council Meeting, will take place on 4th June 2025, to be held at The Old School Room, Boningale commencing at 7:00pm.

The meeting closed at **20:15**

The signed copy of these minutes will be retained by the Parish Council.

Signed:

Date: