

Bengeo Rural Parish Council Meeting 8th January 2024

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MINUTES

<u>Present:</u>		<u>In Attendance:</u>
Cllr Tony Ellis (Chair)	Cllr Matthew Clutterbuck	Victoria Preuss - Clerk
Cllr Neil Blackaller	Cllr Matthew Lezemore	

23/24 – 064	Apologies Cllr Jayne Abery
23/24 – 065	Declarations of Councillors’ interests pertaining to agenda items – None
23/24 – 066	Minutes from 13 th November 2023 were approved.
23/24 – 067	Public Participation None
23/24 – 068	Internal Audit Actions No actions to be closed
23/24 – 069	Planning a – The refusal of the planning application – 3/23/2064/PNHH in Crouchfields was noted. An application for Chapmore End House – 3/24/0040/HH was noted by the Parish Council and no objections were raised.
23/24 – 070	a – The latest financial position and financial spreadsheet was presented to the Council for review. The financial position showed all payments up to 31 December and had been reconciled to the bank account. b – An updated budget for 2024/25 was presented to the Council for review and discussion. Following the discussion, the budget was approved. c – Following the approval for the draft budget, a discussion was held concerning what Precept should be requested for 2024/25. A discussion was held concerning future plans for the proposed new play area in Tonwell and when to start work. It was agreed that the Council would discuss the new play area and consider the plans in September 2024 meeting. An increase from the 2023/24 precept was approved by the Council. While at the meeting the Clerk and Councillors completed and signed the submission form.
23/24 – 071	Parish Updates <u>Chapmore End</u> An issue was raised concerning the speed limit on the B158 – Wadesmill Road and the junction with Chapmore End opposite Crouchfield Lane following the recent accidents. It was agreed that the Council would contact East Herts Highways raising the residents’ concerns and asking what could be done concerning the speed of vehicles. <u>Tonwell</u>

	<p>A resident had raised the issue of a new lamp post in The Orchard, but the resident was unable to attend the meeting. The resident had been invited to the February meeting so that they could raise their concerns.</p> <p>The Operations Director from Woodhall estate is due to meet with the Chair to discuss a number of issues within Tonwell. An update of the discussion will be provided at the next meeting.</p> <p>A new litter bin for Tonwell Field has been ordered, but yet to be installed. This will be followed up with East Herts.</p> <p><u>Crouchfields</u></p> <p>Nothing to note</p>
23/24 – 072	<p>Items to note</p> <p>The Clerk provided a brief update on the new website.</p>
<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>12 February 2024</p>	