

Bengeo Rural Parish Council Meeting 13th November 2023

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DRAFT MINUTES

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

23/24 – 054	Apologies Cllr Matthew Lezmore
23/24 – 055	Declarations of Councillors' interests pertaining to agenda items – None
23/24 – 056	Minutes from 13 th October 2023 were approved.
23/24 – 057	Public Participation None
23/24 – 058	Internal Audit Actions No actions to be closed
23/24 – 059	Planning a – A request for permitted development had been received from Crouchfields – 3/23/2064/PNHH. The Council had no objections.
23/24 – 060	a – The latest financial position and financial spreadsheet was presented to the Council for review. The financial position showed all payments up to 20 October and had been reconciled to the bank account. b – The updated draft budget for 2024/25 was presented to the meeting. Following a discussion, the decision was deferred to the next meeting as the precept needs to be approved first to support the budget. c – Following a discussion concerning the proposed precept for 2024/25 it was agreed that this would be deferred to the next meeting in January 2024.
23/24 – 061	Dates for Meetings 2024/25 The proposed dates 2024/25 were circulated. The proposed date for January 2024 needed to be changed from 15 January to 8 January. All other dates were approved.
23/24 – 062	Parish Updates <u>Chapmore End</u> The hedges are still yet to be cut. Cllr Neil Blackaller added some photos to the on the East Herts portal and was awaiting an update. Also, we have still be unable to locate the drainage pipe in the pond. But until the water level drops, further investigation cannot take place. <u>Crouchfields</u> None <u>Tonwell</u>

	<p>The contractor will continue to carry out regular grass cutting within the village until the end of the season. The trees that had been give to the village have been planted in the top corner of the field.</p> <p>There was a discussion around the proposed new play area. A quote for some initial work has been requested for the January 2024 meeting.</p> <p>A resident had raised concerns around the location and smell of one of the dog bin near the entrance to the field. Following a discussion, the paid emptying and cleaning of the bins will be monitored to ensure that the service being paid for is being provided.</p> <p>A quote had been received for a new litter bin for the field to replace the current bin near the swings. The quote was approved along with a weekly emptying service.</p> <p>The Council was updated following some initial discussions with Woodhall Estate concerning their submission on the school closure consultation and the possibility of supporting a neighbourhood plan. The Parish Council would not support a neighbourhood plan at this time. Discussions are continuing with Woodhall concerning the recent flooding in the village and what may need to be done.</p>
23/24 – 063	<p>Items to note</p> <p>a – The Parish Clerk gave a update concerning the revamp of the website.</p> <p>b – The Tonwell defib had been removed from the case due to a faulty floorplate in the cabinet. This has now been replaced.</p>
<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>8 January 2024</p>	