

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL, WHICH WAS HELD IN
FITZ VILLAGE HALL
ON WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2026 at 7.30pm.

PUBLIC SESSION

Prior to the start of the meeting, members of the public will be invited to make comment on any matters included in this agenda or raise issues affecting the Parish.

PRESENT: Messrs D. Harmer (Chairman) K. Rutherford, C. Stockton, R. Jagger & A. Herbert.
P.C R. Walters & P.C. N. Coupland

APOLOGIES: Mesdames L. Cowley & C. Mason. Mr E. Mason.
Mr B. Mallen County Councillor

Item	Description	P	S	Action
1a	Declaration of Personal or Prejudicial Interests. For Members to disclose any personal or prejudicial interests in any items on the Agenda for this meeting. None			
1b	The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th July 2026 were agreed and signed as a true record. P. by Mr A. Herbert S. by Mr K. Rutherford & agreed unanimously.			
1c	STATUTORY BUSINESS: Declaration of acceptance of office read out by Mr R. Jagger.			
	Following a discussion Mrs L. Baly was voted on as a new member of the Parish Council. Three members of the public attended the meeting requiring more information about the proposed Play Park by Magnolia Close. Mr Harmer gave them an update of the situation.			
2	Report from Shropshire County Councillor - emailed to Councillors.			
3a	Chairpersons Report Mr Harmer had received an email from a resident of Bomere Heath re the possibility of placing a "Welcome to Bomere Heath" sign with a planter underneath. The Parish Council agreed this would be a great idea and agreed to grant the funds for this. The Clerk was asked to email back and request formal proposals and costs for the project. Mr Harmer also informed the Councillors that he had reported some fly tipping along by the Girder Bridge to Fix My Street.			

3b	CLERKS REPORT The clerk presented a budget summary where spend was compared to budgets set. The figures were read out and agreed. Remaining balance £11,704.59 P. by Mr A. Herbert & S. by Mr K. Rutherford and agreed unanimously.			
3c	Bank balances as at 28th August 2026 Community Account £34,820.49 CIL account £505.87 Savings account: £20,505.37 Cambridge B.S. £109,562.09 FINANCE: The External Audit report was discussed. The External Auditor confirmed that the information in sections 1&2 of the AGAR is in accordance with proper practises and no other matters have come to their attention. A payment has been paid to Ace Play for £726.33 which is half the total of the repair to play area. See finance and accounts. Application from B.H.C.C. for £20,000 for essential drainage improvements to the cricket ground. Following a lengthy discussion the Parish Council resolved to pay the grant of £20,000.00. The Clerk was asked to email the Cricket Club to ask for some feedback when the works are complete, copies of the paid invoices for audit purposes and when payment would be required. The VAT refund of £1345.16 has been credited to our account. N.A.L.C. has agreed a National Pay Award of 3.3% w.e.f. 1st April. It was resolved that the P.C. agreed this increase in salary backdated to 1st April P. by Mr D. Harmer & S. by Mr A. Herbert and agreed unanimously. To discuss the new contract for Payroll Services 2027 -2028 and increase charge of £132.00. The Parish Council resolved to agree the increase in charge and the new contract was signed. P. by Mr D. Harmer & S. by Mr A. Herbert and agreed unanimously. A date was agreed for the next Finance meeting 29th September 2026.	SH		
4	Matters arising from the Minutes.			

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	Road closure Leaton Hall junction B5067 to Sation House junction 1st – 11th September 9.30am – 4pm Rd Closure Huffley Lane 19th – 20th September Email re public footpath access obstruction from the Wickets to B.H.C.C.																																																										
8	8. Items raised at the last meeting or requested by Councillors. (a) The Parish Council Web Site. – Items are updated regularly. (b) Business Plan (c) Youth Club – Report received from All About Youth. (d) Neighbourhood Plan																																																										
9	Exchange of Information. (a) For Members to bring to the notice of the Council any items requiring urgent attention regarding: i. Highways. ii. Footpaths & Rights of Way iii. Street Lights. iv. Other. Mr Herbert informed the Parish Council that the Fete on the 12th September was a great success. The surplus funds are going to be distributed between various organisations in the village. (b) Items for inclusion on the next agenda.																																																										
10	Accounts agreed for Payment. <u>For Members to approve payment of the following accounts:</u> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Payee</th><th>Item</th><th>Net</th><th>VAT</th><th>Gross</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Wages</td><td>wages</td><td>£798.37</td><td>£0.00</td><td>£798.37</td></tr> <tr> <td>NPOWER</td><td>Electricity</td><td>£113.68</td><td>£5.68</td><td>£119.36</td></tr> <tr> <td>Wages</td><td>Wages Aug</td><td>£798.37</td><td>£0.00</td><td>£798.57</td></tr> <tr> <td>BHVH</td><td>Youth club room hire</td><td>£63.00</td><td>£0.00</td><td>£63.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Hugo Fox</td><td>website</td><td>£23.99</td><td>£0.00</td><td>£23.99</td></tr> <tr> <td>BHVH</td><td>Bband</td><td>£29.99</td><td>£0.00</td><td>£29.99</td></tr> <tr> <td>Lloyds bank</td><td>Bank charges</td><td>£4.75</td><td>£0.00</td><td>£4.75</td></tr> <tr> <td>B.H.V.H.</td><td>Room hire</td><td>£17.00</td><td>£0.00</td><td>£17.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Hugo Fox</td><td>Website</td><td>£11.99</td><td>£0.00</td><td>£11.99</td></tr> <tr> <td>Mrs Horton</td><td>Printer Paper</td><td>£9.80</td><td>£0.00</td><td>£9.80</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Payee	Item	Net	VAT	Gross	Wages	wages	£798.37	£0.00	£798.37	NPOWER	Electricity	£113.68	£5.68	£119.36	Wages	Wages Aug	£798.37	£0.00	£798.57	BHVH	Youth club room hire	£63.00	£0.00	£63.00	Hugo Fox	website	£23.99	£0.00	£23.99	BHVH	Bband	£29.99	£0.00	£29.99	Lloyds bank	Bank charges	£4.75	£0.00	£4.75	B.H.V.H.	Room hire	£17.00	£0.00	£17.00	Hugo Fox	Website	£11.99	£0.00	£11.99	Mrs Horton	Printer Paper	£9.80	£0.00	£9.80			
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