

MINUTES OF BOMERE HEATH & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Business Planning Meeting

HELD IN

Albrighton Hall on Wednesday 18th Jan 2023 at 7.00pm.

PC Member Session

PRESENT: D.Harmer, (chairman) C.Stockton, A Herbert, K Rutherford, M Speak, L.Cowley & S.Horton

APOLOGIES: E.Mason, C.Mason, L.Campbel, M.Keogh, R.Jagger, & L.England.

1 - Read through notes from 28/Jan/2022 Meeting. The key actions are listed below with an update:

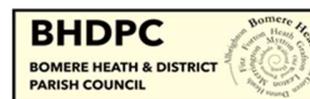
Comment	Action	Result
1 - Precept 2022/23	Agreed a 2% increase to precept – SCC noted would generate £23,056 (£0.52) increase per household	<i>The PC members agreed unanimously to increase the precept by 2%. The PC felt that there was a need to elevate the precept due to inflations and running cost increases, however, could afford to limit the increase this year based on pandemic impact on parishioners. DH Filled in the form and signed off</i>
2 - Big Idea	Discussed the Village Hall and reflected upon the Zion Chapel process and how the PC now intend to support BHVH. Discussed previous suggestions and how they feel 2 years on. Agreed that the VH should have facilities fit for the parish/village and aim to include the younger and older members of the parish.	<i>PC undertook consultation and decided not to proceed. The Zion Chapel has since been sold and an application for a day care nursery has recently been unsuccessful.</i>
3 - Younger people	Discussed the impact that the pandemic has had on youth groups in the parish and the issue with low volunteer numbers.	<i>In October 2022 the Youth Club started again by PC funding of the SYW assisted leader programme. PC to monitor and review user numbers and success.</i>

2 – Clerk (S.Horton) told the PC that we were today notified that Galliers Homes has now applied for planning permission for 62 homes between the new estate and the Cricket Club. This needs to be responded in 31 days. No-one had seen the plans at the time, but we would review.

Action – Request additional time to allow the PC to have a separate meeting to discuss this item. DH proposed extending to the 25th Feb 2023.

3 – MS noted that he had an interest as outgoing Chair of BHVH and remains a trustee. When discussing the VH he would be representing the VH, therefore no voting on behalf of the PC.

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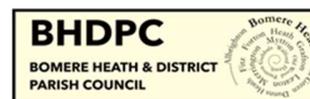


4 - The Committee discussed and formulated a list of potential schemes that we could focus on in the next 12 – 18months. Some ideas are already in progress, but we also discussed costs that the PC should consider when planning the budget.

Proposals listed below

Topic	Key Desired Outcome	Where applicable – Actions / Timeframe	PC Anticipated Budget
Coronation Event	May 2023 Community Event similar to ER Jubilee Bails in Field with entertainment and Beacon	DH to speak to CB Identify if the Crown are intending to do a linked event?	£1.5k
Christmas Tree	Organise Carol Event Dec 2023	Install the Base Purchase Lights Arrange for Tree	£1k
Fete / Fun Day	As 2019 – Community Fete involving Community in Summer 2023	Committee to be formed Agree Date	£3k
Forton Heath Traffic Issues	Conclude the Forton Heath proposals agreed by the PC & SCC.	LC to contact SCC to chase funds	£7.5k
Speed Sign	PC agreed to purchase the Cameras and Posts and install these ASAP. Costs to be deducted from the PC contribution fee previously agreed	PC to confirm that funds spent can be deducted from the above contribution	£4,500 (deducted from above)
BH Merrington Rd Bus Stop	Complete the bus stop hard standing and signpost	MK to follow up with SCC and Highways. Installed by Summer 2023	£1,250
BH Village Hall	Assist with VH committee succession. Continue to financially support. Roof – A.C.R.E Grant Process Heating & Refurb. These are still required but will follow the roof. AH forwarded a grant scheme from Marches to carry out an energy efficiency study to guide the VH.	Agreed to set aside £40 as a max 80% contribution for the Roof. DH to issue letter MS to progress application for VH	£40k
BH Ball Park	Conclude the Ball Park matter with the School and Diocesan of Litchfield. Establish if the Ball Park could move to the Football Field	DH to contact CB re the land lease and Galliers re access.	Undecided
Eco Scheme	Continue to push the eco agenda, utilising the eco contacts and Severn Trent.	AH to contact RSVP and STW schemes. Identify areas that can be wilded. LC to contact areas of Fitz that could be viable.	£2k

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		KR to identify spaces in Walford Heath. AH to see if the path opposite the play Park as an eco-area.	
Shrewsbury Rd Traffic Matters	Review potential parking solutions.	PC to review the parking in the centre of BH. Consider road markings Post Severn Trent Works in 2024	Undecided
Fitz Village Hall Car Park	Work with the Fitz VH committee to see if there is a solution or a funding stream that we can support or contribute towards.	LC to follow up with Fitz VH	Undecided
Walford Heath Bus Stop	Identify if there is a desire for bus stop(s) in WH. This could qualify if STW install/fund one with a green roof. Previously bus stops were circa £2k each	KR to identify need (contact Greenacres)	£5k
Buchanan's Wood	Continue to tend to the plot and maintain ecological benefit	Manage Trees and JKW identified in report DH/AH to manage the review and instruct the work	£1,500
BH Play Park	Get the maintenance up and running ASAP	Instruct the hedge/grass works Instruct the fence repair	£2k
Total			£69,250

5 – Precept – Committee agreed (5f – 1a) that we would keep the Precept at 0% generating £23,261 in 2023/24 to be received in April.

The consideration is that we haven't spent the budget in 2022/23 and spent circa £15k of a £22k budget. The PC wanted to pass any saving onto the Parish by way of a 0% increase.

1 member proposed a nominal 2% increase based on the inflation rate and that we would need to raise funds in the future in line with other PC's in Shropshire.

It was acknowledged that the Precept may need to be increased by at least 2% next year.