

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL, WHICH WAS HELD IN
FITZ VILLAGE HALL
ON WEDNESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2025 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) A. Herbert, K. Rutherford, C. Stockton & E. Mason.
Mesdames L. Cowley & C. Mason
County Councillor Brendon Mallen

APOLOGIES: R. Jagger

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.			
1b	The Minutes of meeting held on 9th July 2025 were signed and agreed as a true record P. by Mrs L. Cowley & S. by Mr K. Rutherford and agreed unanimously			
	Speaker: Simon- Harrison Jones -Speed Reduction Measures Forton Heath Mr Harrison Jones was unable to make the meeting, however 6 members of the public attended to inform the Parish Council that they have sent a formal letter of complaint to Shropshire Council as nothing has happened. Mr Harmer informed them that the P.C. are very concerned about the safety aspect. Firstly the P.C. want to get the original plan approved, then ask for other things afterwards.			
2	Report from Shropshire County Councillor Mr Brendan Mallen attended the meeting. He went through the report he had previously emailed to the P.C. He informed the P.C. of a proposal for 600 houses to be built by the Battlefield roundabout, and asked that they make the local people aware of this.			
3a	Chairpersons Report To go through the minutes from the finance meeting held on 23 rd July 2025- deferred to October meeting.			

	He reminded the P.C. of the date of the Fete this Saturday 13th September.			
3b	CLERKS REPORT The clerk presented a budget summary where spend was compared to budgets set. Remaining budget £24,996.76. The figures were agreed P. by Mr C. Stockton & S. by Mr D. Harmer and agreed			
3c	unanimously. Bank Balances as at 3.9.25 Community Account £36,390.55 CIL account £503.10 Savings account: £15410.68 Cambridge B.S. £58,293.45			
3d	FINANCE: The VAT refund of £4842.61 has been received and credited to the Lloyds account on 28th August. The National Joint Council for Local Government services has reached an agreement on rates of pay from 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026. To agree a new pay rate back dated to April 2025. It was P. by Mr D. Harmer & S. by Mr A. Herbert and agreed unanimously of a salary increase of 3.20% to be included with the October salary back dated to April.			
4	Matters arising from the Minutes. Email sent to Daniel at Harpers following their offer to make a positive contribution to our village. Mr Herbert had contacted them following the last meeting and suggested help with the youth club or wild flower planting. We are waiting to hear back from Harpers. Email from Julia Buckley concerning Prescott Surgery with the response from the Integrated Care Board following the matters raised by the Parish Council. There are no plans to do anything until 2026/27. Mr Tomkins from B.H.C.C. attended the meeting to update the P.C. re their application for funding. He informed the P.C. that no action will be taken until next year when they will have to apply for new tenders. Mr Herbert P. Moving forward the P.C. will ring fence an additional 8K and we ask that the contingency is held back unless required. There was a vote 4 in favour and 1 against. The finger post at the crossroads has now been repainted. The Parish Council have thanked John Edwards for all his hard work.			

5 a	Planning Applications to consider. To consider and respond to applications received from Shropshire Council. Honeysuckle House, Shrewsbury Road, Bomere Heath REF 25/02790/FUL - Represent Formation of dormer to rear with 2 no windows Home Farm, Berwick Rd, Upper Berwick Shrewsbury REF 25/02879/AGR Proposed concrete pad for agricultural storage. Keepers Cottage, Upper Berwick, Shrewsbury REF 25/02886/LBC Replacement of 3 no downstairs internal doors. Proposed Residential Development Land to the East of Merrington Road, Bomere Heath, Shrewsbury REF 25/02929/OUT- Object It was agreed to hold a special meeting of the P.C. to discuss this in full on 24th September. (Following this meeting a letter of objection was sent) Email from Waine estates. Merrington Grange Farm, Merrington REF25/03247/FUL - Support Erection of agricultural workers dwelling. Oaklands, Leaton, Bomere Heath REF 25/03265/FUL – Support Erection of rear 1 & 2 storey extension and a double garage. Walford Heath REF 25/03187/PIP& 25/03816/PIP – Object Planning for 5 to 6 houses by the newly built and existing cottages between the crossroads and the exit of the village towards Baschurch.			
5b	Planning Application Outcomes. GRANTED PERMISSION: Mytton Hall, Mytton REF 25/00789/LBC Priorfield, Dobell Lane, Bomere Heath REF 25/02094 1 Mytton, Shrewsbury REF 25/00874/FUL Berwick House, Berwick Road, Upper Berwick REF 25/01821/VAR Proposed dwelling to the South of Fitz REF 25/02387/CPE Decision: Certificate Lawful Keepers Cottage, Upper Berwick REF 25/02886.LBC Decision: Withdrawn			
6	Police Report - Not received			
	Correspondence. <u>To consider and where necessary, respond to items of correspondence received since the last meeting</u> *Already forwarded to Members Email re date of S.A.L.C. AGM Wednesday 29th October *			

	Email re play area* Email from Shropshire Council re working in closer partnership* Email from S.A.L.C. weekly briefing* Email re overgrown hedge along the school path* P.C. to contact Shropshire Council/ B. Mallen. Email from S.A.L.C. re Shropshire Nature Recovery Strategy* Road Closures: Bomere Heath Fete 13th September - Shrewsbury Rd (from Chapel Close to Windsor Lane) will be closed from 12.30pm -18.00 Diversion in place. Broomhall Lane, Bomere Heath 24th September to 25th September Unnamed road between Forton Heath and Broomfields S.T.W.A. 14th – 16th October Unnamed road between Bomere Heath and Dunnsheath Network Rail 25th – 26th October			
8	8. Items raised at the last meeting or requested by Councillors. (a) The Parish Council Web Site. – Items are updated regularly. (b) Youth Club. (c) Business 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 Rutherford informed the P.C. there had been a large diesel spillage in Walford Heath. (b) Items for inclusion on the next agenda. M. Selman to speak about Scouts musical donation. Apologies Mr A. Herbert & Mrs L. Cowley Confirm date for business meeting/ Neighbourhood Plan S.A.L.C. AGM reply by 10th October			
10	Accounts agreed for Payment.			

	For Members to approve payment of the following accounts:						
	Payee	Item	Net	VAT	Gross		
	R. Briers	Broadband	£48.05	£0.00	£48.05		
	R.Briers	July/Aug	£48.05	£0.00	£48.05		
	B.H.V.H.	Room hire	£29.75	£0.00	£29.75		
	B.H.V.H	Room hire	£8.50	£0.00	£8.50		
	Parish Newsletter	Support for costs	£100.00	£0.00	£100.00		
	R.O.S.P.A.	Inspection	£96.00	£19.20	£115.20		
	J.Edwards	Paint for finger post	£59.41	£0.00	£59.41		
	Wages	Wages July	£791.13	£0.00	£791.13		
		Wages Aug	£791.33	£0.00	£791.33		
	Mrs Horton	H.W.A.	£86.61	£0.00	£86.61		
	J.P Eccleston	5x grass cuts	£425.00	£85.00	£510.00		
	Google Cloud	Emails July/Aug	£91.00 £91.00	£0.00 £0.00	£91.00 £91.00		
	Hugo Fox	website	£ 23.99	£0.00	£23.99		
	B.H.V.H.	Broadband	£26.99	£0.00	£26.99		
	H.T.M.	Rd Closure Fete	£1035.00	£207.00	£1242.00		
	Eon	Annual Maintenance	£165.90	£33.18	£199.08		
	J.P Eccleston	New fence/gate Play area	£1470.00	£294.00	£1764.00		
	Lloyds	Service charge	£4.25	£0.00	£4.25		
11	Date and time of next meeting – Wednesday 8th October 2025						
	Location – Bomere Heath village hall.						