Bournheath Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting Minutes:
Wednesday 13th May 2026, 7.00pm at Bournheath Village Community Centre

Councillors (Cllr) present:
Gary Davies (Chair), Louise Colley (Vice Chair), Matthew Guest, Sophie Moir and Maria Stepin.

Apologies:
Phil Hughes, County Councillor Mark Dunkley, District Councillors Karen May and Simon Nock

In attendance:
Clerk, Ro Hardeman and three members of the public.

1. Review and approval of minutes from 13th May 2025 Annual Parish Meeting - approved.

2. Chair's Report
   Welcome all to this Annual Parish meeting.

   Highlights from last 12 months
   Road safety continues as a key focus. 2 new Solar powered VAS signs have been installed. Traffic and pedestrian concerns have been strongly highlighted, where applicable in planning responses. And Maria Murphy and Terrry Colley have got the speedwatch teams motivated for the summer.

   Flood prevention will always be a priority. Drains and gullies continue to be closely monitored, with help from Wendy our Lengthsperson. The Water management team have also visited to talk about an initiative to create independent flood prevention teams in Parishes, which they will support. Scrapes have been dug in field next to park which appears to be keeping the rec dry, which is good because the new goals are getting plenty of use. We have Aqua sacks available if anyone feels they would like to have any in the house, there were instructions in the newsletter regarding bets method of use.
   A new Defibrillator has been installed on Dodford Road in the phone box.
   Community Orchard is looking good, thanks for watering help last summer.
   Great to see tree planting has started.

   We are keeping in close contact with Severn Trent, with support from Karen while work is ongoing.

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There's another Fete on 13th of June. last years was really well attended, thanks Sophie for organising. Fingers crossed for weather.

Finally thanks to Parish council team particularly our Clerk Ro for their hard work this year.
And thanks to District and County Councillors for all their help and financial support.

3. Items of parochial interest – Residents' questions

The meeting was then opened up for residents to discuss matters of their choosing, and the following concerns were raised:

a. Size and speed of vehicles using Fairfield Road. It was hoped that, once the Severn Trent work on the new pipelines was finished and there were no longer diversions in place, that people may no longer use the village as an alternative route. The Clerk will raise this issue with the County Councillor and the Highways Team.
b. Flooding. The culvert in Fairfield Road was discussed, as was the fact that a full survey was carried out two years ago, which will be repeated. Measures being taken by North Worcestershire Water Management were described – future plans include a map of the culverts for the Autumn newsletter so that residents can be aware of how they can help people further down the watercourse.
c. Notification of Planning. Residents were concerned that planning permission had been refused for a site, but the plans were then amended, resubmitted, and approved, without the neighbours or the Parish Council being informed of the new plans or being given the opportunity to submit comments. The Clerk would contacted District Cllr May for support and Cllr May confirmed that the application submitted as a revised application which resulted in a delegated decision being made therefore the application was not reissued for wider consultation.
d. Residents who had joined the village in the past year had enjoyed being part of the community. The summer fete on 13th June is the next main event, to which everyone is invited.

The meeting concluded at 7.30pm.

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