

BERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 7th February 2019

MINUTES

1. **Chairman's welcome;** The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting
2. **Present** Councillor C Wild-Chairman ;Councillor R Purslow –Vice-chairman ; Councillor S Mason ; Councillor C Bonsey; Councillor L Picton ; Councillor E Brayne ; Councillor J Brayne
Apologies: There were no apologies all members were present.
 Also present L Pardoe clerk to the Council and 5 members of the public please (for names Please see sheet attached to the minutes.)
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests** There were none at this point.
4. **Co-option of Parish Councillors.** Mrs Shedden and Mr Jones joined the members at the table and introduced themselves and explained why they wished to join the Parish Council. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would co-opt Mrs Sue Shedden and Mr Geoff Jones on to the Parish Council. Proposed by Councillor C Wild seconded by Councillor C Bonsey and agreed by all members present.
5. **Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Parish Councillor.** These were signed by Councillors Shedden and Jones in the presence of the council and witnessed by the Proper Officer of the Parish Council.
6. **Public Session. Standing Orders were lifted to allow the public to speak.** A gentleman had come to the Community Led Plan Launch event and as it had already finished he was disappointed. The Meeting had been advertised from 11 am until 2.00pm but this finished earlier than planned just after 1.00pm It was explained to him that the format had been changed due to the change of role of Mathew Mead who lead the meeting. There would be other meetings for him to attend .He was asked to leave his e-mail address for the clerk to contact him with any subsequent meeting details.
 Mr Healey said that the same had been said to him by a couple of residents.
 Mr Healey said that he was misrepresented in the minutes from the January meeting and also in the response the clerk had sent to the residents who had signed a letter written by Mr Healey regarding the preferred site for Crosshouses.
 He was insistent that the Chairman discuss his resignation letter with the other council members and that she write to him to justify the Parish Council decision to ignore the 20 letters he had presented to the Council meeting in January. The clerk pointed out that the letters had not been ignored, they had all received a written response from the clerk and the residents have the opportunity to respond to the Local Plan Consultation. He was asked by one councillor why he wanted a letter from the Chairman. The Chairman pointed out that it was the job of the clerk to respond to all correspondence on behalf of the Parish Council. Members agreed that the clerk would respond to the resignation letter even though the clerk had already responded by e-mail to all the points that Mr Healey had raised.
The Chairman reinstated Standing orders. Mr Healey continued to demand a response. He was asked to sit down and refrain from speaking but continued to do so. He was told that if

he would not respect Standing Orders and be quiet he would be asked to leave the meeting. He then stopped speaking.

7. **Confirmation of the minutes from 3rd January 2019** ; It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting; Proposed by Councillor C Wild ;seconded by Councillor R Purlow and agreed by all members of the Parish Council who were present at the January meeting. Councillors Shedden and Jones abstained from voting on this item.
8. **Matters arising:** clerk had nothing to report.
9. **Police Report:** circulated to members by the clerk. These would now be done quarterly. Clerk to print 3 copies of the details of the new team for the three Notice Bards.
10. **Highway Matters**
 - i. Councillors R Purlow reported that the road sweeper had been at the Fletchers development every day.
 - ii. Councillor C Wild reported that the Kings Street Crossroads drains were in the Highways program and would be done.
 - iii. The clerk reported that she had received communication to the effect that the mini roundabout should be started in the spring.
 - iv. Members reported that there had been several near misses from vehicles entering and leaving Fletchers development driving straight over the roundabout.
 - v. Councillor C Wild reported that the A458 will be closed to Cressage during half term break week for re surfacing.
 - vi. Councillor E Brayne reported the gully at the bottom of the road in the dip past Fox Farm towards Cressage is blocked.

11. Planning;

Previous applications:

Reference: 18/00111/FUL: Proposed Poultry Unit at Bettonfield Farm, Betton Strange, Shrewsbury. **Permission Granted 6th Feb 2019**

Reference:18/05557/FUL: Barn at Betton Abbots Farm, Betton Abbots, Shrewsbury .SY5 6JD awaiting decision

Reference: 18/05669/FUL: Betton House, Betton Strange, Shrewsbury SY5 6HZ.awaiting decision

Reference:18/05828/HHE: 14 Ridout Road, Cross Houses, Shrewsbury SY5 6LS; awaiting decision

Council to consider new applications.

Reference: 19/00292/FUL (validated: 21/01/2019)

Address: Meadow Bank Farm, Conover, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 7DB

Proposal: Construction of an earth bank slurry lagoon

After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council agreed they would request that all relevant environmental regulations are strictly adhered to with particular regard to the spreading of slurry.

Proposed by Councillor S Shedden; seconded by Councillor L Picton and agreed by all members.

Council to consider any new applications notified after the agenda has been sent out.

There were no new applications to consider.

12. Finance

- i. Council to receive Bank Reconciliation for the month end January 2019 It was agreed to receive the Bank Reconciliation as presented by the clerk proposed by Councillor L Picton; seconded by Councillor E Brayne and agreed by all members present.
- ii. Council to pay agree and pay accounts as presented by the clerk. List to be circulated to members before the meeting. It was agreed to pay the accounts as presented by the clerk; proposed by Councillor S Mason; seconded by Councillor E Brayne and agreed by all members present.

1197	SJF Printint	Village Pump	302.00
1198	HMRC	PAYE	15.40
1199	L Pardoe	additonal exp	180.87
1120	Shropshire Council	Energy	100.94
1121	L Pardoe	Community Led Plan Expenses	48.31
		total	647.52

- iii. The ladies who had provided refreshments for the Community Led Plan Launch did not want reimbursement but would welcome a donation of £15.00 to the charity they support which is Dementia UK. This was agreed by the Council. Proposed by Councillor C Wild; seconded by Councillor G Jones and agreed by all members
- iv. Council to consider any grant applications received; there were no grant applications received for consideration.

13. Play Area Matters:

- **Councillor J Brayne to report on Youth Club Activities** Councillor J Brayne reported that they now had a young person doing their Duke of Edinburg scheme assisting at the Youth Club and that they also had 2 new adult volunteers joined. Councillor S Shedden had now passed her level 2 Youth Leader award which meant that she was able to run a local youth club. To qualify to level 3 required a large time commitment and Councillor S Shedden was considering whether she had the time to do this. Ideally they needed 3 qualified to level 2 and they would be able to run the Youth Club without the support of Shropshire youth Association, which they hoped to be able to do eventually.
- **Councillor E Brayne to report on Play Areas.** Councillor Brayne reported that he had spoken to a representative from the National Trust and they were unable to do anything further to solve the flooding problem .This would need to be taken on by the Estates Manager Steven Armstrong. They also said that with the sheer quantity of Dog faeces on the field they would not be able to allow their personnel to work on it .The contractor who cuts the grass has also spoken of the quantity of dog faeces on the playing field. Members discussed this matter in some detail and it was agreed that the clerk would look into costs for surveillance cameras to be placed at the Playing fields sites and also costing for a private firm to come and patrol the area with a view to catching those responsible and issuing large fines.
- The clerk to also look into signage for the area.
- Placing a ban on dogs in the Playing Fields was looked at for health and safety reasons but there is considerable difficulty in policing this.
- The Youth Club had looked at having events on the field in the better weather and these were now in doubt with the amount of dog faeces there. It was felt that if the

Youth Club were to put a letter in the Pump asking people to please clean up after their dogs, this might have a positive effect.

- The clerk reported that she was in communication with the Shrewsbury Academy Trust regarding the acquisition of a netball hoop and was waiting to hear if we had been successful.

14. Community Led Plan launch-

- The clerk had prepared draft notes from the launch event on February 2nd for members and these had been circulated.
- It was agreed that the next meeting would be held at a date and time convenient for Mathew Mead or someone from his team to attend. The clerk to write to all those who had expressed an interest in taking part in the exercise thanking them for their interest and inviting them to the next Parish Council meeting on 7th March starting at 7.00pm to formally agree a structure to move this forward. The Parish Council meeting would then continue after this preliminary meeting had taken place starting at 7.30pm.
- It was agreed that the Parish Council representatives on this committee would be Claire Bonsey and Sue Shedden.
- A few people had said that they had turned up and that the event had already finished and they were disappointed. It was agreed that Councillor Picton would put a piece on the Facebook page apologising for this and letting people know that there would be more meetings and these would be notified on the Facebook page and in the pump.

15. Correspondence: This was noted.

- The clerk reported that there had been correspondence from Severnside stating that they would be willing to match fund the improvements to the parking on Noel Hill Road and it was suggested that the Parish Council lodge an expression of Interest with Shropshire Council for funding from the Local fund for this project. Members agreed with this. Proposed by Councillor C Wild; seconded by Councillor S Shedden and agreed by all members.
- The clerk reported to members that she had received written confirmation from the owner of the site designated for potential development in the Local Plan that she had not been contacted about the site by Councillor Wild despite Mr. Healeys continued allegations that Councillor Wild had contacted her. The clerk had requested that Mr Healey provide written evidence of his allegations which he had failed to do at the time of this meeting.

16. Parish Matters:

- Councillor R Purslow asked if we could organise a litter pick. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for the March meeting to arrange.
- Councillor Brayne spoke on some speeding signs that he had been made aware of that had an effect on the speeding traffic. Councillor Wild said that she would speak to the officer concerned (Dave Gradwell) at Shropshire Council and see if we could arrange a site meeting to look at the issue.

- Councillor R Purslow reported that concerns had been expressed by residents over the Drainage Pond on the new Fletchers development. The pond was dry and the walls were collapsing in on themselves. Clerk to write to Fletchers about this and pass on these concerns.
- Councillor C Bonsey asked what was being done regarding the Allotments wall. Councillor C Wild said that she was trying to arrange a site meeting with Head of Highways and Conservation officers from Shropshire Council to look at this and see if it could be done as part of the Place Plan project to improve the road from Atcham to Crosshouses. When she had arranged a site meeting she would let all members know the date and time.

17. **Date and time of next meeting:** It was agreed that this would be held on Thursday March 7th 2019 at the Community Centre starting at 7.00pm
18. The Chairman thanked all for attending and the meeting was closed at 9.00pm

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