

BERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 6th February 2020

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 Shedden, Councillor S Mason, Councillor J Brayne, Councillor E Brayne, Councillor G Jones. Also present L Pardoe, clerk to the meeting and three members of the public. Apologies were received from Councillor C Bonsey who was away and Councillor L Picton who was unable to attend.
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests.** There were none at this point.
4. **Public Session.** *Standing Orders were lifted to allow the public to speak.* A member of the public asked if he could have the information he had e-mailed the clerk for. The clerk said she was unsure exactly what information he wanted. He explained that he wanted to see the accounts for this month. She referred him to the Minutes on the website for a list of all payments made by the Parish Council at each meeting. He said that he wanted to see the papers that the clerk sent to the members of the parish council. The clerk explained that as an elector he was entitled to examine the year end accounts at the examination stage of the audit process. This was set by the external auditors and was from 17th June to 26th July in 2019 and she expected that the time would be similar this year. He replied that he wanted to see the bank statements as he was convinced that the Parish Council were spending the CIL money inappropriately. The clerk replied that he was not entitled to see these at this time as he was not a Parish Councillor. The clerk had taken advice from SALC (Society of Local Councils of which the Parish Council is a member) on this matter and referred to page 81 of Local Councils explained by National Association of Local Councils and the Audit regulation 2014. He was not satisfied with this answer. He stated that he would request the information under the Freedom of Information Act.

The Chairman closed the public session and reinstated Standing Orders.

5. **Confirmation of the minutes from 15th January 2020.** It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting, proposed by Councillor R Purslow seconded by Councillor S Mason and agreed by all members present.
6. **Matters arising:**
 - Clerk reported that she had tracked down a company called E & J Ground rents No 15 Limited who were supposed to be managing the properties in the cul de sac where the street lights are not working. They had referred her to Metro Property Management who were the agents for E & J Ground Rents No 15 Limited. The local agent who is responsible for the Crosshouses development is looking into who is the registered landowner.
 - The clerk reported that she had written to the CEO of Greenbelt and sent it recorded delivery but had received no response at all. She had tried to ring but all the options had cut the phone off. Finally she had contacted Persimmon at Telford and explained the dangerous situation the Play Areas were getting into and Alec Beards said that

he would look into the matter. The clerk explained to him that Greenbelt were acting on their behalf but they were failing to maintain the play areas even their play reports stated that there was work that needed doing which was not being done.

7. Defibrillator Report, Councillor Purslow to report on status of defibrillator sited outside the Post office. Councillor Purslow reported that the defibrillator was ready for use at any time, the batteries were all charged up and the out of date defibrillator pads had been replaced and the old ones disposed of properly.

8. Members to report on the roll out of Smart Water in the parish. There are about 100 properties left to do .Members would liaise with Timothy Williams to get the 70% required for the Signage to be put up through the village and surrounding hamlets.

9. Highway Matters

i. Councillors to report Highways matters of concern

- Councillor S Shedden reported that she had been driving near the Severndale Nursery and the pothole there is so deep that the whole wheel went in and wrenched the steering wheel out of her hands. This had been reported three time by the Chairman already and also reported by the clerk. The clerk to report this again
- Councillor G Jones reported that the Lorries from Shrewsbury are driving over the new roundabout extremely fast and he is concerned that there may be a nasty accident for anyone entering the roundabout from the Atcham road.
- Councillor Jones asked if it would be possible to have the safety cameras in the village to try and slow the traffic down. Clerk to request this from PC M Milton.
- Councillor R Purslow reported that there is still no street lighting out of the village towards Shrewsbury since October when Fletchers put in their lights. Clerk to report this to Fletcher and ask them to get it rectified.
- Councillor E Brayne said that the springs on Cronkhill Bank are still running down and across the road.

10. Planning;

Previous applications:

- 19/04989/FUL | Relocation of a general purpose agricultural building - Building 1 | Betton Alkmere Farm Betton Strange Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 6HZ. Awaiting decision
- Reference: 19/05201/FUL (validated: 13/12/2019)
Address: Top Cottage, Eaton Mascott, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 6HF
Awaiting decision
- Ref: 19/05480/FUL (validated: 19/12/2019)
Address: Lower House Farm, Berrington, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 6HB
Awaiting decision
- Reference: 19/05481/LBC (validated: 19/12/2019)
Address: Lower House Farm, Berrington, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 6HB
Awaiting decision

Council to consider any new applications.

- Reference: 19/05590/FUL

Address: Boretton Farm, Boretton, Crosshouses.

Proposal. Siting of 20 static caravans with the addition of decking: formation of access tracks and car parking areas: erection of a reception building and to include change of use of land.

After dissuasion it was agreed that the Parish Council had no objection to this application. Proposed by Councillor S Shedden, seconded by Councillor J Brayne and agreed by all members present.

11. Finance

- i. Council to receive Bank Reconciliation for the month end January 2020. It was agreed to accept the Bank reconciliation as presented by the clerk. Proposed by Councillor C Wild, seconded by Councillor S Shedden 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 Shedden, seconded by Councillor J Brayne and agreed by all members present.

1263	SJF Print & Design	Nov & Jan printing	750.00
1264	HMRC	PAYE	4.80
1267	Staff	Office expenses & Admin	148.66
S/O	Staff	Salary	550.52
		total	1453.98

- iii. Council to consider any grant applications received. There were no applications for grants.

12. Youth Matters

Play Area Matters:

- **Councillor J Brayne to report on Youth Club Activities** the Youth Club is to hold some drama activities during the summer term and these may carry over to the holidays. There are three more volunteers doing their training in the half term. There are now 2 fully trained volunteers with 8 volunteers in total. Six volunteers are DBS checked and the two who are not are waiting for their checks to be completed. Shrewsbury Town have offered 25 tickets to a match in April for the members of the Youth Club to attend.
- The clerk to apply to Grant finder for funding for the Youth Club
- **Councillor E Brayne to report on Play Areas.** Councillor E Brayne reported that there is a large dip on the bottom of the field by the goal posts. One of the netball hoops has been snapped off and cannot be repaired. The football nets are still in place. The Chairman explained that she has had talks with the National Trust representatives and the tenant farmer and there would be an additional drain in the field behind the Playing field which should assist the flooding. There is a willow in the corner and the root system has blocked the drain. When it is dry enough then the new drain will be put in and the blockage of willow roots can be cleared out. We will then have to wait and see if that helps the flooding. Councillor Brayne reported that at the SALC Area meeting there had been talk of Severn Trent offering grants for environmental issues. The clerk to look at this. Councillor Mason reported that there used to be large cracks in the field before the flooding problem began.

Play Group for Toddlers Councillor Mason reported that this was running well.

13. Reports from members attending any meetings

- **Community Led Plan Meeting** Councillor Shedden reported that the steering group were working their way through the responses and were tackling 3 topics per session and it would probably be about two months for an action plan to be completed to present to the Parish Council. The Chairman thanks all those who had been involved in the process for their hard work.

14. Correspondence: The clerk had received information about grant funding for youth club and also about funding from Severn Trent for village projects.

15. Parish Matters:

- It was agreed to arrange a village litter pick to join in with the National Litter campaign. This would be on Saturday 4th April starting at 10.30am till 12.30pm.
- Members also felt that there should be something to celebrate VE day on Friday 8th May 2020. They thought a street party to be held in the Community Centre Car park and moving inside if the weather was inclement would be welcomed by all residents. A public meeting to be held in April to finalise arrangements.
- A site meeting had been held with Amanda Potter and Councillors Wild, Jones, Mason, J Brayne & E Brayne to look at the possibility of siting a kissing gate in the fence for the child to access the Chestnuts safely. Amanda would have to go back and look into this as it would be more complicated than first thought due to the differences in the height of the ground.
- The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow S Bott to speak to the meeting. He had the sign that had been requested for Lower Cross. Members were very pleased with the new sign. Shaun to install the sign for the Council.

16. Date and time of next meeting: It was agreed that this would be held on Thursday 5th March 2020 at the Community Centre starting at 7.00pm

17. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.00pm