

Minutes of the meeting of Berrington Parish Council at Berrington Village Hall, on Thursday 3rd November 2022

Present: Cllrs Nick Biggs, Claire Bonsey, Henry Carpenter, Geoff Jones, Richard Purslow, Claire Wild

In attendance: 63 members of the public, Ian Cruise-Taylor – Locum Clerk

1. **Chairman's welcome** – the Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologised for any confusion regarding the venue
2. **Apologies** - Cllrs Stef Durkin, Sue Mason, Sue Shedden,
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests** – Cllrs Henry Carpenter and Claire Wild declared a personal and prejudicial interest in relation to the planning application: 22/04355/FUL
4. **Council to agree the minutes of the October 2022 meeting** – unanimously approved
5. **Council to receive a statement on the Community-Led Plan**, and resolve to take account of the actions proposed for the Council as set out in the Action Plan. Council received a statement – attached to the minutes and **resolved unanimously** to take account of the actions in the Action Plan
6. **Public session** – Council heard a number of presentations regarding the planning application 22/04355/FUL, noting the visual amenity impact, traffic concerns during and after installation, the limitations of the consultation process, and potential archaeological issues. Council also noted concerns regarding the approach to community benefit, although one member of the public indicated that a commitment had been made by the contractor.

Council also noted concerns expressed about the lack of involvement of the general public beyond the Berrington area in the preparations for a response

7. Planning Matters

6a) Decisions

- i. 22/03993/FUL: High Elms, Betton Strange, SY5 6HZ. Proposal: Erection of First floor extension and remodelling of dwelling
Decision: Grant Permission

6b) New planning applications

- i. 22/04355/FUL: Proposed Solar Farm To The West Of, Berrington, Proposal: Erection of an up to 30 MW Solar PV Array, comprising ground mounted solar PV panels, vehicular access, internal access tracks, landscaping and associated infrastructure, including security fencing, CCTV, client storage containers and grid connection infrastructure, including substation buildings and off-site cabling. Cllrs Henry Carpenter

and Claire Wild withdrew from the Council for this item, in line with their declarations of interest noted earlier. It was agreed that Cllr Richard Purslow would be the Chairman for this item. Council resolved unanimously to object to the application; on grounds of visual amenity, lack of recognition of key ecology and nature conservation issues, inappropriate land use in relation to the grade of agricultural land making up the majority of the site, and the impact on. In addition it is clear that there are errors and inaccuracies in the background information provided. The Council would seek a more effective traffic management scheme.

- ii. 22/04624/LBC: Betton Grange, Betton Strange, SY5 6HZ. Proposal: Installation of a through floor lift from ground to first floor affecting a Grade II Listed Building. Council resolved unanimously to make no comment

8. **Police Report** – if available - none

9. **Clerks report to cover items not on the agenda – verbal** – The Clerk reported on the outcome of the Local Government National Pay negotiations for 2022-23 and now that the tree had been removed, steps will be taken to re-build the allotment wall.

10. Highways matters

- **Members to report any highways issues-** Council noted that roadworks would be undertaken on King Street, Berrington

10 Financial Matters

- a. Council unanimously confirmed agreement to funding the provision of phone line and wi-fi at Cross Houses Community Centre – costs awaited
- b. Council unanimously confirmed agreement to provide employment services (including payroll) for caretaker at Cross House Community Centre, to be re-imbursed by CHCC
- c. Council unanimously agreed the payment of monthly invoices as presented by the Clerk – see Appendix A, updated at the meeting
- d. Council unanimously accepted the Monthly Bank Reconciliation as presented by the Clerk – appendix A – updated at the meeting
- e. Council unanimously confirmed continuation of payroll arrangements at £120 per annum for 2023-24

11 Parish matters- members to report items not covered on the agenda

- i. Parish Paths Partnership – Council received a report from Mr Andrew Abbott and noted the progress made regarding the Parish Paths Partnership
- ii. Council noted that if the planning application 22/04355/FUL goes to committee a representative of the Parish Council is entitled to speak. It was agreed that Mr Simon Davies would represent the view so the community on behalf of the Parish Council

12 Date & time of next Council meeting. Thursday 12th January 2023

Appendix A revised

Known Payments: October & November

L Pardoe	526.94
Locum	477.74
HMRC	189.60
RJD Tree Surgery	910.00
PKF	240.00
subtotal	£2344.28

November	
Came and Co	1404.51
L Pardoe	287.97
Locum	477.74
HMRC	130.00
subtotal	£2300.22
Total	£4644.50

Bank Balances at 30th October 2022

Berrington Parish Council Bank statements account name

account name	type	last four	balance at 1st April 2022	balance at 31st October 2022
Treasurers Account	current/day-to-day	2781	£1,994.21	£22,736.69
BB Instant online	Online savings	6168	£80,582.88	£80,595.13
BB Instant Online	Online savings	5768	£25,024.69	£25,028.49
Business banking Instant	Instant Access	3026	£2,240.19	£2,240.54
			£109,841.97	£130,600.85
Includes Receipts			£36,828.34	
Payments to end of October			£16,069.46	
Uncleared payments				
Balance at End October			£130,600.85	£130,600.85