

BERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

Tuesday 17th July 2018

Starting at 7.00pm

MINUTES

1. **Chairman's welcome;** The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.
2. **Present :** Councillors C Wild-Chairman : Councillor R Purslow-Vice-Chairman; Councillors S Mason, J Brayne, E Brayne, S Hawksworth, L Picton, J Healey, L Pardoe clerk to the Council **and Apologies** were received from Councillor C Bonsey. Also present were members of the public(See sheet attached to the minutes)
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests;** There were none at this point.
4. **Liam Cowden from Shropshire Council Planning Policy explaining Proposed change in the status of Cross Houses village to become a Community Hub (from its current status as a Countryside Settlement)**
 - Rationale for the proposed change in status of Cross Houses;
In the currently adopted Local Plan, Crosshouses is designated as a settlement in the countryside in relation to Policy CS5 of the Shropshire Council Core Strategy (2011) which states: "New development will be strictly controlled in accordance with national planning policies protecting the countryside". Policy CS5 restricts housing development in the countryside to keyworker accommodation or affordable housing.
The current Local Plan review seeks to extend the plan period from 2016 to 2036. The review process has revisited the Settlement Hierarchy for Shropshire. The Council adopted a methodology to objectively determine those settlements that should become Community Hubs which are defined as follows:
Community Hubs:
Settlements which have a 'sufficient population' to 'maintain a range of services; facilities; and employment. In these settlements, 'appropriate sustainable development should contribute to the retention and enhancement of these existing services; facilities and employment. It should also support the provision of new housing to meet local needs; services, facilities and employment opportunities.
The defined Community Hubs were published for consultation in the Preferred Scale and Distribution of Development Document in October 2017. The threshold for defining a Community Hub is that the settlement;
 - Should have a population of more than 100 persons; or
 - A dwelling stock of more than 50 dwellings; and
 - The scoring applied to the services and facilities should be equal to or greater than 48 points.

In response to the Consultation in October 2017, the authority sought to confirm the scoring of settlements above and below the scoring threshold in the Settlement Hierarchy

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L Pardoe, Clerk & RFO ...
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Signed.....
Dated Thursday 6th September 2018

Methodology. The assessment of Crosshouses was undertaken a second time and the error in assessment is illustrated in the table attached. The correction to the assessment of Crosshouses will now define the settlement as a Community Hub.

Liam apologised for the error as we should have been notified last October we were to be allocated Community Hub status. There had been an error in their calculations.

He said that the decision was not "Fait accompli" and that the community would have an opportunity to challenge this decision.

- Development implications of Community Hub status
The implications of this are that Crosshouses will be expected to take some further development and that there will be a consultation with the Parish Council and the residents of Crosshouses.
- Required steps towards establishing a strategy for Cross Houses. The Parish Council will need to appoint 2 or 3 members to attend a meeting at The Shirehall to discuss the way forward with Shropshire Councils Planning Policy Team.
- For the comments from the public please see attached Notes.

The Chairman thanked all the members of the public and Liam for attending and requested that the Parish Councillors remain to discuss who would be meeting Shropshire Council to look at the way forward and agree the signing of the cheques as listed below.

5. The Parish Council have a Planning Committee and Councillor C Wild proposed that these be the people to meet with Shropshire Council. This comprises Councillor C Wild, R Purslow, S Hawksworth and E Brayne. Councillor Healey requested to go on the group but it was pointed out that Liam had asked for 2/3 members only and the planning Committee was in fact 4 members. The clerk said that Councillor Wild would be able to attend as the Shropshire Councillor. It was agreed that if any of the Planning Committee were unable to attend the he would be called.

Councillor Healey then left the meeting.

It was agreed that Councillor C Wild would check with the Vicar when the Church would be closing and Councillor S Hawksworth would be checking the details of Shropshire Councils methodology to see if the score for Berrington could be reduced.

6. Finance

- i. Council to pay agree and pay invoices received since July meeting as presented by the clerk. This was agreed; proposed by Councillor S Mason; seconded by Councillor L Picton and agreed by all members present.

1168	Shropshire Council	Energy	100.94
1169	Playsafety	ROSPA Report	79.80
1170	Broxap	2 Litter bins	663.48
1171	E-on	Light repair	177.13
		Total	1021.35

7. **Date and time of next meeting:** It was agreed that this would take place on Thursday 6th September 2018 at Crosshouses Community Centre starting at 7.00pm.
8. The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.00pm