

## **BERRINGTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**5 MAY 2022**

### **MINUTES**

**PRESENT** – Councillors C Wild (Chairman), R Purslow (Vice-Chairman), N Briggs, H Carpenter, C Bonsey & 1 member of the public

### **WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting. She thanked Helen Ball (Town Clerk, Shrewsbury Town Council) for clerking the meeting for Lorna Pardoe who was on sick leave; she wished her a speedy recovery.

### **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minute of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 was circulated prior to the meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor Carpenter, seconded by Councillor Purslow and

**RESOLVED that the Annual Parish Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 be signed as a true and accurate record.**

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman reported that the Shropshire Association of Local Councils had been assisting the Parish Council in seeking a Locum Clerk to cover their resident Clerk's absence. The Locum Clerk would commence at the beginning of June.

In terms of Parish matters, seeding continued to be a concern. The road through Cross Houses would be improved. All Parish Councils along the A458 would meet shortly to discuss speeding issues.

The Chairman had spoken to Highways to determine whether a pelican crossing could be installed. Engineers has agreed a location and were awaiting Parish Council confirmation to proceed, given that the installation was to be funded through CIL. This would be placed on the June meeting of the Parish Council for ratification. There were no timescales available for installation.

Grounds maintenance on the Chestnut's development was still a cause for concern, with the contractor Green Belt not cutting to specification; this had been chased up first by the Parish Council and subsequently by the MP. It was understood that there was a similar issue on the Berrington Meadows development; residents were paying £150 per year in a maintenance charge. It was suggested that the Residents set up a Residents Group to see whether they could jointly contract a better service.

### **CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Clerk's Financial Report had been circulated prior to the meeting. There were no matters arising

### **SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR REPORT**

Councillor Wild reported on Shropshire Council matters:

- COVID issues had done much to change the council's workload both in terms of changes to ways of working as well as providing ongoing support.

- The Council had been working on supporting Ukrainian Refugees
- The Council had set a balanced budget but 2023/24 was likely to be a deficit budget with spiralling adult social care costs
- Tax Rebates of £150 were due to be credited to rate payers to offset increase fuel costs
- Children's Services received a Good OFSTED report
- Council's commitment to Climate Change was continuing at a pace

### **CHAPEL COMMUNITY CENTRE REPORT**

Councillor Purslow reported on the work of the Community Centre. The last 12 months had been steady and the Centre was back up to full operation post COVID. There were a few new groups and it was hoped that the Lost Family History Group would return. The Youth Club and the Toddlers Club had re-started.

It was hoped that internet access will be installed shortly and there was a new on-line booking system. The Committee was also exploring new heating systems. Other than a few ongoing maintenance issues that were being discussed with the Parish Council, finances were good.

### **ALLOTMENT REPORT**

Cameron Moffatt report that all Allotment plots were taken, there were no people on the Waiting List and all matters were in order.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023