

BERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 3rd February 2022

MINUTES

Starting at 7.00pm

As this meeting is looking at proposals for speed reduction measures through Crosshouses members of the public are respectfully reminded of the 3-minute limit on each person speaking, which will be enforced. This will ensure that everyone who wishes to speak will have the opportunity to do so.

1. **Chairman's welcome** The Chairman of the meeting welcomed all to the meeting
2. **Present**
3. Councillor R Purslow-Chairman of the meeting, Councillor S Mason, Councillor G Jones, Councillor H Carpenter, Councillor N Biggs, Councillor C Bonsey, Absent Councillor C Wild, Councillor S Durkan
Apologies were received from Councillor Wild who was away.
Also, present L Pardoe Clerk to the Council and Ffion Horton, Service Development Programme Manager from Shropshire Council.
There were 17 members of the public present.
4. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests.** There were none declared at this point of the meeting.
Standing Orders were suspended to allow the next part of the meeting to take place.
5. **Ffion Horton, Service Development Programme Manager from Shropshire Council to present proposals for speed reduction through Cross Houses.** Questions on this will be taken by representatives from Shropshire Council
Ffion spoke to those present, she said she was happy to take questions as she went along. She spoke on the report that has been commissioned. She agreed that the road lining was very poor, the contractors will be carrying out structural patching during the second week in March. A resident asked if the lines outside Russell Place will be moved, they were top dressed last year but there are potholes that are still visible. He asked what quality will the roadway surface be? Will the kerb line be sorted out?
Ffion said that they will be extending yellow lines and they will be consulting on these later. They were not intending to put any red markings on the road as it is difficult to maintain. It wears off quickly and it is difficult to match the quality and colour consistently. The resident asked for the red markings to be put back in.
Another resident asked if the speed limits would be painted on the road when the resurfacing is done? Ffion said yes this will be done.
A resident said that speeding and overtaking through the village is an issue, can we have anything put in place to prevent overtaking, double white lines for example.
Ffion explained that she had commissioned a Safety Audit of the mini roundabout and they were looking at options to improve visibility onto the roundabout.
Councillor C Bonsey stated that in the original plans for the roundabout it was in a slightly different place.
It was stated that technically the roundabout was not fit for purpose as from Shrewsbury drivers don't slow down as there is a straight line over the island.
Ffion said that they had done traffic monitoring on three sites through the village and that at site 1 between 61/80% of cars were in excess of the speed limit.

Councillor Purslow asked if after the Safety Audit will anything that is picked up be added into the programme of works to be done

Ffion said that they will be dealt with individually and not carried out by WSP.

Ffion said that they had received approval to investigate a quiet lane between Crosshouses and Atcham, which would reduce weight limits and speed limits on that road. The main issue there is drainage and this needs a separate Safety Audit.

Councillor Purslow asked about extending the 30 limits at either end of the village, to cover the whole of the extent of the village. The Parish Council wants the Northern end of the village to mirror the Southern end of the village.

He also asked about having a "Gated" entrance to the village. The National Trust have been asked to lower the hedges to enable a "gated" entrance.

Ffion did not see there being any issues with reducing the 40 to 30 in the village but will get back to us if there are any problems.

Glasdon do supply "gateways" these would need to be funded by the Parish Council.

Councillor Purslow stated that we wanted the two existing Vehicle Activate Sign (VAS) to be upgraded with the speeds that vehicles are travelling at identified and two new additional VAS installed in the village.

Ffion stated that Shropshire Council had no budget for VAS but if the Parish Council want to have them and fund them then Shropshire Council will put them in for the Parish Council.

Someone asked about having speed cameras installed but Ffion said that these have to be put in by the Police.

Councillor Purslow asked if it was possible to have some hard standing for the Speed Van to park up. One resident asked if it was possible to have the speeding data.

Ffion said it was not possible to upgrade the crossing to be a pelican vis a vis the bus stop.

The report looks at moving the crossing but Shropshire Council Officers are not keen to do this. This will be consulted on if this is a popular idea

Councillor Purslow stated that more school children are using the crossing in the morning and afternoon and there have been a couple of near misses and instances where cars just don't stop. Two ladies from the public stated reiterated that the cars do not always stop. They asked if there was a point when the crossing would be upgraded i.e., the number of people using it to cross. One lady stated that she didn't use it herself but crossed the road when she could see it was safe to cross where ever she was on the pavement. She asked if more villagers used the crossing would that make a difference? The crossing is only going to get busier with the new homes becoming inhabited.

Ffion stated that data shows that controlled crossings are not the answer there would need to be other measures put in place as well.

A gentleman said that the crossing and the roundabout should be looked at together given their proximity.

Ffion said that they would be looked at in the Safety Audit.

It was felt that the lighting on the crossing needs to be brighter.

A resident asked if 10,000 cars are passing through the village on a daily basis surely this should warrant a push button crossing.

Ffion said she would look into it and see if it was possible.

Councillor Purslow asked if Ffion would look into getting the crossing upgraded to a pelican crossing.

Ffion said there was concern that the Buildwas development would have an impact on the village. She also said that she felt that those in the room felt that the CIL application needs to be implemented. She would take this forward.

Councillor Carpenter said that they were putting the finishing touches to the Community Led Plan and said that traffic calming was an overwhelming issue. He would bring the completed CLP to the next Parish Council meeting

Ffion said that she would prepare an application for April to fund the measures.

A gentleman in the room said that he didn't feel that the crossing is the number 1 priority that there needed to be speed limits

Ffion said these were separate pieces of work. The Crossing Safety Audit is happening and the Roundabout Safety Audit is also happening.

Ffion stated that CIL is on hold at the moment there will be a meeting in mid-April for the next allocation of funds.

A gentleman asked how far from the first property would the coasting area be before the speed sign.

Councillor Purslow told the meeting that if we put the speed signs lower past the properties, we could possibly open the village for further development.

It was asked if there could be another speed audit after the measures have been put in place?

Ffion finished and Councillor Purslow thanked her for attending and all the residents for attending and closed the first part of the meeting at 8.20pm for a brief break. He invited those present to remain for the rest of the meeting if they so wished.

Questions for Ffion to respond to:

- Residents want the red markings on the road replaced through the village
- Will speed limits be painted on the roads.
- Can there be anything done to stop overtaking through the village, Double white lines for example
- After the Roundabout Safety Audit will any things highlighted be added into the programme of works
- Residents were keen to have Gated entrance to the Village . Can this be done?
- Residents wanted the two VAS through the village to be upgraded to show speeds are doing.
- Is it possible to have some hard standing for the speed vans to park up
- Residents want the zebra crossing upgraded to have lights to stop vehicles. There have been a few near misses where drivers have not stopped.
- If there are 10,000 vehicles passing through the village a day surely this warrants the crossing being upgraded.

Standing Orders were re-instated to continue the Parish Council meeting.

6. Financial matters

- a) Council to agree payment of monthly invoices as presented by the clerk. It was agreed to pay the accounts as presented by the clerk proposed by Councillor S Shedden, seconded by Councillor H Carpenter and agreed by all members present.
- b) Council to accept the Monthly Bank Reconciliation as presented by the clerk. It was agreed to accept the bank reconciliation as presented by the clerk, proposed by Councillor N Biggs, seconded by Councillor S Shedden and agreed by all members present.

7. Planning;

- Reference: 22/00194/Ful
Address: 57 The Chestnuts, Crosshouses
Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension.
After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council support this application, proposed by Councillor R Purslow, seconded by Councillors S Shedden and agreed by all members present.
- Reference: 22/00216/FUL
Address: Pump Cottage, Berrington. Shrewsbury
Proposal: Erection of single storey rear and side extensions. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council had no objection to this application. Proposed by Councillor H Carpenter and seconded by Councillor N Biggs and agreed by all members present.

8. Parish Matters

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- Councillor Carpenter reported that work to sort the sink hole was progressing. He had met with Councillor Wild and a representative from Kier to look at white line installation around the grass triangle. He also asked who would be responsible for the grass and trees between the Village Hall and the triangle. Councillor Purslow thought it belonged to a local resident.
- All of Councillor Biggs concerns had been picked up by Ffion Horton in her section at the beginning of the meeting.
- Councillor Sheddon reported that some youngsters had been being a little rowdy outside the Community Centre.
- Also, the spring at Cronk Hill had broken through again with the leakage being quite severe.
- Councillor Purslow reported that a gentleman from The Chestnuts had been litter picking and thanked him for doing so.
- The clerk was asked to see if Derek Furlong could arrange litter pick on the stretch from Crosshouses to Much Wenlock to finish collecting the debris from the Veolia's lorry that had inadvertently dumped their load of broken TV and other screens on the main road. The road was now clear but the verges were full of debris.

9. **Date & time of next Council meeting.** It was agreed that this would be held on Thursday 3rd March 2022 at The Community Centre starting at 7.00pm
10. The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.50 pm.