

BERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 7th November 2019

MINUTES

Starting at 7.15pm

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 G Jones, Councillor E Brayne, Councillor C Bonsey and apologies were received from Councillor L Picton and J Brayne who were unwell. Also present L Pardoe clerk to the council and four members of the public.
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests.** There were none at this point of the meeting
4. **Public Session *Standing Orders were lifted to allow the public to speak***
 - A member of the public read out a statement. He was a local farmer and he wanted to respond to an e-mail he had received. The Chairman of the Council had received several complaints about the state of the roads recently during the maize harvesting. These she had forwarded to the appropriate officer at Shropshire Council to deal with. This officer had visited the gentlemen in question. This gentleman wanted to make it clear that the mess on the roads was nothing to do with him. He requested that if there are any other complaints please to contact him directly. The Chairman explained that she did not know who had caused the mess. This was why she contacted Shropshire Council.
 - A new resident in the village wanted clarification of a comment that had been posted on the Community website page concerning Much Wenlock's Neighbourhood Plan. The Chairman explained that Much Wenlock's Neighbourhood Plan was due for renewal as these documents have to be renewed every 5 years. The original plan had cost approximately £30,000 and the Town Council now needed to find more money to renew their plan and keep it up to date.
For any more information on Much Wenlock Neighbourhood Plan please contact Much Wenlock Town Council direct.
 - Another member of the public said they would wait until January to make their points that they was going to make regarding the proposed development at the Old Station site. They claimed that the proposal would extinguish a footpath if it went ahead.
The chairman explained that Shropshire Council could not and would not just extinguish a footpath but may divert it.
Standing Orders were reinstated.
5. **Confirmation of the minutes from 3rd October 2019** It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Councillor R Purslow, seconded by Councillor C Bonsey and agreed by all members present.
6. **Matters arising:** the clerk reported that she had received no response from the Play Area Management Company Greenbelt to a site meeting with their representatives.

She had attended a website Accessibility training and assured members that the website would be fully accessible by the end of the year. Hugo Fox were working on making all the website complaint with the new regulations.

She had received a response from a couple who were keen to assist with a particular section in the Community Led Plan. This would be passed on to the Chairman of the CLP Group.

She had contacted the Parish Council Insurance Company concerning the public liability for the toddler group which had been raised. As long as the Toddler group is run as a not for profit organisation then they would be covered by the Parish Councils insurance. The clerk asked members if they were happy that this was the case and members agreed that they were.

- 7. Police Report: to be circulated when received by the clerk.** The clerk had circulated by e-mail the recent reports received from the local policing team and also the Police & Crime Commissioner.

The Chairman had received a petition from a few residents who were being troubled by some severe antisocial behaviour from a few individuals. They had reported the incidents to the Police and received incident numbers. However nothing had been done to stop the behaviour. They were frustrated and the Police had suggested that they contact the local council for assistance. It was agreed that these concerns be passed to the Police & Crime commissioner directly for him to deal with.

- 8. Members to report on the roll out of SmartWater in the parish.** Members had been handing out and registering Smartwater at several events in the community. It had been done at the Youth Club and Pub Nights along with the Autumn Fair. It was going well but slowly. Councillors S Shedden and J Brayne had arranged an afternoon at The Noel Hill Road Community Centre on 21st November from 1- 3.00pm to hand out packs to residents.

- 9. Council to review their Complaints Policy.** This had been circulated to members and it was agreed to adopt the revised document. Proposed by Councillor S Shedden, seconded by Councillor R Purslow and agreed by all members present.

10. Council to consider their response to the following documents

- **Library Strategy** members asked the clerk to re-send the document and members were encouraged to complete this as individuals.

11. Highway Matters

- i. Councillors to report Highways matters of concern
- ii. Councillor E Brayne reported that the road from Crosshouses to Atcham was severely damaged by the recent flooding and the edge of the road had been pushed into the ditch. The two springs on Cronkhill are still causing problems.
- iii. Councillor S Mason reported that the crossroads at Cronkhill were badly flooded during the recent wet weather and this would become dangerous now with the colder weather approaching.
- iv. Councillor R Purslow asked that the road sweeper be requested to visit the parish near the junctions to clear up the debris and ensure that all water could get away freely and not cause and further problems.
- v. After discussion it was agreed to change the lamp to the one suggested by E-on and they would ask the Groundsman to trim the lower branches on a large tree which would assist in getting more light on to the footpath. Proposed by Councillor S Shedden, seconded by Councillor S Mason and agreed by all members present.
Councillor E Brayne to meet The Groundsman on site to look at the tree in question.

12. Planning;**Previous applications:**

All applications have been granted permission.

Council to consider new applications. There were no new applications.

Council to consider any new applications notified after the agenda has been sent out.

13. Finance

- i. Council to receive Bank Reconciliation for the month end October 2019. It was agreed to receive this as presented by the clerk, proposed by Councillor C Bonsey, seconded by Councillor R Purslow and agreed by all members present.
- ii. Council to pay agree and pay accounts as presented by the clerk. It was agreed to pay these as presented by the clerk, proposed by Councillor C Bonsey, seconded by Councillor R Purslow and agreed by all members present.

1253	HMRC	PAYE	4.60
1254	L Pardoe	Expenses	63.80
1255	SL Bott	Grasscutting	1700.00
1256	SL Bott	Playing Fields maintenance	740.00
S/O	Staff	Salary	550.52
		total	3058.92

- iii. Council to consider any grant applications received. An application for a start-up grant for the Toddler Group was considered and it was agreed to award a sum of £100 to this group. Proposed by councillor R Purslow, seconded by Councillor E Brayne and agreed by all members present.
- iv. Council to consider changing lamp on the green for a different wattage and shade. After discussion it was agreed to change the lamp to the one suggested by E-on and they would ask the Groundsman to trim the lower branches on a large tree which would assist in getting more light on to the footpath. Proposed by Councillor S Shedden, seconded by Councillor S Mason and agreed by all members present.
- v. The Chairman and the clerk signed off the Annual CIL Monitoring form for the year 2018/2019 to return to Shropshire. This details what the CIL money has been spent on in the parish. This is the first time that has been done for the Parish as we have not had any CIL money to spend until the financial year 2018/2019. The money was spent renewing the flat roof on the Community Centre which was subject to leaks in wet weather. Councillor S Mason stated that the roof had needed doing quite badly and since it had been renewed, she has not had to clear up any water from the rooms.

14. Youth Matters**Play Area Matters:**

- **Councillor J Brayne to report on Youth Club Activities.** There had been a very successful Halloween Party with everyone including the parents dressing up. A great time was had by all. Councillor E Brayne reported that the Youth Club was

encouraging more people to interact within the community. There will be a Christmas Party held on Saturday 14th December from 5.00pm to around 9.00pm.

- **Councillor E Brayne to report on Play Areas.** The clerk reported that she had received no response from Greenbelt. The Chairman circulated a report that the Groundsman had kindly done for us on the state of the Play Areas. (He has undertaken a ROSPA Training safety course). It was agreed that the clerk should send this report from the groundsman, which he is allowing the Council to use, along with Greenbelts own Play Area reports done by their inspectors to the Head Office of Greenbelt by registered delivery to ask that they put the Play Areas into a state which is fit for the purpose. Proposed by Councillor C Wild, seconded by Councillor E Brayne and agreed by all members present.

Standing orders were suspended to speak to the Groundsman who was present.

He was asked if the Council could use his report to try and get Greenbelt to improve the state of the Play Areas. He was happy for this to be used for this purpose. He was asked if he would meet Councillor E Brayne to look at trimming the tree on the green.

Stranding Orders were re-instated at this point.

Councillor E Brayne reported that the sign on the road to the Playing Fields at Brompton was no longer in situ. It had fallen over and was lying in the grass.

The flooding in the field was still a problem. Councillor Wild said that a local farmer and a groundsman from the National trust were looking at it and confident that they could solve the problem.

Play Group for Toddlers

- **There was nothing to report.**

15. Reports from members attending any meetings

- Community Led Plan Meeting there would not now be a meeting until January when all responses had been received by the Community Council who were collating the responses. There had been a good response to date.

16. Correspondence: the clerk had received a late notice from the diocese of Hereford stating that they intended to close the church of St Margaret, Betton Strange. This was noted by members

17. Parish Matters: members to report any matters.

- Councillor Bonsey stated that she had made the comment on the Much Wenlock Neighbourhood Plan on the Community Facebook page as a member of the public and not as a Councillor.
- Councillor E Brayne reported that he had been approached by someone who was willing to do a one off training session on self-defence in the Hall. It was agreed that this was for the Community Centre Management Committee to agree to this.

18. Date and time of next meeting It was agreed that his would be held on Thursday 9th January 2020 at the Community Centre starting at 7.00pm

19. The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

