

BERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Thursday 7th September 2017

MINUTES

1. **Chairman's welcome:** The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. The Chairman thanked Councillors S Mason, J Brayne & E Brayne for organising a Fun day to promote the new Youth Club. This was very successful and there are now more people to assist in the running of this new and exciting project. Councillor E Brayne asked if the Parish Council could send an official thank you to Vanessa Postle for her assistance with the Fun Day.
2. **Present:** Councillors C Wild-Chairman; Councillor R Purslow- Vice-chairman; Councillor L Picton; Councillor C Bonsey; Councillor J Brayne; Councillor E Brayne. R Parkes from Shropshire Youth Association L Pardoe clerk to the council and 3 members of the public. (See attached sheet) **Apologies** were received and accepted from Councillor S Hawksworth and S Mason & Councillor M Howorth.
3. **Richards Parkes from Shropshire Youth Association spoke**, and said following the fun day there are now potentially 12 volunteers which is extremely good. It is intended to pitch the youth club at 9 to 13 years old. After discussion it was agreed that Berrington Parish Council would run it for twelve months with the support of the Shropshire Youth Association and hopefully after then a few people would take over the running of the club from the Parish Council. Proposed by Councillor C Wild; seconded by Councillor E Brayne and agreed by all members present.
It was agreed that the clerk would check with the insurance company to ensure the Parish Council was covered for Activities within the Village Hall and in the playing Field. The Playing Field is rented from the National Trust.
It is intended to launch the Youth Club on 15th November 2017.
The Chairman thanked Richard for attending and he then left the meeting.
4. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests:** there were none at this point.
5. **Confirmation and Acceptance of the minutes from 6th July 2017;** it was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting: proposed by Councillor R Purslow; seconded by Councillor L Picton and agreed by all members present.
6. **Clerk** had nothing to report all items were covered on the agenda.
7. **Public session: Standing Orders were suspended to allow the public to speak.** A gentleman present asked how wide an area the Youth Club was covering. It was explained that the area was the whole of the Severn Valley Area as it was felt that Crosshouses was central to most parishes in the area.
This item was dealt with later in the meeting as Mr Healy was late entering the meeting; Mr Healy spoke on his plans for a cycle path from Crosshouses to Shrewsbury using the old railway tracks. He now knows who owns the land and will talk to them on the possibility of them releasing some of their land for this project. He will say that the Parish Council is aware

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that he is looking into the viability of a cycle path. He will speak to the National Trust as this year they have a healthy travel initiative they are promoting.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

8. Police Report: This would be forwarded to members when it was received.

9. Highway Matters

- i. Councillors to report on Highway matters;
 - It was reported that the condition of the road on Lower Cross is in a terrible state. Councillor E Brayne stated that he had been told by a resident that Colin Blower from Shropshire Council had been on site and the project is ongoing to be repaired.
 - It was reported that on the road towards the Playing Field the bottom culvert is not working. The levels in the road are wrong.
 - There is flooding on Brompton Land. Clerk to ask Colin Blower to look at this

10. Planning

Previously considered applications:

- Reference: 16/03210/FUL: Address: Proposed residential development land to the South of Crosshouses, Shrewsbury **Permission Granted 22/6/17**
- Reference:17/01204/FUL (validated: 23/03/2017) Address: Meadow Bank Farm, Conover, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 7DB:**Permission Granted 23/5/17**
- Reference; 17/01640/DIS: Address: Land and Barn at Betton Abbots Farm, Betton Abbots, Shrewsbury. **Part Approved 1/6/17**
- Reference: 17/01640/FUL Address: Royal Oak, Pitchford Road, Conover. SY5 7DG; **Permission Refused**
- Reference: 17/02806/FUL; Address: Meadow Bank Farm, Conover Shrewsbury, Shropshire.SY5 7DB. **Permission Granted 15/8/17**
- Reference:17/02974/TEL
Address: Proposed telecommunications at, Severdale Nurseries, Cross Houses, Shrewsbury, SY5 6JS; **Prior Approval not required 15/8/17**

Council to consider new planning applications:

- Reference: 17/02466/FUL
Address; Berrington Hall, Berrington, Shrewsbury
Proposal: Conversion of stable block and apple loft to provide residential accommodation for multiple occupancy ancillary to the main building and workshop/studio/storage space; *After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council support this application. Proposed by Councillor C Wild; seconded by Councillor J Brayne and agreed by all members present.*
- Reference:17/02467/LBC
Address; Berrington Hall, Berrington
Proposal: Works to listed building to facilitate the renovation and conversion of Stable Block and Apple loft to provide residential accommodation to include the insertion of doors/windows/roof lights; insertion of partition walling; wood treatment, insulation, drainage and facilities; replacement flooring, erection of external staircase, remedial works to walling. ; *After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council support this application. Proposed by Councillor C Wild; seconded by Councillor J Brayne and agreed by all members present.*
- Reference: 17/03417/LBC
Address; the Wain House, Berrington, Shrewsbury
Proposal; Replacement of the windows and doors to the front elevation. *Permission was granted on 5th September 2017.*
- Reference: 17/03554/FUL
Address: Royal Oak, Pitchford Road, Conover
Proposal. Demolition of existing outbuildings; conversion of existing pair of dwellings into one dwelling with garage extension; erection of detached dwelling with garage and formation of new relocated site access. *After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would offer no comment to this application. Proposed by Councillor C Wild; seconded by Councillor E Brayne and agreed by all members present.*

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Council to consider new planning applications received after the Agenda has been published

- Reference: 17/03987/FUL
Address; Boretton Road, Berrington, Shrewsbury.
Proposal: Construction of new highway bridge with associated road re-alignment; to include hedgerow removal. *After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council support this application, however there are concerns. The bridge needs to be wider to take into account the size of the local farm vehicles. The road has been altered and there is now a kink in it and this needs to be taken into account to allow articulated and long vehicles to safely pass the bridge.*
Proposed by Councillor R Purslow; seconded by Councillor C Wild and agreed by all members present.

11. Finance

- Bank Reconciliation for the month end August 2017; it was agreed to accept the Bank reconciliation as presented by the clerk; proposed by Councillor L Picton; seconded by Councillor C Bonsey and agreed by all members present.
- Accounts for payment; It was agreed to pay the accounts as presented by the clerk; proposed by Councillor L Picton; seconded by Councillor C Bonsey and agreed by all members present.
- Council to receive External Auditors report. The Council received the audit Report from the External Auditors.
- Council to note the name of newly appointed External Auditors; It was noted that next year PFJ Littlejohn LLP would be the External Auditors
- Council to consider quotes for Insurance renewal in October –e-mail forwarded to all members. Came & Co have given the Council three quotes for consideration and recommend accepting Ecclesiastic there is the potential for further saving with a three year contract. Following the discussion earlier in the meeting regarding the Youth Club it was agreed that the clerk would contact all three Insurance Companies and obtain the best possible terms for the Parish Council with the addition (if it was necessary) of the Youth Club and its volunteers to the insurance policy.
- Council to consider if it wishes to continue receiving the power for the street lighting through Shropshire Council. It was agreed that the clerk would see what we were paying per unit as we do not know at the present time with the contract with Shropshire Council and see if they are still the best value for money. Clerk to also look at replacement costs for the lights for the parish.

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12. Play Area Matters; Councillor R Purslow reported that the matting on the small play area outside the Community Centre was lifting and potentially dangerous. Who would be liable in the event of an accident? The clerk to chase Greenbelt and ask for sight of the ROSPA reports for both of the Play Areas.

13. Correspondence: It was agreed that the clerk enquire and see if we need permission from the Highways to put up the lamp post poppies up through the village.

14. Parish Matters:

- It was reported that a resident had been asking about the provision of a gate in the fence at the top of The Chestnuts. It was pointed out that in the previous minutes it had been stated that the Parish Council would look into the possibility and feasibility of doing this. The clerk to follow up with Severnside to see what steps they were taking to getting the hedges of their properties tidied up to allow the fence that is falling down to be dealt with. The Parish Council cannot proceed with trying to get the fence sorted until Severnside have dealt with their hedges.
The matter of having dog bins in the play areas was raised. Members were reminded that if the dog faeces is bagged it is acceptable to put it in ordinary litter bins. Dog bins are maintained by another service to the refuse collection.

- The clerk reported that the Dog Warden was aware of the people who were not picking up after their dogs and was going to put in extra patrols in the area.
- The hedge by the gas tanks has still not been cut.
- Councillor E Brayne to look into the costs of a 6x4 shed to use for storage of play equipment in the gap by the gas tanks.
- The Chairman reported that during the summer she had been approached by a resident who had concerns at the speeding outside their house on the Cantlop Road after their cat had been killed on the road. The chair had explained that the Parish Council had been asking for some additional signage to warn drivers to slow down there for some time. However these things quite often do take some time from the request for signage to the signs being put in place.

15. **Date and time of next meeting:** It was agreed that this would be on Thursday 5th October 2017 starting at 7.00pm

16. **The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.00pm**