

Minutes of the Berrington Parish Council Meeting held at Cross Houses Community Centre on Thursday 12th January 2023

Present: Cllrs Nick Biggs, Claire Bonsey, Henry Carpenter, Stef Durkam, Sue Mason, Richard Purslow, Claire Wild (Chairman)

In attendance: 11 member of the public, Ian Cruise-Taylor (Locum Clerk)

- 1. Chairman's welcome** – the Chairman wished everyone present a happy new year and welcomed them to the meeting
- 2. Apologies** - Cllr Sue Shedden
- 3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests** – none
4. Council unanimously approved the minutes of the November 2022 meeting
- 5. Public session**
 - i. A member of the public offered to re-paint the bench opposite the Berrington Village Hall – Council agreed to provide/cover the cost of the appropriate paint
 - ii. A member of the public expressed on-going concern at the Council's decision to invest in a traffic light controlled crossing at Cross Houses. The Chairman advised the decision had been properly made.
 - iii. A member of the public drew attention to an incident of fly tipping. The Chairman confirmed it had been reported to Shropshire Council and was listed for action.
- 6. Planning Matters**
 - 6a) Decisions**

22/04624/LBC: Betton Grange, Betton Strange, Cross Houses, Shropshire, SY5 6HZ. Proposal: Installation of a through floor lift from ground to first floor affecting a Grade II Listed Building
Council noted the decision to Grant Permission
 - 6b) New planning applications**

none
- 7. Police Report** – if available – none
- 8. Clerks report to cover items not on the agenda – verbal** – none
- 9. Highways matters**
 - **Members to report any highways issues** –
 - Council noted that the temporary road signs had been stolen from the Cross Houses to Atcham Road, and had now been replaced

- Council noted that Fletcher Homes were progressing with completing the roadway, and that associated tree works would be carried out by the maintenance contractor. It was agreed that Fletchers be asked to remove their site entrance signs and sections of unused Heras fencing. Shropshire Council would be asked to remove the signage regarding the island
- The Chairman reported that a meeting was to be held shortly, jointly with Atcham Parish Council and the highways engineer to discuss the proposal for a quiet lane arrangement between Cross Houses and Atcham. Council noted that Atcham Parish Council planned to install concrete planters, with support from Salop Leisure at the Atcham end of the road

10 Financial Matters

- a. Council unanimously approved the payments of monthly invoices as presented by the Clerk – see Appendix A
- b. Council unanimously approved the Monthly Bank Reconciliation as presented by the Clerk – appendix A
- c. To approve the appointment of Internal Auditor – deferred to a later meeting
- d. Council unanimously agreed to the price increases in Village Pump production: 24pp was £252.00 now £276.00, 28pp was £289.00 now £312.00, 32pp was £317.00 now £345.00
- e. Council considered the budget proposals, including increases in salary provision, energy, insurance and youth club costs and unanimously approved the precept proposal for 2023-24 of £16,389

11 Parish matters- members to report items not covered on the agenda

- i. Update on tree to be planted in memory of our late Queen – Council noted that the youth club had planted a tree, and that a tree had been sourced for the Parish Council. Discussions continued about a possible site
- ii. Internet installation – Council noted that an application needed to be made to BT by the Parish Council to get the equipment installed – Clerk to action
- iii. Specification quote for allotments wall. Council noted that a quote for the specification was to be obtained from Shropshire Council
- iv. The Chairman invited community representatives to consider organising celebrations for the King's Coronation, which the Parish Council could consider supporting financially.

12 Date & time of next Council meeting. Thursday 2nd February 2023

13 Council unanimously agreed to include a confidential session regarding two Council matters

Signed - Ian Cruise-Taylor, Locum Clerk

13. Council:

- i.** unanimously approved the request from Cllr Shedden for extended leave of absence due to illness
- ii.** Council noted that the Parish Clerk's current fit note ends on 31st January and a phased return will be arranged for her return once she is fit, with the Locum Clerk

Appendix A revised

Known Payments: December 2022 and January 2023

December

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| Clerk | 526.94 |
| Locum | 511.37 |
| HMRC | 142.60 |
| SJF Design | 419.00 |
| Water Plus | 16.44 |
| IFCT WFH | 136.00 |

January

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| SJBott | 1941.20 |
| Clerk | 304.79 |
| Locum | 511.37 |
| HMRC | 142.60 |

Berrington Parish Council Bank Reconciliation at 31st December 2022

| account name | type | last four | balance at 1st April 2022 | balance at 31st December 2022 |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Treasurers Account | current/day-to-day | 2781 | £1,994.21 | £19,672.93 |
| BB Instant online | Online savings | 6168 | £80,582.88 | £64,622.18 |
| BB Instant Online | Online savings | 5768 | £25,024.69 | £24,126.68 |
| Business banking Instant | Instant Access | 3026 | £2,240.19 | £2,241.29 |
| | | | £109,841.97 | £110,663.08 |
| Includes Receipts to end December 2022 | | | | £37,462.09 |
| Payments to end of December | | | | £37,015.66 |
| Uncleared payments | | | | £374.68 |
| Balance at End December | | | | £110,663.08 |