

# BERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021

## MINUTES

1. **Chairman's welcome:** The chairman welcomed all to the meeting.
2. **Present:** Councillor C Wild-Chairman, Councillor R Purslow- Vice-Chairman, Councillor S Mason, Councillor S Shedden, Councillor G Jones, Councillor J Brayne, Councillor E Brayne  
Apologies were received from Councillor L Picton who was attending another meeting  
Councillor C Bonsey who was unable to attend. Also, present LPardoe, clerk to the Council and two members of the public.
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests:** Councillor S Shedden had an interest in item 9 Planning Application: 20/20/05212/FUL for 51 Lower Cross.
4. **Public session** Mr Carpenter from Berrington spoke on the proposed new advisory speed signs for the villages of Berrington, Cantlop and Betton Strange. He felt the proposed signs were well positioned and he was very happy to back the proposals. He stated that it was dangerous for people walking from the main road and turning left to Church Road. He asked if he could do an article for the Parish Pump to encourage drivers to slow down and keep left. The Chairman thanked him for his comments He then left the meeting as he had another meeting to attend.  
Mr Healey asked the Parish Council to discuss the response to the Local Plan. He was wanting the Parish Council to write to Shropshire Council to ask if we could remain Open Countryside. The Chairman explained that this was not something that the Parish Council were able to do as the Hub status for Crosshouses is decided by the Planning Inspectorate. The Parish Council are unable to opt to stay as open countryside. In the last Local Plan Parishes were able to opt in or out but this time around they were not given that option. The clerk explained that the Parish Council had objected to being classified as a Hub in their initial response to the current Local Plan. The Parish Council challenged the points tally and had the points reduced but it was not enough to stay as open countryside but had to acknowledge that Crosshouses did meet the criteria for "Hub" status.
5. **Council to agree the minutes from October 2020.** It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting, proposed by Councillor J Brayne, seconded by Councillor S Shedden and agreed by all members present.  
*These will be signed at the first public meeting held by the Parish Council after the relaxation of the Coronavirus lockdown rules.*
6. **Clerk to report on matters arising not covered on the agenda.** The clerk had nothing to report all matters were covered on the agenda.
7. **Council to consider their response to the Local Plan Stage 19 consultation.**  
Chairman pointed out that there were NO allocated housing sites for Cross Houses, there was 9 windfall homes proposed within a tight development boundary. This boundary means that the rest of the Parish will be designated as Open Countryside. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council were content with the allocation for Crosshouses in the Local Plan. It was also agreed that the clerk would complete the response forms and circulate to all members for them to see before submitting it to Shropshire Council. Proposed by Councillor C Wild, seconded by Councillor S Shedden and agreed by all members present.
8. **Planning matters Councillor S Shedden was placed in the waiting room for the discussion on this item.**
  - Ref:20/02749/FUL 14 Lower Cross, Crosshouses. SY5 6JU. Permission granted this was noted.
  - Ref: 20/20/05212/FUL (validated: 18/12/2020)  
Address: [51 Lower Cross, Cross Houses, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 6JU](#)

Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear extension; two storey side extension; front porch and Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the retrospective erection of entrance gates/piers

After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council had no objection to this application. Proposed by Councillor R Purslow, seconded by Councillor S Mason and agreed by all members present.

**Councillor S Shedden was brought back into the meeting at this point.**

- Ref:20/04732/LBC DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED: Removal of 1No skylight on the rear elevation and insertion of 2No conservation roof windows at a lower elevation and associated works affecting a Grade II Listed Building LOCATION: 4 Russell Place, Cross Houses, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 6EY.

After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council support this application. Proposed by Councillor J Brayne, seconded by Councillor R Purslow and agreed by all members present.

#### 9. Highways matters

- Council to discuss the new nameplate signs for the hamlets of Betton, Berrington and Cantlop in an attempt to slow traffic down through these villages. After discussion members agreed that they were all happy for the proposed signs and positioning. The clerk was asked to request that white lines be freshly drawn around the grass triangle in Berrington at the same time as the signs were put in place . Proposed by Councillor C Wild, seconded by Councillor S Shedden and agreed by all members present.

#### 10. Financial matters

- Council to agree payment of invoices as presented by the clerk. It was agreed to pay the invoices as presented by the clerk. Proposed by Councillor J Brayne, seconded by Councillor R Purslow and agreed by all members.

Online	HMRC	PAYE	7.52
Online	Staff	wfha & Expenses	52.70
Online	SALC	Training	7.50
Online	Staff	Salary	550.52
Online	Shrewsbury Town Council	Dafodil Bulbs	43.20
		total	661.44

- Council to accept the Bank Reconciliation as presented by the clerk. It was agreed to accept the Bank reconciliation as presented by the clerk Proposed by Councillor J Brayne , seconded by Councillor R Purslow and agreed by all members present.
- Council to consider budget set by the clerk and set the Precept for 2021/2022 After discussion it was agreed to set the precept for the forthcoming financial year 2021/2022 at a figure of £15,503.This is in line with the budget set at the finance briefing held in early January

11. **Parish Matters** Councillor G Jones had asked where the daffodil bulbs had been planted. Councillor C Wild had collected two bags one for Berrington and one for Crosshouses. This was done in November.

The drainage in the Playing Field was discussed briefly. The drains are choked up with Willow roots and these will have to be dug out. The matter is in hand.

12. **Date & time of next Council meeting.** It was agreed to hold the next meeting in March as whilst there is a National Lockdown on there is not a lot happening. If anything, urgent came up then the Council would call a meeting. It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March via Zoom starting at 7.00pm.

**The meeting was then closed for the members of the public whilst members discussed the proposal to give the clerk an increase on the pay spine.**

*It is recommended that pursuant to Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972 and pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, that the public and press should be excluded during discussions of Item 13, due to the likely disclosure of confidential information.*

- 13. After discussion it was agreed to give the clerk an increase on the pay spine point.**  
**14. The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.05 pm**

*On 4th April 2020, the government brought The Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings) (England) Regulations 2020 into force to allow local authorities to conduct meetings remotely. Members of the public may access these meetings through the Zoom platform by sending an email to the Parish Clerk at [berringtonpc@gmail.com](mailto:berringtonpc@gmail.com) stating their device type and whether they wish to contribute audibly or visually and audibly. In response the Parish Council will provide the Meeting ID, password, and the time of the meeting. This request must be with the clerk 36 hours before the meeting is due to start.*

*The rules for members of the public to speak will be the same as normal meetings, that is, during the opportunity to do so in the agenda item allotted for the purpose. Due to time limitations the speaker should limit their question/presentation to 3 minutes*