

BPC042019 **BERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**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 J Brayne, Councillor E Brayne, Councillor S Shedden , Councillor G Jones , L Pardoe clerk to the Council and one member of the public and apologies were received from Councillor C Bonsey who was unwell, Councillor L Picton was at another meeting
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests** There were none at this point
4. **Sergeant Ram Aston, West Mercia Police, to speak on Smart water.** Sergeant Ashton explained how Smart water works and the benefits of having it. The Police & Crime & Commissioner is supporting this with a 25% grant for Parish Councils to become a Smart Water Village. The Parish Council would buy enough packs for the village and receive a grant for 25%. With this the Villages would have large signs at both ends of the villages, the police would support the roll out of it. The Parish Council would give a pack to each household which would then be registered with Smart water via an app on a tablet or mobile phone and once 70% of the properties are registered then the signage would be provided by the PCC. The Police will assist to roll this out to all the hamlets within the parish and also help to take it to the residents. The cost to the Parish Council would be £8.90 per pack. Each Parish has its own unique number and each resident has their own unique code. Once this is rolled out to all households then it may be possible to do something similar for the businesses in the parish.  
Sergeant Ashton to e-mail details and costs to Councillor Picton for this to go into the next edition of the Village pump a decision on this would be made in June.  
Sergeant Ashton with PCSO L Birch would visit the Youth Club at the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.  
The Chairman thanked him for attending and he then left the meeting.
5. **Public Session.** No one wished to speak.
6. **Confirmation of the minutes from 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019** it was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Councillor R Purslow, seconded by Councillor S Mason and agreed by all members present.
7. **Matters arising:** The clerk reported that she had received a further response from Greenbelt stating that their inspectors had found only minor faults, which would be put in their maintenance programme. The clerk had since then received another complaint from another member of the public on the state of the matting at the Play Area. She had responded to them with the contact details for Greenbelt and explained that the Play Areas were not the responsibility of the Parish Council but Persimmon Homes and were managed by Greenbelt for Persimmon. Shropshire Council is telling residents that the Parish Council is responsible for the Play Areas at The Chestnuts. It was agreed that the clerk should write to Green belt and request that they put up some larger signs on the railings of the Play Areas with their details on so that residents would be able to contact them directly with any problems and

concerns. The clerk was also asked to repeat the request for a copy of the most recent ROSPA Inspection report.

8. **Police Report:** Councillor Wild had met the Local Policeman the previous night at a meeting and she had been updated on local issues.
9. **Playing Fields:** Councillor Wild is having a meeting with Carmen Ecclestone from Street Scene at Shropshire Council to talk about possible solutions. The Dog Warden is doing some patrolling in the area. Councillor Wild was going to get some report forms for the clerk to put on the parish council website so members of the public could report anyone seen NOT picking up after their dog. The clerk had printed off some notices that the Dog Warden will be using and laminated them for members to put up around the village with the telephone number to contact should they wish to report any incidents witnessed. This could be done anonymously. It could also be reported on Shropshire Councils website.

#### 10. Shropshire Council Consultations.

- Proposed changes for Travel assistance for SEND Nursery and Post 16 students. It was felt that the proposed increases were very large and could make the difference for some people to be able to go to college.
- Reductions in some Bus services and increase in the fee for the Park & Ride. It was agreed that the Parish Council disagreed with these proposals and felt that the increase in the Park & Ride fares was short-sighted. The loss of concessions would have a huge impact on the elderly members of the community who find it invaluable to be able to be dropped off in a choice of places round the town. The removal of the group ticket was penalising families' abilities to use this service. It could be cheaper to take their cars into town and park. This against the spirit of the Park & Ride which was started to keep cars out of town and encourage people to use the buses services. The reduction of some of the services was also felt to be a retrograde step, many people have to use the bus to get into town for doctors' appointments and to have to then wait around for a couple of hours to catch another bus back was felt to be not in the best interests of the users.

It was felt that both these proposals were regressive and would not encourage people to use the Town. It would be easier and cheaper to go to shopping centres out of town where there is parking on site and this will add to the reduction in the footfall in the Town itself.

#### 11. Highway Matters

- i. Councillor Wild to update on VAS Signs. Councillor Wild had met with D Gradwell from Shropshire Council and we would only be allowed 1 additional VAS sign and it would have to have a separate post which would cost £1000 for each post and installation. They had looked at two possible locations. Councillor Purlow was keen to look at alternative methods of slowing the traffic down and possibly more signage and hazard areas marked.
- ii. Councillor Wild to update on progress with Allotment Wall. Councillor Wild had met with Karen Ralph, Conservation Officer and Andrea King the Tree Officer, both from Shropshire Council. They are liaising with the Highways and the Tree Officer to see what can be done and will get back to the Parish Council.
- iii. Councillors to report Highways matters of concern

#### 12. Planning;

##### Previous applications:

Berrington Parish Council  
Minutes April 2019  
[berringtonpc@gmail.com](mailto:berringtonpc@gmail.com)  
L Pardoe Clerk & RFO

Signed.....

Dated Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Reference: 18/05557/FUL: Barn at Betton Abbots Farm, Betton Abbots, Shrewsbury .SY5 6JD awaiting decision

Reference: 19/00292/FUL; Meadow Bank Farm, Condover, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 7DB  
**Permission Granted 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

Reference: 19/01005/Ful: Betton Abbots Landfill Site; awaiting decision

Reference:19/00871/AGR: withdrawn 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019

#### **Council to consider new applications.**

- Reference: 19/: 19/01018/FUL (validated: 19/03/2019)  
 Address: 1 Russell Place, Cross Houses, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 6EY  
 Proposal: Installation of replacement roof over existing extension; removal of internal walls to reconfigure rooms; with new windows and doors  
*After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council supported this application.  
 Proposed by Councillor J Brayne, seconded by Councillor R Purslow and agreed by all members present.*
- Reference: 19/01019/19/01019/LBC (validated: 19/03/2019)  
 Address: 1 Russell Place, Cross Houses, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 6EY  
 Proposal: Works to replace flat roof over the existing single storey extension with pitched roof and removal of internal walls to provide an open plan kitchen/diner with new windows and doors affecting a Grade II Listed Building. *After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council supported this application. Proposed by Councillor J Brayne, seconded by Councillor R Purslow and agreed by all members present*  
**Council to consider any new applications notified after the agenda has been sent out.** There were no other applications received

#### **13. Finance**

- i. Council to receive Bank Reconciliation for the month end March 2019 it was agreed to receive the Bank Reconciliation as presented by the clerk. Proposed by Councillor S Mason, seconded by Councillor J Brayne and agreed by all members present.
- ii. Council to pay agree and pay accounts as presented by the clerk. List to be circulated to members before the meeting. It was agreed to pay the accounts as presented by the clerk. Proposed by Councillor S Mason, seconded by Councillor J Brayne and agreed by all members present.

1206	National Trust	Rents	113.10
1207	SJF Print & Design	Pump printing	307.00
1208	Shropshire Council	Energy	100.94
1209	HMRC	PAYE	4.60
1210	L Pardoe	Expenses	82.18
S/O	L Pardoe	Salary	539.92
		Total	1147.74

- iii. Council to receive the Year End Accounts it was agreed to receive the Year End Accounts as presented by the clerk. Proposed by Councillor S Mason, seconded by Councillor J Brayne and agreed by all members present.
- iv. The Council agreed Section 2, Accounting Statements of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2018/19 Part 3

- v. The Council agreed Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2018/2019 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2018/2019 Part 3.
- vi. Council to receive year end Bank Reconciliation Account. It was agreed to receive the Year End Bank Reconciliation as presented by the clerk. Proposed by Councillor S Mason, seconded by Councillor J Brayne and agreed by all members present.
- vii. Council to consider any grant applications received, none were received

**14. Play Area Matters:**

- **Councillor J Brayne to report on Youth Club Activities.** There would not be any meetings now until 1<sup>st</sup> May. They now have a waiting list with 33 children
- They have had no volunteers for assisting at the Summer Party.
- They need to look at somewhere to store their equipment.
- **Councillor E Brayne to report on Play Areas.** The football nets need to be repaired as the nets are coming down.
- There are still flooding issues, the water is lying at the bottom goal posts and cannot get away into the pool.

**15. Community Led Plan:** Councillor Shedden said that they had had a very good meeting and that there would be some sample questionnaires at the next meeting and Rene Wallace from Rural Community Council would also be there to assist in the process.

**16. Correspondence:** This was noted.

**17. Parish Matters:** Councillor S Mason reported that the King Street Crossroads were still flooding due to the drain not being anywhere near where the water collected. Councillor R Purslow reported that a resident was parking on the double yellow lines outside number 25 at The Chestnuts. Clerk to contact parking enforcement. Also opposite Shropshire Homes Car Park the gully is collapsing. Clerk to report.

**18. Date and time of next meeting:** It was agreed that this would be held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at the Community Centre starting at 7.30pm. This to be preceded by The Annual Parish Meeting starting at 7.00pm. This was due to conflicting meetings in member's diaries.

**19. Council to agree format of Annual Parish meeting to precede the May Annual Parish Council Meeting.** This to be the same as previous years.

20. The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.15pm