

BERRINGTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Thursday 3rd May 2018

MINUTES

1) Welcome by Chairman: The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. The Chairman asked for a moment silence in memory of a local girl who had gone missing over the previous weekend and had sadly been found dead.

2) Present; Councillor C Wild; Councillor R Purslow; Councillor L Picton ;Councillor J Brayne; Councillor S Mason; Councillor E Brayne Councillor J Healey ;Apologies were received from Councillor C Bonsey who was unwell and Councillor S Hawksworth who was on leave. Also present was L Pardoe clerk to the Parish Council Nicola Fisher from Shropshire Council. There were many members of the public present (Please see sheet attached to minutes)

3) Confirmation and acceptance of the Minutes of the Parish Meeting on Wednesday 12th May 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 those present.

4) Nicola Fisher from Shropshire Council to speak on Neighbourhood Plans & Place Plans.

Nicola Fisher spoke on Neighbourhood Plans (NP) in depth and answered questions from the floor as she spoke. Much Wenlock NP cost £73,000 to produce. There are 4 NP in Shropshire at the present. There is a life span of 3-5 years for these documents then they have to be re-done.

A NP is a Planning Document which sets out what development the parish wants to have and where it is to be. It is **not** a document to say that the parish does not want any development. It is a very detailed document and requires a lot of commitment in time and requires external professional planners and advisors to be involved in the development of the Plan. It is externally scrutinised before it is adopted and once adopted it **has** to be taken into account by the Principal Authority.

While there is more CIL money (25% instead of 15%) if the Parish Has a Neighbourhood Plan the additional money is expected to be used to implement critical key infrastructure by the parish.

A Community Led Plan is a document which sits alongside the existing planning documents and may be taken into consideration by the local planning authorities. Community Led Plans are initiatives led by local people planning for the future of their village, parish or neighbourhood. They do this by producing a common vision of how their community should look or develop in the future and working together to achieve this through the statutory planning system and/or other means.

Councillor J Healey asked if the Parish Had a Neighbourhood Plan would they have been able to refuse the Fletcher Homes development taking place in Crosshouses. It was explained to him and the meeting that the development had arisen as a windfall site when Shropshire Council did not have a 5-year housing land supply and even if a Neighbourhood Plan had been in place then the NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework) takes precedence and planning permission will be granted.

Many residents were under the impression that they would not get a cycle path without the Parish Council doing a Neighbourhood Plan and that the extra money raised through development would fund the cycle path. It was explained that if a NP was done then the additional money would be on Future development not on any existing developments being constructed at the present time.

There followed a vigorous debate on the proposal for a cycle path from Crosshouses to Weeping Cross. Members of the public are keen to have a cycle path. The Chairman explained that the Parish Council had received written confirmation from all landowners of the original route that they were totally against giving up any of their land for the project and that a previous Councillor had tried for twenty years to get landowners permission for a cycle path into Shrewsbury from Crosshouses. The Parish Council were not against a cycle path, in fact it was on its list of desired projects for the parish alongside many other important improvements for the community. Councillor Healey was now proposing a different route for the cycle path. This was on National Trust land and he was confident that they would give permission for this route. This would be looked at by the Parish Council. A few residents stated that whilst a cycle path was a good idea there were other things that needed doing within the Parish.

5) Chairs Annual Report; see attached

4) Clerks Financial Report for the Year: see attached

5) Shropshire Council Report: see attached

6) Annual Chapel Community Centre Report; see attached

7) Allotments Report. Cameron reported that they have a vacant allotment available

8) Parish Matters: A resident asked if it would be possible to write to the Mytton & Mermaid owners to request they ask their patrons not to park on the dropped kerb by the bridge which makes it difficult and dangerous to see traffic on the road.

9) Date and Time of next Meeting– It was agreed that this would be on Thursday 2nd May 2019 at 7.00 pm in the Community Centre.

The Chairman thanked all for attending and close the meeting at 8.45pm.

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