

BERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

Thursday 6th August 2020

MINUTES

Online

Starting at 7.00pm

1. **Chairman's welcome** The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting
2. **Present** Councillor C Wild-Chairman, Councillor S Mason, Councillor E Brayne, Councillor J Brayne Councillor S Shedden .Councillor R Purslow Vice-Chairman, Councillor L Picton, Councillor C Bonsey attended using audio only, apologies were received from Councillor G Jones. Also present were two members of the public and the clerk to the council. A member of the public did enter the meeting very late due to difficulties at his end with the link.
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests** All members of the council introduced themselves to the meeting and declared that they had no pecuniary interest in the Local Plan consultation.
4. **Public session** The Chairman of the Community Led Plan Steering Group spoke on the delay in presenting the CLP to the Council. This was due to the COVID19 stopping all meetings. He was optimistic that they would be able to kick-start the process in the autumn possibly with some virtual meetings. He stated that in his view a significant majority of the residents (based on the completion of the CLP questionnaires) would be happy with the level of development proposed for Crosshouses in the Local Plan.
Another member of the public stated that he strongly supports the proposals for Crosshouses in the Local Plan.
5. **Council to consider its response to the Local Plan Consultation by Shropshire Council.**
The Parish Council strongly supports the level of development for Cross Houses in the Local Plan. The residents, at two public meetings, let it be known that Cross Houses had received a large number of housing due to five year land supply issues and asked that this additional housing be taken into account when Shropshire Council in this refresh of the local plan. The Parish Council are pleased that Shropshire Council have taken on board the Parish Council's concerns and did not allocate any further sites for development. The 9 wind fall houses allocated to the proposed development boundary is considered acceptable.
The Parish Council discussed the questions of the Policies and made the following responses.

Question 1

Regulation 18:Pre-submission Draft of Shropshire Local Plan

Question 2

This response related to DP3. Affordable Housing Provision.

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The Parish Council feel that it is important that registered providers should work with Town and Parish Councils to ensure that there is a requirement to offer local residents' first option of affordable housing via a local lettings policy .This is important to provide childcare and support for the elderly. We request that this be added to Policy DP3.

Question 2

This response is related to DP12: Minimising Carbon Emissions.

The Residents of Crosshouses and Berrington recently completed a Community Led Plan which showed that a significant number of residents have concerns for the environment and development within that

The Parish Council therefore strongly support the proposal to achieve 19 % increased improvement over the current building regulations:

Ensuring all proposals for 10 or more dwellings achieve a minimum of 19% improvement in the energy performance requirement in Part L of the 2013 Building Regulations, until such time as the Building Regulations are increased to a level which exceeds this uplift and:

c. Ensuring all proposals for the formation of one or more dwellings provide a minimum of 10% of the predicted energy needs of the development from on-site renewable and low carbon energy sources.

d. Strongly encouraging all proposals for one or more dwellings and in particular residential development of 50 or more dwellings to:

- i. Achieve zero net-carbon emissions;
- ii. Maximise the use of on-site district heating and cooling systems, especially where these utilise renewable energy and
- iii. Maximise opportunities to connect to wider heating and cooling networks both for energy supply and export, especially where these utilise renewable energy

Question 2

This response relates to DP23; Sustainable drainage systems

The Parish Council supports Shropshire Councils Sustainable Urban Drainage measures that Shropshire Council is proposing and feels that developers countywide need to be aware of the local issues when developing sites.

Question 2

This response relates to DP28: Broadband and Mobile Communications Infrastructure

The Parish Council strongly supports this policy for the following reasons.

The Parish Council is based in a rural area and there have been a few accidents in the agricultural community where there have been delays getting emergency treatment due to the lack of a mobile phone signal. This needs to be drastically improved.

There are a number of local people who work from home and the need for decent and reliable broadband provisions and mobile signals is vital to their livelihood. Again this needs to be improved for the outlying areas where there is not always a good reception or signal.

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