

BERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 7th October 2021

MINUTES

Starting at 7.00pm

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 14, due to the likely disclosure of confidential information

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 Durkan, Councillor S Shedden, Councillor H Carpenter, Councillor N Biggs, Councillor G Jones. Apologies were received from Councillor C Bonsey-these were accepted by the council. Also present two members of the public, L Pardoe, clerk to the Council.
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests.** There were none declared at this point of the meeting.
4. **Public session. *Standing Orders were suspended to allow the public to speak.*** A member of the public reported that following the last meeting there had been conversations with residents of The Chestnuts and there was only one person against having yellow lines in certain areas. The gentlemen who had been parking a large van and causing visibility problems had been very reasonable about it.
Standing Orders were re-instated.
5. **Council to agree the minutes from September 2021.**It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting proposed by Councillor R Purslow, seconded by Councillor H Carpenter and agreed by all members present.
6. **Clerk to report on matters arising not covered on the agenda.** The clerk reported that she had been contacted by a gentleman from Bromsgrove who was very taken with the design of the one bus shelter and requested a copy of the design so he could build a scale replica in his garden. She was trying to contact Huw Powell-Roberts who was the designer to see if he would be happy for this to happen and give written permission. The Chairman gave the clerk the contact details for her to speak with him.
The clerk had received an e-mail advertising glow in the dark sign to warn people against not picking up after their dogs in the darker evenings. It was agreed to look at this matter in November.
7. **Allotment Wall update by Councillor Wild.** Councillor Wild reported that we had finally received three quotes for the demolition of part of the Allotment Wall as it was in a dangerous state of repair. This would be discussed in a later part of the meeting
8. **Chestnut Play Areas -Update** Councillor Wild reported that we had a site meeting with two members of Greenbelt and their Inspector, along with one resident from The Chestnuts and also the Senior PA to the local MP.
It had been agreed at the meeting that the Contracts Manager would give us a copy of the Maintenance regime. It was discussed that if they told the Parish Council how much they spent on the grass and hedge cutting, and then paid the Parish Council ,it would be prepared to get their own contractor to maintain these areas. Greenbelts' representatives stated that it would be expensive to re-lay the cold pour at the edges, the chairman asked them if the Parish Council were to contribute to the costs would that help to get the play areas put into a better state of repairs. They said that this would help. It was agreed for them to give us a cost for the Parish Council to consider during the budget setting in November /January.

The Chairman left the meeting at this point to attend another meeting. The Vic-Chairman took over chairing the meeting.

9. Planning matters

- Reference: 21/03374/FUL (validated: 07/07/2021)
Address: 15 Lower Cross, Cross Houses, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 6JU
Permission Granted
- Reference: 21/02866/FUL (validated: 06/07/2021)
Address: 1 Russell Place, Cross Houses, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 6EY
Permission Granted
- Reference: 21/03915/FUL (validated: 10/08/2021)
Address: Birchill, Berrington, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 6HB
Proposal: Erection of first floor extension to provide additional bathroom
Permission Granted

New Planning applications.

- Reference: 21/04390/FUL (validated: 09/09/2021)
Address: Proposed Barn Conversion North Of 66, Cantlop, Shrewsbury, Shropshire
Proposal: Change of use of former shippen to dwelling
After discussion it was agreed to offer no comment to this application. Proposed by Councillor R Purslow, seconded by Councillor S Mason and agreed by all members present.

10. Highways matters-

- **members to raise any concerns**
- Councillor Mason reported that the surface between Lower Cross and Noel Hill Road is in a very poor state of repair. Clerk to report this.
- Councillor Biggs reported that he had been approached by residents who were concerned at the speed of vehicles crossing the roundabout and he asked if we could have some speed signs saying thank you to those who obeyed the speed limits. Councillor Purslow replied that the roundabout has not yet been signed off and that there are plans to improve the speeding through the whole village and that the Parish Council was pushing for upgraded VAS that showed the speed that vehicles were travelling at. Engineers were drawing up plans for improvements from the start of the village at Russell Square right through the village. The engineers would then come and make a presentation to the Parish Council. The Parish Council was also looking to have gated entrances and were also hoping to get the 30moph extended to include all dwellings. The Parish Council is working towards all of these strategies.
- Councillor Shedden reported that the one seat is falling to pieces and now needs looking at. It used to be a cause for comment, but it is now an eyesore. The clerk to put this on the agenda for the next meeting. Clerk to contact H Powell Roberts to see if he might advise the best way to rectify the matter.
- **Surface dressing on A458 in October.** The A458 would be closed for a week to repair the surface from The Bell to Cressage. The closure would be from 9.30am to 4.00pm.

11. Financial matters

- a) Council to agree payment of invoices as presented by the clerk. It was agreed to pay the invoices as presented by the clerk propose by Councillor R Purslow, seconded by Councillor S Mason and agreed by all members present.

October Payments		
staff	Office 365	135.36
SJF Printing	newsletter	317.00
Came & Co	Insurance	1273.02
Staff	expenses	118.42
National Trust	Rent	112.10
total		1955.90
Payments between meetings		
Shropshire Council	Business Rates	251.49
HMRC	PAYE	2.80
Water Plus	Water usage	43.59

- b) 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 R Purslow seconded by Councillor S Shedden and agreed by all member present
- c) Council to agree the Insurance Renewal. The clerk reported that adding the contents for the Community Centre and changing the policy slightly had increased the cost by £32.34. It was agreed to go with this increase as it was a significant saving for the parish to do it this way.

The clerk reported that following a discussion with the representative of the Insurance company that regular hirers would need their own liability insurance and that we would need to know that they do have this and have sight of it if possible.

For weddings and large events would need their own liability insurance and the Parish Council might like to consider buying Insurance Cover for this and adding the cost to the hire charges.

This would be discussed at the next Management Committee meeting which would take place after the next Parish Council meeting in November.

12. Parish Matters.

- Councillor Bonsey had e-mailed the clerk to query the number of houses being built on the new development. She thought that plots 74-75 were not on the plans agreed by the Parish Council due to concerns about the active badger sett found on the site Councillor Purslow stated that the plots 74-75 were being built in the compound. He asked the clerk to check the plans.
- Councillor Bonsey also had concerns over the amount of parking now on Brazier Way. Councillor Purslow reported that this was because the contractor's car park had now been built on so they were parking there at the present time and that this would stop once the development was completed.
- Councillor Purslow reported that Shropshire Homes hedge needs cutting back. Clerk to contact them and request that this be done.
- Councillor Purslow also reported that the hedge by the gas tanks need cutting. Clerk to ask the groundsman to do this.
- Councillor S Mason reported that the hedge by the boiler room probably needed removing due to the invasive roots possibly going under the Community Centre. This to be on the agenda for November.
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13. **Date & time of next Council meeting.** It was agreed that this would be on Thursday 4th November 2021 at The Community Centre starting at 7.00pm

Councillor Purslow proposed that the public and press should be excluded during discussions of Item 15, due to the likely disclosure of confidential information. This was seconded by Councillor H Carpenter. *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 14, due to the likely disclosure of confidential information*

The Chairman closed the meeting to the public and the meeting then went into closed session to discuss the tenders for the demolition of part of the Allotment Wall.

- 14. Council to consider tenders for the removal of part of the Allotment Wall as a matter of some urgency.** After discussion it was agreed to award the contract to SLB Groundcare. The clerk to contact him for a date to start the job as soon as possible.
- 15. The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.00pm**