

A BERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Cross Houses Community Centre
Thursday 13th November 2025, starting at 7.00pm**

MINUTES

1. **Chairs welcome** the Chair welcomed all to the meeting
2. **Present** Councillor H Carpenter-Chairman, Councillor H Eccles Vice-chairman, Councillor A Abbotts, Councillor S Hess, Councillor A Yeomans, Councillor C Morris Councillor M Rathbone & Apologies were received from Councillor N Biggs who was unwell. Also Present Shropshire Councillor S Coleman, L Pardoe, Clerk to the Council . Amy Henson from Benson to speak on the Berrington Meadows Phase 3 Proposal, 20 members of the public.
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest** There were none declared at this point of the meeting
4. **Council to agree the minutes of the October 2025 meeting.** It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting, proposed by Councillor Hamish Eccles, seconded by Councillor H Carpenter and agreed by all members present.
5. **Public session**
Standing Orders were suspended to allow the members of the Public to speak.
The Chairman explained that Amy was here from Berrys too hear residents and members concerns regarding the Proposal for 55 homes at Berrington Meadow Phase 3.
Stranding Orders were reinstated to allow the meeting to continue.
6. **Shropshire Councillors Report.** Councillor Coleman reported that Shropshire Council were still waiting to see if there would be any financial support for the Council from Government. They are looking for about £50k support.As a result there will be no spending at all at the moment that is not necessary .
7. **Planning Matters**
 - **a) Decisions.**
 - Reference: 25/02000/FUL
Address: Proposed dwelling adjacent to Greenmantle, 1 Cross Houses.
Proposal: Erection of a detached dwelling and double garage , formation of access. Awaiting decision. Permission Granted 4 September
 - Reference: 25/02751/FUL
Address: Proposed Residential land to the East of Ridout Road, Crosshouses
Proposal: Residential development for 55 no dwellings. Awaiting Decision
 - Reference: 25/03147/FUL
Address: Blytheway. Berrington.SY5 6HB
Proposal: Proposed side extension. Permission Granted 13 October
 - Reference:25/03370/LBC
Address: 1 Russell Place, Crosshouses
Proposal: Replacement of 9 No windows. Awaiting decision

b) New Applications

- Reference: 25/03909/VRA106 (validated: 17/10/2025)
Address: 32 High Cross Avenue, Cross Houses, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 6LJ
Proposal: Variation of Section 106 Legal Obligation pursuant to S/90/227/61/90 and S/90/1102/61/90 to allow for an amendment to the discounted price It was agreed that members did not have sufficient knowledge to comment on this application and would leave it to the officers.

c) Applications received after the agenda has been prepared

8. Report on state of readiness of defibrillator- Clerk to report after checking status with Jon Sharrocks from Shropshire Homes.

9. Councillor Rathbone to give an update on the Berrington Telephone Box. There is nothing to report.

10. Progress Report on items from previous meetings

- a. **VAS signs.** Councillor Coleman was still chasing for these to be done. There is the financial constraint to be considered
- b. **Village Gateways** Councillor Abbott and the clerk had met with M Day from JACs to look at siting for the gateways. They had received a quotation for the installation and installation. It was agreed to make a decision at the January meeting after the budget setting briefing.
- c. **Footpath Cantlop Mill.** It was agreed that this should be put on Fix my Street
- d. **Speeding through Cantlop Cross.** Councillors wanted this to be looked at by Shropshire Council officers and acknowledge that there is a problem of speeding.

11. Clerks report to cover items not on the agenda-verbal

12. Highways matters- Members to report any highways issues

Mr Healey reported that the CSW forms have been completed and they were optimistic that they would be able to get the training done soon and have the Community Speedwatch up and running in January 2026.

13. Financial Matters

- a. Council to agree payment of monthly invoices as presented by the Clerk .It was agreed to pay the invoices as presented by the clerk. Proposed by Councillor H Carpenter, seconded by Councillor A Abbott and agreed by all members present.
- b. Council to accept the Monthly Bank Reconciliation as presented by the Clerk .It was agreed to accept the Bank Reconciliation as presented by the clerk, proposed by Councillor H Carpenter, seconded by Councillor A Abbott and agreed by all members present.
- c. Members to receive papers preparatory to the budget setting. The clerk handed out the draft budget figures for members to look at preparatory to the financial briefing when they would be looked at in greater detail.

14. Parish Matters .Councillor Hess reported a light out between 65.66 Lower Cross. Clerk to report to E-on

The Parish Council is looking for volunteers to help run the Community Centre on the Management Committee. This is not a particularly onerous commitment and the more members the easier the work of running the centre is.

15. Date and time of next meeting- It was agreed that this would be held on Thursday 8th January 2026 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 Items 17, due to the likely disclosure of confidential information

16. The Chairman thanked all members of the public for attending and asked them to vacate the room whilst the following confidential item was discussed.

17. Members to discuss the retirement of the clerk.

After discussion it was agreed that the clerk would use the usual channels to advertise for a new clerk with a start date of 1st June 2026.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm