

**BERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Cross Houses Community Centre**  
**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023,**

**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 Hess, Councillor C Bonsey, Councillor H Carpenter Councillor N Biggs. Also present L Pardoe clerk to the Council and 5 members of the public (see sheet attached with September Minutes). Apologies – were received from Councillors S Mason and S Durkam who were unwell.
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests** There were none at this point.
4. **Jon Eastwood from WSP to update members on the proposed traffic calming measures through Crosshouses.** Mr Eastwood was unable to be present due to unforeseen circumstances. It is hoped that he will attend the January meeting.
5. **Council to agree the minutes of the September 2023 meeting.** 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.

*Standing Orders were suspended to allow the public to speak.*

6. **Public session.** One member of the public stated how pleased the Allotment Holders were with the replaced part of the wall at the Allotments.

*Standing Orders were reinstated for the meeting to continue.*

7. **Local Police Report** – The Police had attended the Atcham meeting the previous evening , they have been getting some speed enforcement in the area locally. They now have to investigate every shoplifting incidents and they have been getting over 8 a week which is time consuming.
8. **Report on state of readiness of defibrillator-Councillor R Purslow to report.** The defibrillator is fully functional and ready for use when needed.

**9. Planning Matters**

**6a) Decisions.**

- Reference:23/03725/OUT  
Address; Land at Bettonfield Betton Strange, Shrewsbury  
Proposal: Rural Enterprise dwelling  
Awaiting decision
- Reference: 23/04020/FUL  
Address; Cliff House, Berrington, Shropshire  
Proposal: Erection of a single storey wraparound extension.  
Permission granted 2 November 2023
- Reference; 23/03947/FUL  
Address: 9 Lower Cross, Cross Houses, Shrewsbury

Proposal: Erection of a single storey side extension to provide new ground floor bedroom and shower room  
Permission granted 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023

**6b) New Applications.** There were no new applications to consider

**6c) Applications received after the agenda has been prepared.** There were no new applications to consider

**10. Clerks report to cover items not on the agenda –** The clerk reported that she had received a request from Shropshire Council for Parish Councils to notify of any areas that had flooding issues in the recent storms. Members reported that there had been flooding by the shop in Crosshouses and also on the A458 between Crosshouses and Burnt Tree Crossroad. There had been flash flooding at Fox Barn and King Street Crossroads. She Had also received a request from Shropshire Council to see if there were any areas of land that could be used for planting trees within the Parish. Councillor Wild reported that The National Trust were planting some 200 acres of their land within the parish with trees. The National Pay award for clerks had been settled. This would be agreed in the financial part of the meeting.

**11. Highways matters- Members to report any highways issues** There is a street light out on the main road near the pelican crossing. There are two bad potholes at Cantlop. There is also a pothole at the junction of the Cantlop crossroads.

## 12. 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 R Purslow, seconded by Councillor H Carpenter and agreed by all members present.

L Pardoe Microsoft subscri	Ofcice 365	148.32
HMRC	PAYE	144.40
Staff Salaries S/O	Nov	688.94
SLB Groundcare	Maintenance	1999.44
J Cox	Tree surgery work	480.00
Waterplus D/D	Community Centre	20.29
EE D/D	Community Centre Wifi	33.60
Staff expenses	Exp	36.10
Staff expenses	staff expenses	55.90
Homesmiths	Allotment Wall	9882.00
R Purslow	RBL poppies	63.75
Allotment group	Water for Wall	40.00
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>13592.74</b>

- 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 R Purslow, seconded by Councillor H Carpenter and agreed by all members present.
- c. It was agreed to reimburse the Allotment Group with £40 towards the cost of the water used during the refurbishment of the Wall

- d. It was agreed that the Council would accept the ||National Pay award for the local council clerks backdated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. Proposed by Councillor R Purslow ,seconded by Councillor C Wild and agreed by all members present

**13. Parish Matters** members to report any parish matters not covered on the agenda.

Councillor Wild has received the Daffodil bulbs and crocus bulbs that had been ordered and delivered them to Councillor Carpenter and Andy Abbots in Crosshouses.

The Berrington Meadows development is now nearing completion and Fletcher have cut back a lot of brush and foliage which has revealed the attenuation pond now. The clerk to contact Fletchers and ask if they are going to put a fence around the pond for safety reasons

At a recent Berrington Village Hall meeting they were told that the Red Phone box consultation is going ahead. BT will provide a Red telephone box for a fee of £1 and if the community put a defibrillator in it they will pay for the electricity for 7 years to heat the box it will be housed in. It was agreed that the Parish Council are happy to contribute to a defibrillator and then pay the costs to maintain it as they do with the defibrillator in Crosshouses.

Clerk to chase up the hedge cutting on the main road out of the village with Stephen Armstrong from National Trust.

**14. Date and time of next meeting-** It was agreed that this would be held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at the Community Centre starting at 7.00pm.

**15.** The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.45 pm.