

BERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Cross Houses Community Centre
Thursday 3rd October 2024,

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 Mason, Councillor S Durkan , Councillor S Hess, Councillor N Bigg, Councillor H Eccles. Apologies – were received from Councillor H Carpenter who had a prior commitment. Also present L Pardoe clerk to the council and 17 members of the public
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests** Councillor C Wild and H Eccles declared an interest in planning item 6d 23/03207 REF
4. **Council to agree the minutes of the September 2024 meeting.** It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting ,proposed by Councillor R Purslow ,seconded by Councillor S Durkan and agreed by all members present.
5. **Public session.** The chairman stated that she would withdraw from the meeting for item 6d .
 - a. Members of the Public. No One had anything they wished to discuss that was not pertaining to Item 6d
6. **Planning Matters**
 - a) **Decisions.**
 - Reference:24/02589/FUL
Address: The Threshing Barn, Berrington Manor, Berrington
Proposal ;Oil tank with site boundary. Permission granted 16th September 2024
 - Reference: 24/02588/LBC (validated: 09/08/2024)
Address: The Threshing Barn, Berrington Manor, Berrington, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 6HB
Proposal: Installation of 3No. additional roof lights
Applicant: Mrs Dean Harris: Application Refused
 - Reference: 24/02587/FUL (validated: 09/08/2024)
Address: The Threshing Barn, Berrington Manor, Berrington, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 6HB
Proposal: Installation of 3No. additional roof lights
Applicant: Mrs Dean Harris : Application Refused
 - b) **New Applications.** None received at the time of setting the agenda
 - c) **Applications received after the agenda has been prepared**
 - Reference :24/03659/REM
Address : Proposed Agricultural Workers Dwelling, Land at Bettonfield, Betton Strange, Shrewsbury
Proposal: Approval of Reserved matter pursuant to 23/03725/OUT for the erection of dwellings and associated works. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council was in favour of this application.

d) Planning Appeals.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow the members of the Public to speak.

Councillor C Wild and H Eccles left the councillors table and withdrew to the back of the room and too no part in any of the following discussions.

- Reference; 23/03207/REF
Erection of an up to 30 MW Solare PV Array , comprising ground mounted solar PV Panels, vehicular access, internal access tracks, landscaping and associated infrastructure, including security fencing ,CCTV, client storage containers and grid connection infrastructure, including substation buildings and off site cabling.
This will be determined on the basis of an Inquiry.
All representations must be received by 23rd October 2024. Any representations after that deadline will not usually be considered. All representations must quote the Appeal reference.

The Vice-Chair told the meeting that leave to Appeal the Decision to Refuse had been granted. This was due to a technical error by the Inspectorate. This will lead to another Public Inquiry which may still result in the same decision. A member of the public stated that the Grounds Inspectors report now had the land as Grade 1 which is the very best quality. He also stated that the Inspectorate had focussed on the presence of skylarks and had not mentioned the habitat. They felt that their objections were still relevant today, even more so as the ground rating had improved and asked the Parish Council to support members of the public objection.

Another member of the public spoke on material planning considerations.

The Vice Chairman asked members of the Parish Council if they still agreed with the original objection to which they all agreed.

The clerk was instructed to write a letter to the Planning Inspectorate objecting to the scheme and mentioning the improvement to the grading of the land to Grade1.

Standing Orders were reinstated. Councillors C Wild and H Eccles returned to the meeting table.

- 7. Local Police Report** – there was no report available however the clerk had reported that change of the Parish Councils Policing Priorities had been sent to the Police and they had requested additional information on the situation within the parish on drugs usage.
- 8. Report on state of readiness of defibrillator**-Councillor R Purslow reported that this was good to go . and they looked forward to welcoming Jon Sharrocks to speak to members at the November meeting. The clerk stated that Jon Sharrocks was also a trainer and could deliver First Aid Training if the Council were interested. The Vice Chairman asked the members of the public for a show of hands as to who would be interested in attending should we arrange for some first Aid Training. Several members of the public were interested.
- 9. Clerks report to cover items not on the agenda-**
 - The Chairman spoke to the meeting about the meeting that she had attended with the clerk and Atlas Tower. They were a company that put up masts and

then host Mobile network providers. This would significantly improve the mobile phone signal within 2-3 miles of the tower.

A site had been identified and talks were in progress between the landowner and the and proposals would be brought to the Parish Council in due course.

- The matters highlighted in the ROSPA report had been passed to the Grounds Contractor for his attention, and the clerk would hope to have a report for the November meeting
- The sign on Lower Cross which had been damaged by STC during the grass cutting was to be replaced by our selves and they would pay the bill for the replacement.
- Hugo Fox had now given us the prices for.gov.uk emails. The clerk was asked to see how much it would be for an email address for the Parish Council alone.
- The clerk had been in touch with Shropshire Council about taking on some services through the Survey Monkey link but had heard nothing back as yet.

10. Highways matters- Members to report any highways issues

- Councillor Wild commented on the Sinkhole that had appeared on the A458 which was being dealt with but was causing delays due to the use of 3-way traffic controls. It was hoped that it would be finished by the end of the week.
- Councillor Purslow asked clerk to contact National Trust as the hedges need cutting on the side of the road on the entry to the village of Crosshouses. This is reducing visibility.
- Councillor Eccles reported that Boreton Bridge needs repair. He had been in touch with Shropshire Council, and they have long term plans to repair the bridge but at the moment they have no money.
- The New Notice Board has been sited outside the Community Centre. A big thank you to Mr R Mason for painting it for the Parish Council.

11. 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 C Bonsey and agreed by all members present.

Payments for Oct		
Hugo Fox	website	23.99
E E	WiFi	36.25
Waterplus	water	24.69
Staff	salary	213.17
Staff	salary	529.50
SJF Printing	Pump Printing	312.00
HMRC	PAYE	118.40
Staff	Exp office	81.05
Staff	additional hours	45.76
	total	1384.81

- 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 C Bonsey and agreed by all members present.

- 12. Parish Matters** members to report any parish matters not covered on the agenda. All matters had been covered elsewhere on the agenda.
- 13. Date and time of next meeting**-It was agreed that this would be held on 7th November 2024. There would be a Community Centre Management Committee meeting after this meeting in November.
- 14. The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.00pm**