

# BERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020

## MINUTES

1. **Chairman's welcome.** The Chairman welcome all to the meeting
2. **Present;** Councillor C Wild- Chairman, Councillor R Purslow- Vice-Chairman, Councillor J Brayne, Councillor C Bonsey, Councillor G Jones, Councillor S Mason , also present L Pardoe clerk to the council and three members of the public. (See sheet with the signed minutes) Apologies were received from Councillor L Picton who was attending another meeting, Councillor S Shedden who was also at another meeting, Councillor E Brayne who was unwell.
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests.** There were none at this point.
4. **Public Session** .A gentleman from Russell Place said that he had spoken to a representative from Shropshire Council following Fletchers putting new lit 40 mph signs up, they had dug up across the road which has left a hump in the road and the traffic noise has increased substantially. He also asked why the 30mph was not extended to beyond the first house in the village as it is in many other villages. The Chair said that we had tried hard with the Police to alter the speed limit and it is down to the Police and they are very resistant to extending the speed limit. She said that she would report the matter of the bump in the road to Shropshire Council.  
The Chairman of the Community Led Plan spoke .They had received a very large 62 page draft Report from the Rural Community Charity which had received the complete questionnaires and collated the responses. They had received a 40% response which is good. There is to be a meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup> at The Community Centre at 7.00pm to look at the report and begin the process of drawing up the Community Led Plan. Mathew Mead from Shropshire Council and Renee Wallace from RCC will be attending to assist the members of the committee to take this very important piece of work forward. He commended all those who had been involved in the process to date.
5. **Confirmation of the minutes from 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019** It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the decisions made at the meeting, proposed by Councillor J Brayne, seconded by Councillor G Jones and agreed by all members present.
6. **Matters arising:** there was nothing to report all matters covered on the agenda.
7. **Members to report on the roll out of Smart Water in the parish.** There has been 272 registrations to date. The Parish needs 366 to reach the 70% registration needed for the Smartwater signage to be put up around the parish. These would be done by council members along with the assistance of Tim Williams from the West Mercia" We don't buy Crime" team.
8. **Council to consider and adopt the following policies**
  - **Filming, Videoing, Photography and Audio Recording at Council Meetings Policy.**
  - **Media Policy**

It was agreed to adopt the above policies. These would be put on the Parish Council website. Proposed by Councillor J Brayne, seconded by Councillor R Purslow and agreed by all members present.

#### 9. Highway Matters

- See public session for comments from members of the public.
- There has been an ongoing issue with four street lights that are not currently working. The clerk had ascertained that they were not the responsibility of the Parish Council or Shropshire Council. Shropshire Homes say they are not theirs. However the residences were built by Shropshire Homes. The clerk to contact Shropshire Homes and find out who took on the responsibility for these lights. We need to find out if the lights are a suitable standard for SC to adopt them .It was also discussed if the street has been adopted. We need to look into this and see who will accept responsibility for these lights.
- Fletchers Roundabout is no longer what was on the original plans submitted. The chairman said that this was subject to a section 278 so we need to wait until this is completed.
- Fletchers need additional drainage on site as when it rains the rain is running off the site to Holcroft Way.
- Potholes between the travellers' site and Severndale Nurseries are bad and one of the drains is very bad. Clerk to report Shropshire Council.

#### 10. Planning;

##### Previous applications:

- 19/04989/FUL | Relocation of a general purpose agricultural building - Building 1 | Betton Alkmere Farm Betton Strange Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 6HZ. Awaiting decision
- Reference: 19/05201/FUL (validated: 13/12/2019)  
Address: Top Cottage, Eaton Mascott, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 6HF  
Proposal: Erection of a two bay carport instead of a garage (as approved 18/00723/FUL) in a modified location
- Ref: 19/05480/FUL (validated: 19/12/2019)  
Address: Lower House Farm, Berrington, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 6HB  
Proposal: Change of use and conversion of former granary building to workshop/studio; to include reinstatement of first floor and installation of external staircase. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council have no objection to this application. Proposed by Councillor C Wild, seconded by Councillor R Purslow and agreed by all members present.
- Reference: 19/05481/LBC (validated: 19/12/2019)  
Address: Lower House Farm, Berrington, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 6HB  
Proposal: Works to facilitate the conversion and change of use of former granary building to workshop/studio to include insertion of first floor, doors/windows and roof lights, remedial works to roof; installation of external steps. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council have no objection to this application. Proposed by

Councillor C Wild, seconded by Councillor R Purslow and agreed by all members present

**Council to consider any new applications notified after the agenda has been sent out.**

**11. Finance**

- i. Council to receive Bank Reconciliation for the month end December 2019. It was agreed to accept the Bank reconciliation as presented by the clerk. Proposed by Councillor C Wild seconded by Councillor S Mason and agreed by all members present.
- ii. Council to pay agree and pay accounts as presented by the clerk. It was agreed to pay the accounts as presented by the clerk. Proposed by Councillor C Wild seconded by Councillor S Mason and agreed by all members

1259	SYA	Youth Club Spring Term	800.00
1260	SALC	Training 1/4 share	6.75
1261	HMRC	PAYE	9.60
1262	Staff	Office expenses	111.88
S/O	Staff	Salary	550.52
		total	1478.75

- iii. Council to consider any grant applications received. There were no new applications received.
- iv. Council to set precept for the forthcoming financial year 2020/2021. Following discussion it was agreed to set the precept at £14,500 for the forthcoming financial year.

This will be an increase of around £6.59 per band D Household.

The increase was necessary as the initial grant monies received for setting up of the youth club have run out and there are currently no more grants available.

Due to the change in the criteria for environmental maintenance grants the parish council do not now receive any financial assistance for the maintenance of the playing fields and open spaces around the Community Centre and carpark.

Members felt that it was important to fund the very successful youth club and also to maintain the playing fields, grass around the Community Centre and car park.

Proposed by Councillor C Wild, seconded by Councillor C Mason. There was one abstention and 5 in favour of the increase. This proposal was carried.

**12. Youth Matters**

**Play Area Matters:**

- **Councillor J Brayne to report on Youth Club Activities** .There is one new volunteer doing their training and also another doing Youth training.
- **Councillor E Brayne to report on Play Areas**. In Councillor Brayne's absence the chairman reported that she had been assured that the National Trust were working to solve the flooding problem on the Brompton Playing Field. The water at the moment stretches from one goal post to another.

**Play Group for Toddlers**

- **Councillor S Mason to update.** This is resuming on Wednesday from next week 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020
- 13. Reports from members attending any meetings .**No meetings had been attended over the Christmas period.
- **Community Led Plan Meeting.** See second paragraph of Public session.
- 14. Correspondence:** list to be circulated to members by e-mail.
- 15. Parish Matters:** members to report any matters.
- Councillor Mason reported that the heating had been serviced on the day of the meeting.15<sup>th</sup> January 2020
  - Councillor R Purslow also reported that he had been approached about having a kissing gate installed to allow children to pass from Noel Hill Road to The Chestnuts to allow them a short route to the bus stop. Proposed location for the kissing gate to be in the Severnside Car Park and garage area. Severnside would need to agree to the gate on their land and the maintenance issues and lack of lighting. Clerk to contact Amanda Potter at Severnside to look into this for us.
  - Councillor G Jones reported that one of the lights by him was not going off at night. Clerk to report this.
- 16. Date and time of next meeting:** It was agreed that th this would be held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at the Community Centre starting at 7.00pm
- 17.** The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.00pm.