

BPC051023 **BERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**
Cross Houses Community Centre
Thursday 5th October 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 Durkam, Councillor C Bonsey, Councillor G Jones, Councillor H Carpenter & Apologies – were received from Councillor N Biggs who had a prior engagement and S Mason who was unwell. Also present were three members of the public and L Pardoe, clerk to the Council.
3. **Council to Co-Opt a member on to the council following the resignation of Councillor S Shedden.** It was unanimously agreed to Co-op Sharlene Hess on to the Council.
4. **New Member to sign Declaration of Acceptance of Office.** This was signed in the presence of the Council and witnessed by the clerk.
5. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests** There were none at this point.
6. **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 C Wild, seconded by Councillor R Purslow and agreed by all members present.
7. **Public session.** A representative from the local bus company was present and reported to the meeting that there had been issues with their taking over the buses on the route through Crosshouses. They had some teething issues and had been surprised at how long it took get around Shrewsbury at 2.30 in the afternoon.
 There were also issues with some students being discourteous to elderly passenger on the bus. Some of the students were congregating at the front of the bus by the driver and would not move down the bus when asked. This makes it difficult for later passengers to get on the bus. There is a line on the floor of the bus , where they should not stand in front of for their own safety. This is where the axle is and should there be a collision behind the line is a safer place to be. There had also been an issue with a member of the public causing problems in Crosshouses taking photographs at the bus stop and antagonising the bus drivers.
 He felt that it was unfair to blame Shropshire Council for the buses being full. He was prepared to put on extra buses if there was a genuine need, but they would be bringing the buses from Penkridge not Bridgnorth.
 The chairman said she would write to the College and ask if someone would speak to the students about being more courteous to people on the bus, passengers and staff included and move down the bus when asked.
8. **Local Police Report –** There was no report from the Police however the SNT Team were asking for the Councils priorities regarding policing issues in the parish. It was agreed that these would be
 - Speeding through the parish
 - Thefts from outbuildings, local and also agricultural buildings and machinery

- Anti-social behaviour, drugs in the community.

9. Report on state of readiness of defibrillator-Councillor R Purslow to report. The defibrillator is good and ready for use when needed.

10. Planning Matters

6a) Decisions.

- Reference: 23/02294/FUL
Address: 8 Holcroft Way Crosshouses, Shrewsbury
Proposal: Erection of a two store side extension, single storey rear link extension and conversion of garage.
Permission Granted 14th July 2023
- Reference:23/02361/FUL
Address: Cantlop Farm, Condover, Shrewsbury
Proposal: Erection of Agricultural Building
Permission Granted 17th July 2023
- Reference: 23/02364
Address: Cantlop Farm, Condover, Shrewsbury
Proposal; Erection of Agricultural Building (Building 2 of 2)
Permission Granted 17th July 2023
- Reference:23/03725/OUT
Address; Land at Bettonfield Betton Strange, Shrewsbury
Proposal: Rural Enterprise dwelling
Awaiting decision

6b) New Applications.

- Reference: 23/04020/FUL
Address; Cliff House, Berrington, Shropshire
Proposal: Erection of a single storey wraparound extension. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council supported this application. Proposed by Councillor C Wild and seconded by Councillor R Purslow and agreed by all members present.
- Reference; 223/03947/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 . After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council supported this application. Proposed by Councillor C Wild and seconded by Councillor R Purslow and agreed by all members present.

6c) Applications received after the agenda has been prepared.

11. Clerks report to cover items not on the agenda –Shropshire Council were conducting a review of the suitability of all of the polling stations within the county for accessibility for all

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electors including those who are disabled. Members are happy that The Community Centre meets all the relevant criteria for this, and agreed for it to continue to be the polling station for the district.

The Clerk reported that work was due to start on the Allotment Wall. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, clerk and the chairman of the Allotments had met with the builders and the final details of the job had been worked out the previous week. Work had started and was progressing well, they were confident that they would be finished by the weekend.

- 12. Highways matters-**The hedge by the petrol station need trimming, clerk to contact Kam and ask for this to be done. Also clerk to request that Steven Armstrong trim the hedges on the way out of the village belonging to National Trust.

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

SJF Print	Printing Pump Magazine	312.00
HMRC	PAYE	144.40
Staff Salaries	Sep	771.74
pkf littlejohn	Audit	252.00
EE	WiFi	33.60
Waterplus	Community Centre	20.76
Eon	light repair	76.37
E-on	light repair	114.86
Staff expenses	staff expenses	55.90
Viking	Stationary	210.73
Subtotal		1992.36

- 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 C Wild, seconded by Councillor R Purslow and agreed by all members present.
- c. Council to receive the External Auditors Report. The Council received the External Auditors report and noted its contents.

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

Andy Abbotts asked if it would be possible for more daffodil bulbs this year. Clerk to order some daffodil bulbs along with crocus if possible.

- 15. Date and time of next meeting- 2nd November 2023** It was agreed that the date would be moved to the 9th November as the Chairman would not be available for the 2nd and the Council does not meet in December.

16. Members of the public were then asked to leave the meeting whilst the last item was discussed.

- 17. 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 18(d), due to the likely disclosure of confidential information*

- 18. Council to consider tenders for the Tree trimming of 2 Sycamore at the Community Centre Car Park.** The clerk gave all members a sheet with the three quotes received on it and members decided that the job should go to James Cox from Hope Bowdler.

- 19.** The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30 pm.

