

# BERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019

## 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 Shedden, Councillor G Jones ,Councillor L Picton, Councillor C Bonsey , Councillor J Brayne, Councillor E Brayne, Councillor and apologies were received from Councillor S Mason who was unwell Also present three members of the public and clerk to the Council L Pardoe
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests** there were none at this point.  
*Standing Orders were lifted to allow the public to speak.*
4. **Public Session.** A representative for the Stay & Play Group spoke about the group which has recently been started in the community centre. She had opened up for the group and reported that it was a lovely lively group. A couple of mothers had concerns on the state of the Play Areas outside the Community Centre. A group of them wanted to clean up the Play Areas. They were concerned that there appeared to be no maintenance being done. There is rust on some items and moss on the matting. The farthest Play Area is covered in conkers and leaves. It was agreed to request a site meeting with representatives from Greenbelt to look at issues. It was agreed that all the members have a look at all three areas. It was agreed that an item should be put in the Pump to see residents thoughts on removing the equipment from the far area and setting the netball post up in that area.  
Council Members and the clerk were concerned that if we were seen to be doing things to the Play Areas, which were not our responsibility then Greenbelt the company that manages the sites for Persimmon Homes may say that we should take the responsibility on for looking after the Play Areas.  
Councillor Brayne asked about having a gate put in between The Chestnuts and Noel Hill Road to enable the children to have access to the Play Areas without having to walk along the road.  
A member of the public stated that with the increase of residences in Crosshouses then the demand for Play Areas would increase so felt that the farthest area should be kept as a designated Play Area. The Chairman thanked the lady and she then left the meeting.

A member of the public read out a prepared statement. In it he challenged the Parish Councils use of the Neighbourhood Fund monies they had received. He claimed that they had acted illegally when they had repaired the leaking roof of the Community Centre with the CIL money.

The Chairman replied to this by stating that it was indeed in order for the Parish Council to use the CIL money for such projects. This had been checked with legal at Shropshire Council.  
***Community Infrastructure Levy (Amendment) Regulations 2013, Regulation Act states that 59C. A local council must use CIL receipts passed to it in accordance with regulation 59A or 59B to support the development of the local council's area, or any part of that area, by funding—***

**(a) the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure;**  
or

**(b) anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area.**

*Standing Orders were reinstated.*

5. **Confirmation of the minutes from 5<sup>th</sup> September 2019** .It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting proposed by Councillor R Purslow, seconded by Councillor S Shedden and agreed by all members present.
6. **Matters arising:** the clerk reported that she had put in Expressions of Interest to Shropshire Council for consideration in the next round of funding .These are for traffic calming measures through the village of Crosshouses and another for the improvements to the road from Crosshouses to Atcham.  
She had received a response from the Police re the queries that had been raised at the September meeting on Bonfires, speed limits through the estates and also vehicles parking on the footways.
  - Bonfires; there is no law against having bonfires, however there is a law against any subsequent nuisance that having one might cause. For it to be classed as a nuisance it needs to be a regular occurrence. You could be fined if you light a bonfire and allow the smoke to drift across the road and become a danger to traffic. For more information please see the Parish Council website where the rules are set out in detail.
  - 20mph on estates; most decisions for reduced speed limits come down to data collection that will either show that there is a speeding problem or otherwise. They will also look to whether there have been a number of collisions in that area. Schools will have a higher chance of having a reduced limit outside. It might be quite difficult to evidence why a particular estate should have a 20 when others have not.
  - Parking astride the pavement is being considered nationally with the consideration to the law changing. The Police only deal with 2types of parking offence these days. Dangerous parking (for example on a bend or a junction) or Wilful Obstruction (deliberately blocking access or exits) all other parking offences are dealt with by Shropshire Council. However PC Milton will pop warning notices on any vehicles he sees blocking the pavement.
7. **Police Report: to be circulated when received by the clerk**
8. **Council to confirm details of the roll out of SmartWater in the parish.** This was confirmed as Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October at Berrington Pub night and Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at the Autumn Faire at the Community Centre from 10.30 to 1.00pm
9. **Council to consider their response to the following documents**
  - **Shropshire Youth Consultation-papers sent to members by e-mail. This was noted.**
10. **Highway Matters**
  - i. Councillor Wild reported that the King Street crossroads had finally been repaired after four years of trying by the Parish Council to get it put right.
  - ii. It was reported that the Burnt Tree Crossroads needed look at as there is flooding there. The drains are blocked and need clearing.
  - iii. The clerk had attended a site meeting with G Johnson from E-on and Councillor S Mason to look at putting a different lamp in the light on the green. They could have

the lights on for half an hour longer. After discussion members agreed that the clerk should request a brighter bulb with a wider shade for the lamp in question. The lights would not stay on for any longer.

## 11. Planning;

### Previous applications:

Reference: 18/05557/FUL: Barn at Betton Abbots Farm, Betton Abbots, And Shrewsbury .SY5 6JD Permission Granted 2 September

Reference: 19/02090/VAR (validated: 09/05/2019) Betton House, Betton Strange, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 6HZ Permission Granted 2 July

Reference: 19/03185/FUL (validated: 06/08/2019) The Old School Buildings, Berrington, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 6HB Permission granted 11 September

Reference: 19/02894/COU (validated: 15/07/2019) The Shippen, Cantlop, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 6HH Permission granted 19 September

**Council to consider new applications.** There were no new applications to consider

**Council to consider any new applications notified after the agenda has been sent out.** There were no applications to consider

## 12. Finance

- i. Council to receive Bank Reconciliation for the month end September 2019. It was agreed to receive the Bank reconciliation as presented by the clerk. Proposed by Councillor E Brayne seconded by Councillor S Shedden and agreed by all members present

1245	National Trust	Licences	112.10
1246	Came & Co	Insurance	1192.86
1247	PFK Littlejohn	Audit	360.00
1248	SJF Design & Print	Village Pump	307.00
S/O	Staff	Salary	550.52
1249	HMRC	PAYE	4.80
1250	L Pardoe	Expenses	39.00
1251	Camber Country Store	Signage for Council	72.00
1252	R Purlow	Short payment defib pads	4.00
		total	2642.28

- ii. Council to pay agree and pay accounts as presented by the clerk. It was agreed to pay the account as presented by the clerk. Proposed by Councillor E Brayne, seconded by Councillor S Shedden and agreed by all members resent.
- iii. Council to consider any grant applications received. There were no applications to be considered at this time.
- iv. Council to receive External Audit report. The council received the report from the External Auditor which was read out to all those present at the meeting by the clerk. The Auditors had found only that the AGAR section 1 & 2 had been signed off in the wrong order.

## 13. Youth Matters

### Play Area Matters:

Berrington Parish Council  
L Pardoe, Clerk & RFO  
Minutes October 2019  
[berringtonpc@gmail.com](mailto:berringtonpc@gmail.com)

Signed.....

Dated. Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019

- **Councillor J Brayne to report on Youth Club Activities.** There was nothing to report.
- **Councillor E Brayne to report on Play Areas.** There was nothing to report.

#### **Play Group for Toddlers**

- **Councillor S Mason to update.** There was no update. Councillor Mason not present at the meeting

#### **14. Reports from members attending any meetings**

- **Community Led Plan Meeting** There was to be a final meeting on Monday night. The questionnaire was going to be delivered in the next week or so. The link had been sent to the clerk and would be put on the website as soon as the final version had been agreed.

**15. Correspondence:** It was noted that the telephone box at Berrington was down for removal by BT. Members felt that this should be retained as it was a poor mobile phone signal area and the Village Hall ran evening events and members were concerned that someone may become stranded if they could not use a telephone.

#### **16. Parish Matters:**

- Councillor J Brayne reported that there was to be a community Halloween Party. There would be free entry but there would be hot dogs etc to buy. It was Fancy Dress for adults and children.
- Councillor Bonsey reported that she had found the broken lock from the Playing Field on the field as she was walking there.
- Councillor G Jones reported that he had had no interest from residents in the Neighbourhood Watch the only people who had signed up for it were the members of the Parish Council.
- Councillor E Brayne reported children had been seen stepping in dog mess at the bus stops
- The clerk to arrange a site meeting with Amanda Grey, Neighbourhood Officer from Severnside to discuss a gate between The Chestnuts and Noel Hill Road.

**17. Date and time of next meeting:** It was agreed that this would be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at the Community Centre starting at 7.00pm

18. The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.15pm.