

# BERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021

## MINUTES

*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 14, due to the likely disclosure of confidential information*

1. **Chairman's welcome** Chairman welcomed all to the meeting
2. Present Councillor C Wild-Chairman, Councillor R Purslow-Vice-Chairman, Councillor H Carpenter, Councillor S Mason, Councillor S Shedden, Councillor S Durkan, Councillor G Jones and apologies were received from Councillor C Bonsey, N Biggs. Also present, L Pardoe, clerk to the council 3 members of the Public. Bob Thurston from National Trust was present to speak to the members about a project The national Trust are currently doing in the Parish of Berrington.
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests** there were none declared at this point
4. **Public session. Standing Orders were suspended to allow members of the public to speak**
  - Bob Thurston from The National Trust explained that they are involved in a project at the moment to create a Community Orchard at Brompton. They will be planting around 100 trees. They have some children from both Conover School and Cressage School to do some planting in February 2022. There will also be an opportunity for members of the public to be included in the planting of the trees.

It is envisioned there will be a Public Orchard space with a couple of seats for people to sit at. The trees will be mostly cider apples, but it is planned to have a dozen or so trees of eating apples and some pear trees. Members asked if it would be possible for there to be a map sited in the Orchard to identify which trees were cider ones and which were eating apples.

The Chairman thanked Bob for his time and he then left the meeting.

- A member of the public wanted to see the contract between Persimmon and Greenbelt regarding the ownership of the Chestnuts Play Areas and greenspace and requested that the clerk ask for it from them. The clerk explained that they would not share that information with the Parish Council. The same member of the public did not want the Parish Council to assist in any financial way with the repairing of the Play areas or cutting the grass at The Chestnuts
- Stranding Orders were reinstated**
5. Council to agree the minutes from October 2021. It was agreed that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting, proposed by Councillor H Carpenter, seconded by Councillor R Purslow and agreed by all members present.
  6. **Clerk to report on matters arising not covered on the agenda** The clerk had nothing to report.
  7. **Allotment Wall update by Councillor Wild.** Councillor Wild reported that three tenders had been received from local contractors. The Allotment wall will be done when the road is closed to repair the road at Cronk Hill at the beginning of December. The job will be done as per contract
  8. **Planning matters**
    - Reference: 21/04390/FUL (validated: 09/09/2021)  
Address: Proposed Barn Conversion North Of 66, Cantlop, Shrewsbury, Shropshire  
Proposal: Change of use of former shippen to dwelling. Pending Consideration

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signed.....

dated Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022

## New Planning applications. At this time there are no new planning applications

### 9. Highways matters-

- Council to consider purchasing laminated signs to remind people to pick up after their dogs. After discussion it was agreed not to purchase any signs for the village at this time.
- Council to discuss the removal of hedge by the boiler room at the Community Centre, which is preventing access to the Boiler room and causing damp in the main hall. Members agreed that the hedge needed removing. Clerk to arrange to get to get this done as soon as possible by the Councils groundsman. proposed by Councillor S Mason, seconded by Councillor R Purslow and agreed by all members present.
- members to raise any concerns
- Councillor S Shedden reported that the road from the roundabout towards the bus stop is getting very broken up.
- Councillor R Purslow reported that the new signs in Berrington, Cantlop and Betton Strange looked very good. Councillor Carpenter did ask who would cut the hedges when they grew and began to obstruct the signs?
- Councillor S Shedden reported that they would be doing some Speed Watches soon.

### 10. Financial matters

- a) Council to agree payment of invoices as presented by the clerk. It was agreed to pay the invoices as presented by the clerk Proposed by Councillor H Carpenter and seconded by Councillor S Shedden and agreed by all members present.

November Payments			
	staff	stationery	199.15
	SALC	Training	30.00
	Defibshop	New pads and Batteries	363.00
	<b>total</b>		<b>592.15</b>

- b) Council to accept the 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 and seconded by Councillor C Wild
- c) Members to receive financial information in preparation for the setting of the budget in January 2022. This was not available and would be sent to members before the January meeting for their information
- d) Clerk to advise the Parish Council on the demonstration that she had had from Scribe with a view to purchasing the financial package specifically designed for councils. The clerk had attended a session showing scribe accounts to see if it would be of benefit for doing the invoicing for the Newsletter. The cost of the accounts package was quite expensive and the clerk would explore other way to make the invoicing less time consuming.

### 11. Parish Matters.

Councillor S Shedden reported that the bench by the bus shelter needs repairing Councillor R Purslow is looking at this with the local blacksmith. A member of the public offered to do the repair with a friend of his. They would speak to Councillor R Purslow.

Councillor Carpenter reported that he was working on producing the Community Led Plan and would bring it to the Council when it was ready.

Councillor S Mason reported that there had recently been a fire in one of the properties on Noel Hill Road and two fire engines attended this fire. If the fire had been halfway down the road then the Fire engines would not have been able to reach the property as the residents are parking very inconsiderately

Councillor G Jones reported that there is a car in the community rooms car park which should not be there. People are mounting the pavements and this is breaking the edges of the footpaths and they are becoming dangerous.

Councillor R Purslow reported that the hedge at The Mount is very overgrown clerk to write and ask then to cut it back please.

The Fletchers grass verge needs cutting and the hedge at the edge of the development.

- 12. **Date & time of next Council meeting. It was agreed that this would be on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022 starting at 7.00pm**

**The Chairman thanked all members of the public for attending and closed the meeting to the public.**

- 13. All members of the public left the meeting. The chairman spoke briefly to members on a confidential matter in Berrington.
- 14. The Chairman thanked all for attending the meeting and closed the meeting at 8.00pm