

# BERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 3rd March 2022

## 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 Shedden, Councillor N Bigg, Councillor H Carpenter, Councillor G Jones. Also, present L Pardoe, clerk to the council and 5 members of the Public. Apologies were received from Councillor C Bonsey who had a prior commitment, Councillor S Durkan. The Chairman asked if the council would grant a leave of absence for Councillor Durkan whilst she is on maternity leave. Members agreed to do this for six months.
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests. There were none at this point.**
4. **Council to adopt the Public Participation Protocol.** It was resolved to adopt the Public Participation Protocol. Proposed by Councillor S Shedden, seconded by Councillor G Jones and agreed by all members present.
5. **Council to consider and adopt the new LGA Model Code of Conduct for Councillors.** It was resolved to adopt the new LGA Model Code of Conduct, proposed by Councillor C Wild, seconded by Councillor S Shedden and agreed by all members present.
6. **Council to agree the minutes of the January meeting also the minutes of the February meeting.** It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting, proposed by Councillor S Shedden, seconded by Councillor H Carpenter and agreed by all members present.
7. **Police Report .** *The Police arrived late to the meeting due to the problems with the burst water pipe in Crosshouses and the traffic complications this caused.* PC Stuart Roberts introduced himself to the meeting. He said that the big problems they are having with the recent floods is that driver just keep on driving through the Road Closed signs.  
Councillor R Purslow asked about the speeding issues within Crosshouses and asked if it would be possible to have the speed van and could we also have some hardstanding for the van to park up on. PC Roberts said that he would ask Mark Booth if we could have the static speed camera.  
They are holding a Police Surgery at The Community Centre in Crosshouses on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 4.00pm.  
The Police left the meeting at 7.30pm.
8. **Allotment Wall -update on Structural Surveyors report.** The Chair said that she had shared the Structural Surveyors report with Cameron Moffet and the Chair of the allotments. The report said that if the Wall is to be rebuilt along the original line, then the tree would need to be removed. Cameron was anxious to retain the tree. It was agreed that the Chair would e-mail the conservation team as the Wall is listed and ask if they would agree to the Wall being diverted away from the tree and its original foundations. The Chair will copy Cameron into the e-mail and the matter will be discussed again at the next meeting. Councillor C Wild will contact Karen Rolfe about this and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

Councillor C Wild had attended the Community Orchard Planting and asked if the Parish Council could put some eating Apples Trees in the Orchard which is primarily for Cider Apples and Perry Pears.

- 9. Clerks report to cover items not on the agenda.** The clerk had received a communication from the clerk at Cressage, asking if Berrington Parish Council would be interested in joining with Cressage Parish Council and several others to see if collectively we could bring about safety improvements in the A458. Members are happy to go with this.

She had also received a letter from the Church of England Church Commissioners explaining that they were going to close Berrington Church at the request of the parish. They are circulating and displaying the draft closure scheme at the doors of every place of worship in the parish. This part of the consultation is open until 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022

- 10. Public session** *Standing Orders were suspended to allow members of the public to speak. Points raised by the members of the public present.*

- A gentleman had sent a letter this afternoon to the clerk and would like a response at some point.
- It was asked about the hedgerow that was removed. Councillor Wild explained that the Parish Council had not been consulted about this. The clerk added that she had spoken with the tree officer about this after the last meeting and when the Tree Officer had visited to look at the historic hedge it had already been removed. Councillor Wild explained that enforcement action has now been taken against the applicant.
- It was reported that Brompton Lane is being used as a diversion and the road is virtually gone. The verges are all mud. Could there be some signage for No HGV on this lane to Brompton Cookery School.
- The lights on top of the diversion signs were not working.
- Would there be eating apples and pears in the Community Orchard.

*Standing Orders were reinstated.*

#### **11. Highways matters**

- **Members to report any highways issues.** There were no items to be discussed.

#### **11 Planning Matters**

- Reference: 21/05593/FUL (validated: 07/12/2021)  
Address: Proposed Dwelling Adjacent Greenmantle 1, Cross Houses, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 6JJ  
Proposal: Erection of detached dwelling and double garage, formation of access Permission Refused 2 February 2022
- Reference: 21/05893/FUL (validated: 06/01/2022)  
Address: 42 Lower Cross, Cross Houses, Shrewsbury, SY5 6JU  
Proposal: Erection of single storey flat roof rear extension Pending Consideration.
- Reference: 22/00194/Ful  
Address: 57 The Chestnuts, Crosshouses  
Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension. Pending Consideration.

- Reference: 22/00216/FUL  
Address: Pump Cottage, Berrington. Shrewsbury  
Proposal: Erection of single storey rear and side extensions. Pending Consideration

- **New planning applications**

At time of printing there are no new applications to consider.

## 12 Financial Matters

- a. Council to agree payment of monthly invoices as presented by the clerk. It was agreed to pay the accounts as presented by the clerk Proposed by Councillor S Shedden, seconded by Councillor G Jones and agreed by all members present

Shropshire Council	Lighting costs	136.75
HMRC	PAYE	120.40
Staff	Administration costs	176.36
Staff	Salary	493.74
<b>total</b>		<b>927.25</b>
Payments paid in February		
ICO	Subscription	35.00
Thomas Consulting	Structural survey	300.00
123 Reg	Domain name	28.78

- 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 S Shedden, seconded by Councillor G Jones and agreed by all members present

## 13 Parish matters- members to report items not covered on the agenda

- They are parking very badly again on Noel Hill Road blocking free access to the bottom of the road.
- The Chestnuts light is still not working
- Residents had been complaining that there were lights on at 3.00 am at the Pub and loud music was disturbing residents.
- Severn Trent were coming to the Community Centre on 11<sup>th</sup> March to look at the leak.
- The sink hole in Berrington is a work in progress.
- Councillor S Mason asked if we were going to do anything for the Queens Jubilee. They would meet at The Community Centre after the Police Surgery. This would be posted on the community Facebook page by a member of the public present at the meeting.

**The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting to the public for the following item.**

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

**14 Council to consider tenders for the Maintenance within the Parish**

The members of the C were given copies of the 3 quotes with all the names redacted and made their decision on the information within the tender and the price. The members chose the 3<sup>rd</sup> quote which the clerk informed members was SLB ground maintenance so the contract was awarded to that firm. Proposed by Councillor H Carpenter, seconded by Councillor S Shedden and agreed by all members present

**15 Date & time of next Council meeting. It was agreed that this would be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

**16 The Annual Parish Meeting would be held before the Parish Council meeting starting at 6.30pm**