

Minutes of the meeting of Berrington Parish Council Meeting, at Crosshouses Community Centre on Thursday 28th July 2022

Present: Cllrs Nick Biggs, Geoff Jones, Sue Mason, Richard Purslow, Claire Wild

In attendance: Nick Newton (Shropshire Council), 3 members of the public, Ian Cruise-Taylor – Locum Clerk

1. **Chairman's welcome** – the Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting
2. **Apologies** – were noted from Cllrs Claire Bonsey and Sue Shedden
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests** - none
4. **Council to agree the minutes of the June 2022 meeting** – unanimously agreed
5. **Public session** – Nick Newton spoke about the recent Road Safety Audit on the traffic island at Cross Houses. He noted that the report confirmed that the design of the traffic island was in line with the visibility criteria for an area with 30 mph speed limits. He recommended that speed reduction warnings could be painted on the road to increase driver awareness. It was agreed that Mr Newton would review the planning application to ensure that this was fully complied with

Members of the public present gave positive feedback to the proposed changes to speed limits on the approaches to the village. The Chairman apologised on behalf of Shropshire Council and its contractors for the difficulties encountered by residents with recent top-dressing works.

One member expressed the hope that the designation 'open countryside' would continue to be in place once the Local Plan has been agreed.

6. **Police Report** – none. The Chairman expressed concern at the safety risks being run by young people in particular choosing to enter the River Severn to keep cool.
7. **Allotment Wall – update and next steps – consider quotes for tree work if available** – one quote available, second awaited.
8. **Signalisation of the Crossing at Cross Houses – update and next steps** – Shropshire Council have been invited to provide costs for the works to add signals to the pedestrian crossing, and to attend the next meeting of the Council to discuss the proposal
9. **Berrington Meadows - Maintenance of open space areas – update.** The Vice-Chairman proposed an on-site review of the current situation
10. **Clerks report to cover items not on the agenda – verbal** – The Locum Clerk reported that a response was still awaited from Bromford Housing regarding High Cross Avenue and confirmation had been sent to Shrewsbury Council regarding verge cutting. It was also noted that the bench parts had been removed to the compound and it was proposed to re-install them by the Community Centre, and that the piano had been re-tuned but had two dead keys and it was not economical to repair.

11. Highways matters

- **Members to report any highways issues - none**
- **CIL speed reduction scheme and in particular the speed reduction at the Cressage end of the Village.** Council unanimously approved the proposals which will now go out to public consultation

12 Planning Matters

- **Decisions**

None notified

- **New planning applications**

Council considered a planning application received after the agenda was sent out:

22/02853/LBC: Berrington Manor, Berrington, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 6HB. Proposal: Installation of replacement oil tank and external boiler affecting a Grade II star Listed Building

Decision: support

- Council chose not to delegate authority to Chairman and Parish Clerk to deal with planning matters until the next meeting of the Council

13 Financial Matters

Council to delegate authority to Chairman and Parish Clerk to deal with planning matters until the next meeting of the Council

- a. Council unanimously agreed the payment of monthly invoices as presented by the Clerk – see Appendix A, with the addition of MC Lighting and SJF Design and Print
- b. Council unanimously accepted the Monthly Bank Reconciliation as presented by the Clerk
- c. Council unanimously delegated authority to Chairman and Parish Clerk to deal with financial matters (in accordance with financial regulations) until the next meeting of the Council.

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

- notice board on A458 at Cross Houses – Council agreed to explore the installation of a wall mounted notice board on the A458 near the entrance to The Chestnuts
- West Mids PCC Survey – agreed that Cllr Richard Purslow would complete on behalf of the Council
- Economic Growth Strategy for Shropshire (EGS) for 2022-2027 – – agreed that Cllr Richard Purslow would complete on behalf of the Council

15 Date & time of next Council meeting. Thursday 1st September 2022

Appendix A revised

Known Payments:

payments July 2022

Creditor	method	amount
E-ON	chq	£ 111.24
SLB Groundcare	chq	£ 620.98
SJF Village Pump	chq	£ 286.00
National Trust	chq	£ 112.10
Clerk's salary	SO	£ 526.94
Locum Clerk salary	chq	£ 477.74
HMRC	chq	£ 189.60
Locum Clerk expenses	chq	£ 5.00
Rospa	chq	£ 84.00
Shropshire Council	chq	£ 100.00
Internal Audit fee	chq	£ 50.00
SJF – Village Pump	Chq	£ 252.00
MC Lighting	chq	£ 1262.00
		£ 4077.60

Bank Balances at 30th June 2022

Instant Access:	£ 2,240.25
Instant access Online:	£ 25,025.11
Treasurers:	£ 35,524.08
 Total:	 £ 62,789.44