

BERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 4th October 2018

MINUTES

1. **Chairman's welcome** The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting
2. **Present: Councillor** C Wild-Chairman; Councillor R Purslow- Vice-chairman; Councillor E Brayne; Councillor J Brayne; Councillor C Bonsey; Councillor L Picton; Councillor S Mason; Councillor J Healey, also present Nicola Fisher Senior Community Enablement Officer Shropshire Council, L Pardoe clerk to the council,
Apologies were received from Councillor S Hawksworth who was attending his daughter's graduation. Also, apologies were received from Mathew Mead who had a commitment he was unable to change
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests.** There were none at this point
Nicola Fisher from Shropshire Council to speak on process for undertaking a Community Led Plan.
Councillor J Healey handed out a leaflet that he had obtained on Community Led Plans and Neighbourhood Plans.
Nicola Fisher also handed out some documents for members to see and said that she would send the link to the documents to the clerk so that the clerk could share these with all the members of the parish council.
The primary concern for the Parish Council is why they are doing a Community Led Plan? It is essentially a Business Plan and also a negotiation tool.
There is a very good document from Oxford on how to write a questionnaire. There is a need to engage the community and get volunteers to ensure a wholly inclusive piece of work.
Nicola suggested having an open public event and try to piggy back on to another event or if needed several to get a good cross section of residents telling the parish council what the local people want for their village.
What do they like about where they live, what don't they like? What would they like to change?
The Place Plan Return is a good starting point and need to have this visible at the event. he Parish Council will be looking for projects and volunteers to assist working on these.
There are numerous ways to engage and get the questionnaire out to people. The age group 25 to 45 are notoriously difficult to engage with and hard to pin down. So, this will need some thought.
She suggested that the Parish Council bolt on the Shropshire Council Housing needs survey to the document
Shropshire Council can supply data sets and census data for the last 40 years to assist with compiling the information.
There is a person at the Shropshire Community Council will work with Mathew Mead from Shropshire Council to assist the parish council through the process.
The clerk asked if this information could also be used to produce an Emergency Plan if the Parish Council wanted to do after this piece of work has been completed? This is a document

which sets out if there was an emergency in the parish where people would go to get assistance and who could assist with what. Nicola said that yes this was the type of information that could go towards an emergency plan.

There are no funds for doing a Community Led Plan It may be possible for part of the neighbourhood fund part of CIL money to be put towards this.

Councillor J Healey was concerned that if the Parish Council is designated as a Hub rather than Open Countryside as we are now, then the Parish Council should be looking at a Neighbourhood Plan rather than a Community Led Plan. There are funds available for a Neighbourhood Plan and the planners would have to give the plan more weight when making decisions than a Community Led Plan.

Councillor Wild explained that in May the Parish Council had agreed that the best way forward was a Community Led Plan. A Neighbourhood Plan was essentially a planning document where the Parish Council would be expected to offer up sites for development and that these could well be far in excess of what the parish council would be expected to accept if the village is made a Hub rather than Open countryside. With a Hub there would be a tight village boundary drawn up where there would be no further planning for the life of the new Local Plan. When there had been planning applications recently it was made extremely clear by the residents that they did not want any more development.

Nicola Fisher explained that recently the Planning Inspector had made a decision about a couple of Neighbourhood Plans for Shropshire which could have far reaching consequences for the Parishes involved and indeed Neighbourhood Plans. Shropshire Council would be putting out a statement about this in the new few weeks. It was agreed to wait to see what this statement would say, but in the meantime the parish council would see if they could attend the Christmas Fayre to begin the questionnaire process and have an area for the residents to look at the Place Plan and start to highlight their wishes and aspirations for the village of Crosshouses.

Councillor Healey asked who else had done a Community Led Plan, Nicola Fisher stated that Hodnet and Bomere Heath had recently done Community Led Plans.

The Chairman thanked Nicola for attending and Nicola then left the meeting.

4. **Confirmation and Acceptance of the minutes from 6th September 2018;** It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting; proposed by Councillor R Purslow; seconded by Councillor J Healey and agreed by all members present.
5. **Clerks Report.**
 - The clerk reported that she had completed the application form for the current round of Youth Funding. The Members had requested additional information which Mathew Mead had supplied and the clerk is now waiting to see if we have been successful in the bid for funding.
 - There had been a report on cracks appearing in the playing field along the lines of the white lines marking the football pitch out. The clerk had spoken to the contractor who had done the line marking and he assured the Parish Council that he had used the same paint and equipment that he uses to mark the football pitches at the local schools.
 - The clerk still has not received any information from Shropshire Council on the Environmental Maintenance Grant. Mathew Mead said that the documents were with the legal team at Shropshire Council.

6. **Public session:** There were no members of the public present at the meeting.
7. **Police Report:**
- **Council to receive bi-monthly report from PC Walton;** this was circulated to members and was also on the Parish council website.
8. **Highway Matters**
- i. Councillors E Brayne & J Healey to report meeting attended on the Transport Plan. The session was run by WSP Consultants and Councillor Brayne was waiting for some information from them to be made available to those attending that day. All sorts of transport were discussed from cycle paths to horse riding. What was constant was concern over the lack of bus services in the county. Those attending were on tables of 8 and the narrative from these table was to be taken from the meeting and put into the local Transport Plan.
 - ii. Councillors to report local highway issues; the clerk was asked to chase up the re painting of the roundabout in Crosshouses as it was becoming dangerous with no clear rights of way.
 - iii. Councillor Healey reported that he had received a reply from his question to Shropshire Council on how many Inspectors they have in the county for their Risk Based Assessment for the Highways prioritisation of their workload. There were 22 inspectors in the county who do 25% of road inspections.
9. **Members to comment on the LTP4 questionnaire circulated from Steve Brown.** It was agreed that members would respond individually to this questionnaire on line.
10. **Planning;**
- Previous applications:**
- Reference: 18/00111/FUL: Proposed Poultry Unit at Bettonfield Farm, Betton Strange, Shrewsbury. Awaiting decision
- Reference:18/02332/FUL: The Old Smithy, Berrington, Shrewsbury. **Permission Granted**
- Reference:18/02333/LBC; **Permission Granted**
- Reference: 18/03439/AMP: Land south of Holcroft Way, Crosshouses, Shrewsbury: **Permission Granted**
- Reference:18/03493/FUL: The Owl Barn, Cantlop, Shrewsbury SY5 6HQ; awaiting decision
- Reference:18/03492/LBC: The Owl Barn, Cantlop, Shrewsbury SY5 6HQ: awaiting decision
- Reference:18/03427/FUL; Land south of Holcroft Way: awaiting decision. The Planning Committee gave a holding comment to this application.** Erection of 5No. Dwellings with access road to supersede existing consent for plots 17-21 of existing permission 16/00188/REM pursuant to outline consent 14/02406/OUT. **Permission Granted 28 September**
- Reference: 18/03885/FUL (validated: 30/08/2018): awaiting decision
- Council to consider new applications.**
- Reference:18/03989/FUL
Address: Proposed Barn Conversions at Betton Alkmere Farm, Betton Strange.
Proposal: Conversion of agricultural buildings to five dwellings with all associated works; provision of parking and amenity space; installation of package treatment plant and relocation of farm access.
After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council supported this application. The application was policy compliant although the members did express concerns over

the resulting increase in traffic. Proposed by Councillor C Wild; seconded by Councillor E Brayne and agreed by all members present.

- Reference: 18/03990/LBC (validated: 13/09/2018)
Address: Proposed Barn Conversions at Betton Alkmere Farm, Betton Strange, Shrewsbury, Shropshire
Proposal: Works to facilitate the conversion of agricultural buildings to form five dwellings; provision of parking and amenity space; installation of package treatment plant and relocation of farm access affecting a Grade II Listed Building.
After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council supported this application. The application was policy compliant although the members did express concerns over the resulting increase in traffic. Proposed by Councillor C Wild; seconded by Councillor E Brayne and agreed by all members present.
- Reference: 18/04077/PMBPA
Address; Grove Barn, The Grove, Pitchford Road, Condover
Proposal; Application for prior approval underpart 3, Class Q of The Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 for the change of use from agricultural to residential use. After discussion the Parish Council agreed to offer no comment to this application. Proposed by Councillor C Wild; seconded by Councillor R Purslow and agreed by all members present.

Council to consider any new applications notified after the agenda has been sent out.

- Reference: 18/04059/FUL
Address: Berrington Hall, Berrington, Shrewsbury
Proposal; Extension to existing greenhouse to house an Anaerobic Digester
After discussion it was agreed that the parish council fully supported this application. Proposed by Councillor C Wild; seconded by Councillor C Bonsey and agreed by all members present.

Councillor Wild to report back on application 18/03427/FUL which was discussed at the Planning Committee meeting of Shropshire Council on 27th September 2018. The Planning Committee had deliberated on this application for an hour but in the end passed the application which was very disappointing. Councillor E Brayne had represented the Parish Council extremely well and was thanked by all the members for doing so.

11. Finance

- i. Council to receive Bank Reconciliation for the month end September 2018; It was agreed to receive the bank reconciliation as presented by the clerk; proposed by Councillor L Picton; seconded by Councillor R Purslow and agreed by all members present.

Council to pay agree and pay accounts as presented by the clerk. List to be circulated to members before the meeting. It was agreed to pay the accounts as presented by the clerk; proposed by Councillor L Picton; seconded by Councillor R Purslow and agreed by all members present.

1176	HMRC	PAYE	1.80
1178	National Trust	Licence	112.10

Berrington Parish Council
L Pardoe, Clerk & RFO ...
Minutes October 2018
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Signed.....

Dated. Thursday 1st November 2018

1179	RG Hinds	Community Centre Roof	17962.80
1180	PKF Littlejohn	Audit	240.00
S/O	L Pardoe	Salary	358.21
1181	SJF Design & Print	Pump	292.00
1182	Waterplus	Water rates	41.79
1183	L Pardoe	Sal diff & Exp	173.03
		Total	19181.73

12. Play Area Matters:

- **Councillor J Brayne to report on Youth Club Activities;** Councillor J Brayne reported that they now had 25 in the youth club and they were coming from Berrington, Eaton Mascott and Cressage now. There would be a Halloween Party on 31st with parents to accompany their children. They will be starting bell ringing soon. They now had a bank account of their own.
- **Councillor E Brayne to report on Play Areas.** The Parish Council was asked to consider the purchase of a netball hoop to be attached near one of the Play Areas for shooting practise. The Parish Council agreed to purchase a hoop with a budget for the clerk of £150.00. It was suggested that the clerk contact Sean McCarthy to see if he could procure a Hoop for the Parish Council. Proposed by Councillor E Brayne; seconded by Councillor R Purslow and agreed by all members present.

13. Correspondence: this was noted

14. Parish Matters:

- It was suggested that in the Spring the Parish Council could look at acquiring a seat in recognition of the services of the late A Smith to the Community. Councillor E Brayne suggested that there was a potential place now by the new waste bin.
- Councillor S Mason reported that the tree on the village green by the post box had had its offshoots by Severn Trent cut off but these were now growing and were potentially dangerous for young children.
- The rain has been lifting the drainage lid off at the entrance to Lower Cross. Clerk to contact Severn Trent about both these issues.
- The hedge outside 77 Noel Hill Road is becoming overgrown and covering the sign. Councillor Healey to speak to the resident to request it be trimmed back.
- Councillor Brayne reported that the hedge opposite Councillor Mason is overgrown. it was agreed to leave this to Severnside as they had been seen in the area doing checks.
- It was reported that a few people had commented on that they were unaware of the community defibrillator and its position by the Post Office. Councillor Picton said that she would put a piece on this in the Village Pump and on the Facebook page.
- Councillor Healey reported that the gulleys at the top of The Chestnuts are blocked up possibly outside number 64.
- Councillor E Brayne reported that Colin Blower had done some work on the drains outside his house and now the leak has caused the road in front of the drain to subside, Colin Blower is aware of this.

- 15. **Date and time of next meeting:** It was agreed that this would be held on Thursday 1st November 2018 starting at 7.00pm
- 16. The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.10 p.m.