

**BERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Cross Houses Community Centre**  
**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023,**

**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 C Bonsey and Councillor H Biggs– Apologies were received from Councillors S Durkam whose child was unwell, G Jones who was suffering from the Heat and H Carpenter who had a previous commitment. Also present were three members of the public and I Pardoe, clerk to the council.
3. **Council to Co-Opt a member on to the council following the resignation of Councillor S Shedden.** The deadline for the result of call for a by-election had passed at close od day on 7<sup>th</sup> September but Shropshire Council would not notify the clerk until the following day. As a result of this Co-option will take place in October.
4. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests.** There were none at this point.
5. **Mark Pragg from Homesplus** had met with three members of the council prior to the Council meeting and Councillor Wild updated the meeting on progress. The clerk to e-mail him with our understanding of what had been agreed at the meeting. Homesplus to visit the site with the Maintenance Manager and look at Hedges at the parking areas. They will look at removing 2 garages ;1 is asbestos and needs to be removed for safety reasons and 1 is unoccupied and not theirs so that will be removed. They will look at putting low level lighting in for residents' ease and safety. They would also look at a feasibility study for parking in front of the Community Rooms on Noel Hill Road.  
They will also come back with a maintenance team and trim the hedges back as much as possible.
6. **Council to agree the minutes of the July 2023 meeting.** It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Councillor R Purslow, seconded by Councillor C Bonsey and agree by all members present.
7. **Public session.** *Standing Orders were suspended to allow members of the public to speak*
  - Member of the public residing in Atcham was wanting to know who had put the rocks on the verge at the junction of Crosshouses and Atcham roads. Councillor Wild explained that these had been put there by Salop Leisure in conjunction with the Parish Council and were an attempt to stop people parking there to access the river. In the Autumn they are going to plant Shrubs there.
  - He also wanted to know about the yellow lines in Malthouse Lane and who would pay for them. Councillor Wild explained that D Gradwell would respond to Atcham Parish Council at their next meeting.
  - A resident of Crosshouses wanted to know when the traffic calming as discussed at the February 2022 meeting would be implemented. Councillor Wild explained that the Parish Council have had a lot of meetings with the engineers, and we are waiting for plans for these changes. When these are available the Parish Council will make these available to the residents of Crosshouses though the website and the Village Pump. It was suggested that perhaps she might like to consider joining the Community Speed Watch team in Crosshouses.

- A resident from Berrington spoke of the residents' desire to have their old telephone box replaced with a Red Box. The Village Hall Committee have done all the research and are fully prepared to go ahead with this.
- A gentleman mentioned a tree at the entrance to the Community Centre car park which is over hanging. Clerk to get quotes to tidy the tree up.
- Councillor Biggs reported that the streetlight outside 76 Lower Cross was still not working. Engineers had been out and fixed another streetlight. The lamp has Number 8 on the column. Clerk to re report the fault.  
*Standing Orders were re-instated to allow the meeting to continue*

**8. Local Police Report** – There was no Police report available , however Councillor Wild had been to a community Neighbourhood session at Venus Pools. The promised that they will try to attend Parish Council meetings at least once every six months.

**9. Report on state of readiness of defibrillator-Councillor R Purslow to report.** The defibrillator is in a ready state.

## **10. Planning Matters**

### **6a) Decisions.**

- Reference: 23/02294/FUL  
Address: 8 Holcroft Way Crosshouses, Shrewsbury  
Proposal: Erection of a two store side extension, single storey rear link extension and conversion of garage.  
Permission Granted 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023
- Reference:23/02361/FUL  
Address: Cantlop Farm, Condover, Shrewsbury  
Proposal: Erection of Agricultural Building  
Permission Granted 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023
- Reference: 23/02364  
Address: Cantlop Farm, Condover, Shrewsbury  
Proposal; Erection of Agricultural Building (Building 2 of 2)  
Permission Granted 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023

### **6b) New Applications.**

At the time of writing the agenda there were no new applications to consider.

### **6c) Applications received after the agenda has been prepared.**

- Reference: 23/03725/OUT  
Address: Land at Bettonfield, Betton Strange, Shrewsbury. SY5 6HZ  
Proposal: Outline application (access for consideration) for the erection of one (agricultural workers) dwelling and associated works (resubmission)  
Following discussion the Parish Council agreed to fully support this application  
Proposed Councillor C Wild, seconded by Councillor R Purslow and agreed by all members present.

**11. Clerks report to cover items not on the agenda** – A date had been agreed for the work on the Allotments wall to be done. Council requested that the clerk clarify the date for the start of this work as we had to have a complete road closure for the project. Also what hours will they be working .

**12. Council to look at changing to Silver package with Hugo Fox for the website provision.** The clerk explained that since 2016 Hugo Fox had been providing a free website to the Parish Council sector. This is now changing and from 4<sup>th</sup> October there will be a charge for the website. There are three levels of support. Bronze, Silver and Gold. Looking at the options the clerk felt that the silver package at £19.99 plus VAT per month would be the best value. It was agreed to go with the clerk advice and opt for the Silver package. Proposed by Councillor R Purslow, seconded by Councillor C W and agreed by all members present.

**13. Highways matters- Members to report any highways issues.** Many of these had been covered in the Public session.  
Councillor R Purslow reported that Fletcher hedge cuttings were good, however their boundary hedge on the edge of the village needs cutting back. Clerk to request this be done.

**10 Financial Matters**

a. Council to agree payment of monthly invoices as presented by the Clerk. It was agreed to pay the invoices as presented by the clerk, proposed by Councillor R Purslow, seconded by Councillor N Biggs and agree by all members present.

Gallagher	Insurance	1960.26
Staff S/O	salaries	688.84
HMRC	PAYE	144.40
Waterplus D/D	Community Centre	14.60
EE	Wi-Fi D/D	33.60
SLB Groundcare	Allotment wall work	775.00
Staff	Pump delivery costs	60.00
Shropshire Council	Energy costs	196.25
staff	WFHA	17.00
<b>subtotal</b>		<b>3889.95</b>

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 R Purslow, seconded by Councillor N Biggs and agree by all members present.

c. Council to agree to go with the silver package with Hugo Fox for the website. It was agreed to go with the Silver level of support. proposed by Councillor R Purslow, seconded by Councillor C Wild and agree by all members present.

d. Council to agree to renew the Insurance with Galagher at a cost of £1,960.26 for a three year fixed premium. It was agreed to go with Galagher for the Councils Insurance for the next three years., proposed by Councillor R Purslow, seconded by Councillor N Biggs and agree by all members present.

**11 Parish matters-** members to report items not covered on the agenda  
Councillor Bonsey asked when Fletcher would be handing over to Shropshire Council. Councillor Wild explained that have to receive agreement from Shropshire Council

before Shropshire Council will agree to take over the roads etc. This would probably be around February next year.

**12 Date & time of next Council meeting.** It was agreed that this would be Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023 starting at 7.00pm

**13 The chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30pm**