

Minutes of the Berrington Parish Council Meeting, held at Cross Houses Community Centre on Thursday 2nd February 2023

Present: Cllrs Claire Bonsey, Henry Carpenter, Stef Durkam, Geoff Jones, Nick Gibbs, Sue Mason, Richard Purslow, Claire Wild

In attendance: 10 members of the public; Lorna Pardoe, Parish Clerk; Ian Cruise-Taylor, locum clerk

1. **Chairman's welcome** – The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular Lorna
2. **Apologies** - Cllr Sue Shedden
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests** - none
4. **Council unanimously approved the minutes of the January 2023 meeting**
5. **Public session** – no matters were raised
6. **Planning Matters**
 - 6a) **Decisions**
None notified
 - 6b) **New planning applications**
none
7. **Police Report** – if available - none
8. **Clerks report to cover items not on the agenda – verbal** – the locum clerk reported that the broadband/wi-fi arrangements for the Community Centre were in hand and delivery was imminent
9. **Highways matters**
 - **Members to report any highways issues:**
 - Council noted that fly tipping had been removed, however there was still some at the layby at King Street – clerk to report
 - Council noted the poor state of the road at Sandy Bank – clerk to report
 - Council noted that residents in the Cantlop area were concerned about the speed of traffic and agreed to invite a highways technician from Shropshire Council to attend the next meeting to discuss speed calming measures on rural roads in the parish
 - Council noted that road markings had been put down on the recently new tarmac Road on Fletchers estate. They seem to be making a difference to traffic calming
- 10 **Financial Matters**
 - a. Council unanimously approved the payment of monthly invoices as presented by the Clerk – see Appendix A, updated at the meeting

- b. Council unanimously accepted the Monthly Bank Reconciliation as presented by the Clerk – appendix A – updated at the meeting

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

- i. Council to receive an update on the youth club and determine any next steps. Council noted the youth club had been running very successfully for 5 years, supported by a qualified member of staff supplied under contract to SYA; however a key volunteer had announced her intention to withdraw. Council is seeking a replacement so that the club can continue into the new financial year
- ii. Council to receive a verbal report on a meeting with other parish councils concerning the A458. The Chairman reported that she had met with representatives of other councils along the length of the A458 from Shrewsbury to Morville, and Police and Shropshire Council, with a view to improving traffic calming along the road. Further meetings are planned and it was agreed that the initial focus should be on speeding motorcycles, possibly with the implementation of mobile speed cameras
- iii. Council to agree a quote for specification of the allotments wall repairs - to be moved to a confidential session
- iv. Council noted with concern the possible impact of a motor rally through the parish on 24th/25th February
- v. Council noted that action was being taken to tidy-up the Community Centre Car Park, which included seeking to persuade the owners of 3 cars parked long-term in the car park, without permission. The owners have been contacted, and Council instructed the locum clerk to identify the likely costs of employing an enforcement company, if the remaining vehicles are not removed voluntarily

12 Date & time of next Council meeting. Thursday 2nd March 2023, to include:

- Traffic calming on rural roads
- Closed session on a parish matter

13 Confidential session.

Council agreed unanimously to move into Closed session to discuss matters of a contractual nature.

Closed session:

Council considered two quotes for the preparation of a specification to re-build the allotment wall. It was unanimously agreed to accept the quote provided by Thomas Consulting at £495 + VAT. It was also agreed that Shropshire Council be thanked for their quotation, and that the Council would welcome their support from a heritage perspective as the project moves forward.

Appendix A revised

Known Payments: January 2023 and February 2023

January	£
SJBott	1941.20
L Pardoe	304.79
Locum	511.37
HMRC	142.60
Water Plus	16.80
February	
Cartridge Save	36.68
E-On	222.48
Defib Shop	91.74
SJF	276.00
Mike Beaman	164.52
Mike Beaman	102.00
Mike Beaman	84.00
Total	3894.18

Bank Reconciliation

account name	last four	balance at 1st April 2022	balance at 31st January 2023
Treasurers Account	2781	£1,994.21	£16,767.40
BB Instant online	6168	£80,582.88	£64,650.68
BB Instant Online	5768	£25,024.69	£24,136.99
Business banking Instant	3026	£2,240.19	£2,242.25
		£109,841.97	£107,797.32
			£37,982.84
<i>Includes receipts</i>			
Payments to January			£40,139.99
Uncleared payments			£0.00
uncleared income			£112.50
			£107,797.32