

BERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Cross Houses Community Centre
Thursday 9th May 2024, starting at 7.00pm

MINUTES

1. **Appointment of Chairman** Councillor R Purslow proposed Councillor C Wild for Chairman this was seconded by Councillor N Biggs and agreed by all members present.
2. **Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office.** This was signed in front of the Council.
3. **Chairman's welcome** The Chairman then took over the meeting. She welcomed all the meeting
4. **Appointment of Vice-Chairman** Councillor R Purslow was proposed by Councillor C Wild, this was seconded by Councillor S Mason and agreed by all members present.
5. **Declaration of Acceptance of Office** This was signed by Councillor R Purslow in front of the Council.
6. **Present** Councillors C Wild-Chairman, Councillor R Purslow- Vice-chairman, Councillor C Bonsey, Councillor S Mason, Councillor S Durkam, Councillor S Hess, Councillors N Biggs, Councillor H Eccles & **Apologies** – were received from Councillor H Carpenter who had prior meeting. Also present were L Pardoe, Clerk to the meeting, four members of the public
7. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests** None were declared at this point.
8. **Council to agree the minutes of the April 2024 meeting.** It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Councillor C Wild, seconded by Councillor S Mason and agreed by all members present.
9. **Public session.** No one wished to speak.
10. **Local Police Report** – There was no report available, but the local Police Team had been out and about in Condoover meeting with residents there. The clerk reported that PC Lyn Birch had been in touch regarding getting the Community Speed Watch up and running again. They needed a minimum of 6 volunteers to run the sessions. She was going send some forms to the clerk to forward to volunteers for completion before getting the required Police checks done prior to training the volunteers. Councillor S Hess said that she already had 6 people who were keen to do the Community Speedwatch and would see if there were others who wanted to come on board.
11. **Report on state of readiness of defibrillator-Councillor R Purslow to report.**
Councillor Purslow reported that all was in working order and good to go.
12. **Council to discuss date for the Annual Litter Pick** This was confirmed as Sunday 19th May starting at the Community Centre at 10.00. It would be advertised on the Community Facebook page.
13. **Clerks report to cover items not on the agenda**-The clerk had received from NALC that day a set of new Financial Regulations for the Council to look at for adopting. She would read them and see if they were drastically different to the regulations in use by the Council.

She had also received communication from PC Lyn Birch re the Community Speed Watch. See agenda item 10 above.

14. Planning Matters

6a) Decisions.

- Reference:23/03725/OUT
Address; Land at Bettonfield Betton Strange, Shrewsbury
Proposal: Rural Enterprise dwelling
Permission Granted 2nd May 2024
- Reference:24/00723/DIS106
Address; 42 High Cross Avenue, Crosshouses Shrewsbury.SY5 6LJ
Proposal: Discharge of Section 106 attached to planning application
Request Refused 4th April 2024

6b) New Applications. At time of publishing the agenda there have been no new planning applications.

6c) Applications received after the agenda has been prepared. There were no new applications for consideration.

15. Highways matters-

- a. Councillor S Mason asked when will the cow parsley be cut back on the roads as it is becoming difficult to see the exit roads.
- b. The sign on the road just past the weeping cross island is almost obliterated by growth from the Hedgerow .(This is by the Severn Trent Booster Pumping Station)
- c. The hedgerow on to Berrington lane is overgrown and needs to be tidied up.
- d. Clerk to ask our Groundsman how much it would cost to sort out the "no man's land "past Berrington Meadows , opposite the shop to Berrington turn.
Councillor Durkam will meet him on site.
- e. Clerk to check on Land Registry as to who owns the land.
- f. The hedge near the entrance to The Chestnuts owned by Shropshire Homes needs cutting back.

16. 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
- 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 .
- c. Council to accept the Financial year end accounts as presented by the clerk.It was agreed to accept the Year end account as presented by the clerk
- d. Council to receive the Internal Auditors Report, The Council received the Internal Audit from The Internal Auditor which was read out by the clerk.
- e. Council to agree Section 1 of Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2023/2024.The Council agreed to accept the Section 1 of the Annual Governance Forms for 2023/2024
- f. Council to agree Section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2023/2024. The Council agreed to accept the Section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2023/2024

- g. The Council agreed to purchase two library stands to store the books for the newly started Community Library.

All the above items were proposed by Councillor C Wild , seconded by Councillor S Mason and agreed by all members present.

17. Parish Matters members to report any parish matters not covered on the agenda

- Councillor Wild spoke of the complimentary reports she had received regarding the Little Conkers group which had been set up by Councillor S Hess. She thanked them and those who assisted her in their endeavours and said that the Parish Council would do all in their power to assist them where they could.
- Councillor R Purslow added that the group use of the Community Centre also lead room bookings for birthday parties etc.
- Councillor Bigs reported that an elderly who used sticks to walk was having difficulty accessing the Community Orchard. Councillor Wild said that she had spoken with Stephen Armstrong about this and would ask if the entrance could be made more accessible to those with walking difficulties

18. Date and time of next meeting- It was agreed that this would be held on 6th June 2024 starting at 7.00pm

19. The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 7.40pm.

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