

BERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 7th March 2019

MINUTES

1. **Chairman's welcome** The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting
2. **Present:** Councillor C Wild-Chairman; Councillor R Purslow-Vice-chairman; Councillor C Bonsey; Councillor J Brayne; Councillor S Mason; Councillor L Picton; Councillor G Jones; Councillor E Brayne and Apologies were received from Councillor S Shedden who was unwell. Also present L Pardoe clerk to the Council and several members of the public (see list attached to the minutes)
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests** there were none at this point
4. **Public Session.** A member of the public read out a statement he had prepared relaying his discontent at the Council agreeing the minutes when he had challenged the contents of them and he disagreed with the decisions made by the Council. The Parish Council passed no comment to this. He was displeased with their no comment and left the meeting at this point.
5. **Confirmation of the minutes from 7th February 2019:** It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting; proposed by Councillor Purslow; seconded by Councillor C Bonsey and agreed by all members present.
6. **Matters arising:** the clerk reported that she had written to Greenbelt Management following a young girl falling at the swings on The Chestnuts Play Area and breaking her arm. The clerk had requested sight of their latest ROSPA safety report. They had replied saying they were looking into it and would examine the play area themselves and get back to the Parish Council with their findings. This Play Area is the responsibility of Persimmon Homes and it is managed by Greenbelt for Persimmon.
7. **Police Report: to be circulated when received by the clerk.** Councillor Wild reported that there have been a spate of burglaries in Leighton .Also some sheep had been butchered in a field near Atcham, their skins and innards had been left behind in the field .Members to be aware and keep an eye open for any suspicious activities.
8. **Council to discuss effective ways of dealing with the excess of uncleared up Dog Faeces from the village of Crosshouses in particular the Playing Fields.** Councillor Wild had been speaking to Carmen Ecclestone from Street Scene about this problem. The Dog Warden will do some patrols as the parish council is experiencing such problems with irresponsible dog owners continually failing to clean up after their dogs.
The children are unable to play football on this Playing field safely because of the amount of dog mess and the contractor who cuts the grass is upset at the amount of time it takes to clean the mess off his equipment and The National Trust will not currently send their employees to the site to do any work because of the safety concerns for their staff.
The Parish Council has a duty of care and is very concerned about this matter and is looking into ways of dealing with it.
Public Space Protection Orders for the Play Area are being looked into. The possibility of banning dogs from the Playing field was discussed along with making it an area where dogs

MUST be kept on a lead. Councillor Wild is meeting with Helen Ball from Shrewsbury Town Council to look at how they deal with any problems they have in The Quarry. It was agreed to ask the Community Led Plan Committee to ensure the question of having dogs on a lead or banned from the area to be included in the Questionnaire.

It was felt that having dogs only on leads would be a way forward until the Council had more information on the public space protection orders.

It was agreed that the clerk would obtain some luminous biodegradable paint cans for use on piles of dog faeces during the proposed litter pick.

9. Highway Matters

- i. Councillors Brayne, Wild, Jones and Shedden had met with D Bradwell from Shropshire Council to look at new VAS signs either side of The Bell, this was to look into if the Parish Council could do it and how much it would cost. The siting would be crucial to get the power to the signs.
- ii. Councillors Wild, Brayne, Shedden along with C Moffatt from the Allotments met with Nathan Eubank from Shropshire Council to look into putting in an expression of interest into to Shropshire Council for improvements on the Crosshouses to Atcham road .Councillor Wild and Councillor Jones were to meet with K Ralfe, from Conservation at Shropshire Council along with Cameron Moffatt from the Crosshouses Allotments on 8th March to see what could be done with the Allotments Wall which is leaning badly. Councillor Wild said that at the top of Cronkhill there were two springs which needed to be captured and put into a drain. This would hopefully make it safer for pedestrians walking and also cyclists using this road. Shropshire Council will put a traffic strip on the road to look at the quantity of traffic and also the speeds that vehicles are doing.
The road cannot be developed if it involves touching any hedges.

10. Planning;

Previous applications:

Reference: 18/05557/FUL: Barn at Betton Abbots Farm, Betton Abbots, Shrewsbury .SY5 6JD awaiting decision

Reference: 18/05669/FUL: Betton House, Betton Strange, Shrewsbury SY5 6HZ.Permission granted 18 Feb 2019

Reference: 19/00292/FUL; Meadow Bank Farm, Conover, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 7DB Awaiting decision

Council to consider new applications. *There were no new applications at the time of the agenda being prepared.*

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

Reference; 19/01005/ful; Address; Betton Abbots Landfill Site; Proposal; Installation of two single storey porta cabins for office and welfare use along with associated security fencing and the retention of an area of existing hard standing for associated archive storage containers and staff vehicle parking for a temporary period of five years; after discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council fully supported this application. Proposed by Councillor C Wild; seconded by councillor G Jones and agreed by all members present.

11. Finance

- i. Council to receive Bank Reconciliation for the month end February 2019. It was agreed to accept the Bank reconciliation as presented by the clerk. Proposed by Councillor C Bonsey; seconded by Councillor E Brayne and agreed by all members present.
- ii. Council to pay agree and pay accounts as presented by the clerk.

1203	LEC Parish Council	1/4 Share of clerk training cost	6.75
1204	HMRC	PAYE	15.40
1205	L Pardoe	WFHA /travel	31.40
		total	53.55

- iii. Council to consider any grant applications received. There were no grant applications
- iv. Council to agree to submit an expression of Interest for CIL monies for the improvements to the road between Crosshouses and Atcham as identified in the Place Plan. Due to the lack of enough information it was agreed that this would be postponed for this tranche of applications.
- v. It was agreed that the Council would re appoint Ban Malley as the Data Protection Officer. Proposed by Councillor C Wild; seconded by Councillor C Bonsey and agreed by all members present.

12. Play Area Matters:

- **Councillor J Brayne: reported** that they now have 23 in the Youth Club They have three youngsters in training and two volunteers are also completing training. They are having a trip to the Fire station but need to hire a taxi as the minibus will not take all the children. The Parish Council agreed to fund this cost for the Youth Club. They are proposing to have a Summer Party. Councillor Picton suggested that they might look at having a Fun Day on the green outside the Community Centre.
- **Councillor E Brayne to report on Play Areas.;** Councillor Brayne asked Councillor Wild if we could approach Steven Armstrong about the Playing field to look at getting the drainage sorted out as Colin Morris is no longer able to take this any further.
- Clerk was asked to chase up to see about the netball hoop.

13. Community Led Plan: the Committee had been set up at a meeting prior to the Parish Council meeting where Henry Carpenter had been elected as Chairman to the Committee. The first Committee meeting would be on Monday 18th March starting at 7.00 pm at the Community Centre.

14. Community Centre: report from Community Centre Management Committee. The Committee were advertising for more bookings for the Community Centre and they were looking at a Banner outside the Community Centre and also at the Garage to this end. There are only two regular users of the Community Centre these are the Family History Group twice a month and Slimming World weekly. Councillor Wild is trying to see if Shropshire Council would install free broadband to the Village Hall. There is a new volunteer on the committee. Councillor Purslow has some plans for the kitchen area but and refurbishing it, which would make it more attractive for larger events.

15. Correspondence: this was noted

16. Parish Matters: members to report and matters. There were no additional matters to report

- Council to organise a litter pick in the parish. It was agreed that the clerk and Councillor Purslow would liaise to arrange a date.
17. **Date and time of next meeting:** It was agreed that this would be on Thursday April 4th 2019 at the Community Centre starting at 7.00pm
18. The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.15pm.