

BERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 6th September 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 J Healey; Councillor L Picton; Councillor C Bonsey; Councillor E Brayne. Apologies were received from Councillor S Hawksworth, S Mason & J Brayne who had prior commitments
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests.** There were none at this point.
4. **Stephen Armstrong from National Trust to speak on feasibility of cycle path on National Trust Land.**

The Chairman thanked Stephen for the work the National Trust had done in providing a gate for the Playing Field. He was going to look at the drainage problem at the Playing Field with Colin Blower from Shropshire Council.

Stephen Armstrong spoke on the meeting he had attended with Councillors C Wild, J Healey and S Hawksworth. The National Trust is currently not minded to look at progressing any routes in connection with the development of a cycle route between Cross Houses and Shrewsbury. This was specific to a route going on National Trust land on the right-hand side of the A458 heading towards Shrewsbury after you go past the petrol station in Cross Houses. From the point where this route ends at Burnt Tree Cross roads there were 2 options that were discussed. One heading right, along a country lane and the other route continuing along the right-hand side of the A458 on the other side of the hedge on land owned by Longner Estate.

Stephen Armstrong said that the National Trust did not want to enter into negotiations for a cycle path on this route as there were safety issues for the path exiting on to the A458. Councillor C Wild read out the response the clerk had received from Balfours on a request to use part of the Longner Estate for the formation of a cycle path. *"We have taken our clients instructions on this matter and discussed with each of their two tenant farms. I am afraid that they are not prepared to grant permission for this scheme."*

Councillor Healey asked if Longner Estates were to reconsider would the National Trust be minded to allow access to their part of the land for a cycle path. The response from Stephen Armstrong was that the National Trust would then look more positively on providing access.

Councillor J Healey said that he appreciated all routes were not possible at this point. He needed to evidence that all opportunities have been explored. He feels that the Railway has to be the route for this project.

Stephen Armstrong said that the National Trust were in the process of preparing a 10-year plan for the Attingham Estate. They are looking at more public access on National Trust Land towards Attingham Park.

He was asked if it was possible to have a kissing gate in the entrance to the woods behind The Chestnuts? The National Trust are looking at the Wetlands area to try and encourage more wildlife there.

Councillor C Wild asked if there might be any project for older children to take part in. Stephen Armstrong said that they work a lot with volunteers and there are always opportunities for volunteers. This is something he would look into and check out for us. Councillor Purslow asked if the cycle path were to go ahead at a later date how would the National Trust deal with the land. Would they rent it or lease it to the Parish Council? Stephen Armstrong said this is something that would be looked at as and when the project arose. The National Trust does not want to send people out from National Trust Land on to unsafe roads.

Councillor Wild asked if there was any chance of a small area in the woods for the local youngsters to have a small BMX track. Stephen Armstrong said that he would look into this. Councillor Wild asked if there would be any chance of days out for the Youth Club at Attingham Park at a reduced rate of entry.

Councillor Wild Thanked him for attending and said the Parish Council looked forward to him returning in twelve months with a report of their 10-year plan for Attingham Park.

5. Jonathan Westwood and Andy Gough to attend to speak to members on the drainage issues at the development south of Holcroft Way.

Councillor Wild spoke and said that a French drain had been cut into and damaged during the construction of the entrance to the development. Residents were under the impression that the drainage situation would be sorted out to prevent any flooding problems prior to commencement of any building work on the site. This was not the case.

Jonathan Westwood said that there would be a French drain right round the development and lead to the main system and end up in the pond. It would catch the water from the end of plot22 all the way round the site.

Councillor Bonsey asked what they were doing with all the clay they were removing from the site. The ground has been raised so much that the properties are effectively three storeys high.

Jonathan Westwood did not agree with Councillor Bonsey's remarks.

Councillor C Wild said that she had requested an independent Councillor Inspector to check the levels of the FFL of the properties.

She also asked when the drains would be connected to the road drains to prevent the flooding that occurred in March /April recurring again.

Jonathan Westwood replied that they were hoping to have the drains connected to the main drains very soon.

Councillor Bonsey said that the ground levels have been raised.

Andy Gough said that would not make any difference to the drainage. He then gave a very detailed explanation to the members on what they have to do for the drainage to act properly. They have to cater for 100-year exceptions +35% climate change.

Councillor Picton asked what happens if gardens flood after the estate is completed? What happens re litigation?

Councillor Wild said that everyone was very upset at the level of flooding. Jonathan Westwood said that this scheme will go above and beyond the planning application request.

6. Confirmation and Acceptance of the minutes from 5th July 2018 and the Extraordinary meeting on 17th July 2018; It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting ;proposed by Councillor C Bonsey; seconded by Councillor E Brayne and agreed by all members present.

7. Matters arising: clerk to report on matters not covered on the agenda**8. Public session:** There were no members of the public present.**9. Police Report:**

- **Council to receive bi-monthly report from PC Walton;** This would be sent out to members when received by the clerk. However, Councillor C Wild said that PC Walton had been unwell so this may be delayed.
- **Council to consider response to Police & Crime Commissioners Smart Water Initiative.** Councillors discussed this and felt that they would probably not get the require 75% take up to qualify for the 10% discount and would prefer to recommend using Smart water to residents by advertising it in the Newsletter.

10. Highway Matters

- Councillor J Healey to report on Highway Consultation sent out during August. Councillor Healey had been in communication with Steve Brown and had asked him some questions but had not received the reply he was hoping for. He has been unable to find out how many Inspectors Shropshire Council have to cover these new responsibilities.
Councillor E Brayne said he understood that Colin Blower and his colleagues have received training on dealing with this risk-based approach.
Councillor J Healey will report back to Council at a later date.
- Councillors to report local highway issues

11. 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: awaiting decision

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.

Council to consider new applications

Reference:18/03885/FUL

Address: The Grange, Berrington, Shrewsbury, SY5 6HB

Proposal: Erection of a dwelling (replace approved dwelling granted in accordance with application reference13/04651/FUL).

After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council do not support this application for the following reasons;

- Berrington is Open Countryside and this is a contravention of the Local Development Plan.

- The original application was for an affordable dwelling and the parish council do not believe that the increase in size is in accordance with the Current Planning Development Policy

Proposed by Councillor C Bonsey; seconded by Councillor E Brayne and agreed by all members present.

12. Finance

- i. Council to receive Bank Reconciliation for the month end August 2018; It was agreed to accept the Bank Reconciliation as presented by the clerk; proposed by Councillor E Brayne; seconded by Councillor R Purslow and agreed by all members present.
- ii. Council to pay agree and pay accounts as presented by the clerk; it was agreed to pay the accounts as presented by the clerk; proposed by Councillor E Brayne; seconded by Councillor R Purslow and agreed by all members present.

13. Play Area Matters:

- **Councillor J Brayne to report on Youth Club Activities.** The Youth club had raised £250 on a sponsored walk. There was to be a Halloween Party on the 24th October which would be open to all ages as would the Christmas Party. They were hoping to get a choir going within the Youth Club and do Christmas Carols around the Village at Christmas.
- **Councillor E Brayne to report on Play Areas.** Shaun Bott had done the gates to the Playing field

14. **Correspondence:** This was noted

15. Parish Matters:

- Councillor J Healey reported that the Allotment Summer party would be held on Sunday 9th September at the Allotments.
- Councillor RE Brayne asked if we could discuss speeding through the village at the next meeting. The clerk to request a visit from the Safer Roads Partnership Motorcycle unit.
- Councillor L Picton reminded everyone that the deadline for the Village Pump was 21st September.

16. **Date and time of next meeting:** It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 4th October 2018 starting at 7.00pm.

17. The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.15pm.