

# BERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 3rd January 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 S Mason; Councillor L Picton; Councillor E Brayne; Councillor J Healey; Councillor J Brayne; Councillor C Bonsey, L Pardoe Clerk to the Council; Reverend Sarah Hare from Hereford Diocese and six members of the public. Apologies were received from Councillor S Hawksworth who had resigned from the Parish Council that day.
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests;** There were none declared at this point.
4. **Public Session;** No one wished to speak.
5. **Confirmation of the minutes from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018 and 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018;** It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meetings. Proposed by Councillor E Brayne seconded by Councillor J Brayne and agreed by 7 votes to 1. Councillor R Purslow & Councillor J Healey were not present at the November meeting and did not comment on those minutes.
6. **Reverend Sarah Hare from the Hereford Diocese to speak to members on the proposed closure of Berrington Church;** Reverend Sarah Hare reported that the Diocese had agreed to move to the next stage i.e. round 1 on consulting all stakeholders on the closure of Berrington Church. The Parochial Church Council want to unanimously close the church. Its s hoped to have the Church as a Historic Church as it dates back to the Domesday Book. Betton Strange will be looked at after Berrington is closed.  
It will be the middle of the year before it is known for certain that it will close. It is possible that Berrington Church may be taken on by the Church Conservation Trust. There is a consultation out now and the Parish Council will respond to this. It was agreed that the clerk would write to the Church Commissioners to ask for Berrington Church to go to the Church Conservation Trust.  
The Chairman thanked Reverend Sarah Hare for attending and Reverend Hare then left the meeting.
7. **Matters arising:** The clerk reported that she had received 13 copies of a letter and Councillor J Healey had given her 7 more at the start of the meeting. The letter stated that the signatory was concerned at the lack of consultation on the sites for development and they were unaware of the meeting in December. They wanted to propose a different site so that the developers could be encouraged to donate some land for the development of a Cycle path. The clerk explained that the Parish Council would not be revisiting the proposed sites as a) it was not on the agenda and should not therefore be discussed and no decision could be made and b) The site was in the draft Local Plan and this was the time for people to comment on what the Parish Council Planning Committee had agreed with the Planners at Shropshire Council . She had taken advice on this and the residents were encouraged to send their consultation responses to Shropshire Council with the reasons why they wanted the alternative site for development. She told the meeting that she would be writing to all

those who had signed the letter and explain this to them. Councillor J Healey said that 20 people had signed the letter and the clerk explained that there were over 800 electors in the parish and their views need to be taken into account as well, she pointed out that as a democratically representative body, the Parish Council must express a view on behalf of the whole community, not just those who feel motivated to comment.

#### **8. Council to formulate response to the Draft Local Plan**

##### 3) Delivering Local Needs

The Parish Council need more information and detail. There is not sufficient information in the document to make a considered Judgement. The Parish Council would therefore wish for the Policy to stay the same. It does not wish the exception sites to be outside development boundaries.

##### 4) Development to be assessed on a site by site basis

5)Yes

6)Yes

Crosshouses Section

##### 51) a) *Do you agree with the identification of Crosshouses as a Community Hub?*

The Parish Council do not agree with this decision; however, they accept that we will be a Hub. The PC disagrees with the additional point given for the open space opposite The Bell Public House on the A458. The Parish Council would ask for more clarification on the Mobile Library score give to Cross houses.

##### b) *Do you agree with the preferred Housing guideline for Crosshouses?*

The Parish Council do not agree with this for the reasons given above. At an extraordinary meeting held by the Parish Council which was very well attended the overwhelming feeling from those in attendance was that Crosshouses did not want any further development at all. They wished to remain as Open Countryside. The settlement whilst designated as Open Countryside has been subject to a Planning development of 78 houses because Shropshire Council did not at the time have a 5-year land supply. Residents feel that Crosshouses have taken far more than they wanted or needed to in the last three year and are not happy with any additional housing in the village. The feeling is, however, that if we must have development, we will have the site which offers the smallest number of additional properties.

##### c) *Do you agree with the proposed development Boundary for Crosshouses?*

The Parish Council agree with this proposed boundary as it gives a compact boundary to the Village.

The Parish Council RESOLVED that the above would be their response to the Local Plan Review

These were proposed by Councillor L Picton seconded by Councillor R Purslow and agreed by a majority of 7 votes to 1ii.

Councillor C Wild Asked Councillor Healey if he had been in contact with the owner of site CSG005 to see if they would release land to form a cycle path, Councillor J Healey said that he had been to see the owner of Site CSH005 and CSH004 in mid-November 2018 to see if they had been approached by Shropshire Council. The owner of Site CSH 004 said that she had been approached. It was not made clear who she had been approached by. Councillor

Healey said that the owner of site CSH005 his preferred option did not express support for the cycle path.

**9. Council to respond to consultation to remove Bring banks around the County.** The Parish Council is disappointed at this proposal. It is felt that the recycling stations need to be open to all and there should be no need for people to pay to take their refuse to the tip. Also, it was felt that the kerbside collections could be improved by using a wheelie bin for the refuse as this would stop the plastics and paper blowing around whilst the boxes are awaiting collection. This would be a sensible move as the refuse collectors put the contents of the boxes into a wheelie bin for the lorry to pick up and collect.

**10. Council to agree Grants Policy:** The Parish Council agreed to adopt the Grants Policy as provided by the clerk. Proposed by Councillor C Wild; seconded by Councillor R Purslow and agreed by all members present.

**11. Police Report:**

- Council to receive bi-monthly report from PC Walton. This would be forwarded to members when received.

**12. Highway Matters**

- i. Councillors to report local highway issues
- ii. Report on roads to new development. The Clerk to e-mail Gemma Lawley to see if there is any progress on the development of the roundabout
- iii. Concerns of local residents on state of road into the new development. Councillor Purslow reported that there had been a sweeper in use every night for the last month in the new development

**13. Planning;**

**Previous applications:**

Reference: 18/00111/FUL: Proposed Poultry Unit at Bettonfield Farm, Betton Strange, Shrewsbury. Awaiting decision

Reference:18/03989/FUL: Proposed Barn Conversions at Betton Alkmere Farm, Betton Strange. Awaiting decision

Reference: 18/03990/LBC (validated: 13/09/2018): Proposed Barn Conversions at Betton Alkmere Farm, Betton Strange, Shrewsbury, Shropshire

Reference: 18/04077/PMBPA: Grove Barn, The Grove, Pitchford Road, Condover

Reference;18/05245/PSDPA; awaiting decision

Reference;18/05274/OUT; awaiting decision

**Council to consider new applications.**

Reference:18/05557/FUL:

Address: Barn at Betton Abbots Farm, Betton Abbots, Shrewsbury .SY5 6JD

Proposal: Conversion of a traditional Cart Shed into a single dwelling; After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council have no objection to this application it is Policy Compliant.

Reference: 18/05669/FUL

Address: Betton House, Betton Strange, Shrewsbury SY5 6HZ

Proposal: Erection of extension and alterations including some demolition to existing dwelling. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council had no objection to this application

Reference:18/05828/HHE

Address: 14 Ridout Road, Cross Houses, Shrewsbury SY5 6LS

Proposal: Erection of a single storey conservatory to semi detached dwelling. Dimensions 3.6 metres beyond rear wall, 3.5 metres maximum height, 2.105 metres high to eaves. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council have no objection to this application.

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

There were no new applications to consider

#### 14. Finance

- i. Council to receive Bank Reconciliation for the month end December 2018 It was agreed to accept the Bank Reconciliation as presented by the clerk. Proposed by Councillor L Picton seconded by Councillor J Brayne and agreed by all members present.
- ii. Council to pay agree and pay accounts as presented by the clerk. List to be circulated to members before the meeting. It was agreed to pay the accounts as presented by the clerk Proposed by Councillor L Picton; seconded by Councillor J Brayne and agreed by all members present

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|------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| 1189             | SLB                    | Ground maintenance  | 2010.00 |
| 1190             | SJF Printing           | Village Pump        | 415.00  |
| 1191             | SALC                   | Training            | 25.00   |
| S/O              | L Pardoe               | Salary              | 358.21  |
| 1192             | Shropshire Youth Assoc | Youth Club          | 700.00  |
| 1193             | HMRC                   | PAYE                | 15.40   |
| 1194             | L Pardoe               | Expenses & s/o diff | 246.71  |
|                  |                        | Total for month     | 3770.32 |
| January Payments |                        |                     |         |
| 1195             | HMRC                   | PAYE                | 15.40   |
| 1196             | L Pardoe               | Expenses & s/o diff | 67.07   |
| S/O              | L Pardoe               | Salary              | 539.92  |
|                  |                        | January total       | 622.39  |

- iii. Council to set the precept for the forthcoming financial year 2019/2020. After discussion it was agreed to set the precept at a figure of £11,382.00 which would have a 0% increase on Band D properties for the forthcoming year. Proposed by Councillor C Wild; seconded by Councillor R Purslow and agreed by all members present.
- iv. Council to consider any grant applications received. It was agreed to give a grant of £320 to The Allotment Society for remedial work on a dangerous tree at the Allotments, and for the clerk to transfer the money directly as she had their banking details. Proposed by Councillor C Wild seconded by Councillor R Purslow and agreed by all members present.

**15. Play Area Matters:**

- **Councillor J Brayne to report on Youth Club Activities.** Councillor L Picton said that she had received comments from people on what a lovely Christmas party had been held by The Youth Club Volunteers. The Parish Council thanked them for all their hard work. The Youth Club thanked the Parish Council for their donation towards the food.
- **Councillor E Brayne to report on Play Areas.** The water main burst on the playing fields had been dealt with but the problem was a longstanding one caused by the dip in the ground at the goalposts. Councillor Brayne would speak to Colin Morris from the National Trust to try and get it sorted out.
- The clerk to contact Sean McCarthy to try and get hold of a Netball hoop for the Netball team. The clerk to mention The Grange School.

**16. Correspondence:** this was noted.

**17. Council to agree details for the Community Led Plan Launch event on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2019.**

The clerk to get in touch with Mathew Mead to finalise details

**18. Parish Matters:** Councillor Bonsey asked if anything had been done about the Wall of the Allotments. Councillor Healey said that he didn't think there was anything wrong with it, but would take a look at it.

**19. Council to consider the request to circulate a questionnaire idea to electors on their preference for a Community Led Plan or a Neighbourhood Plan.** Councillor Wild proposed that this be rejected as the Parish Council is going forward with a CLP and there was to be a drop-in event at the beginning of February to gauge people's desires for their community, this was agreed by 7 members. However, Councillor J Healey expressed disappointment at this and said that he felt that he had no option but to resign from the Parish Council over their lack of consultation with residents and would send his letter of resignation to the Chairman.

**20. Date and time of next meeting:** It was agreed that this would be held on Thursday February 7<sup>th</sup> 2019 at the Community Centre starting at 7.00pm.