

A BERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Cross Houses Community Centre
Thursday 4th September 2025,

MINUTES

1. **Chairs welcome** the chairman welcomed all to the meeting.
2. **Present** Councillors H Carpenter-Chairman, H Eccles-Vice-chairman, N Biggs, S Hess, A Abbott, M Rathbone, & **Apologies** – were received from Councillor A Yeomans and C Morris. Also, present S Coleman Shropshire Councillor, L Pardoe clerk to the meeting and three members of the public
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest.** There were none declared at this point
4. **Council to agree the minutes of the July 2025 meeting.** It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Councillor M Rathbone, seconded by Councillor N Biggs and agreed by all members present.
5. **Public session. Standing Orders were suspended to allow members of the public to speak.**

A members of the public asked about the traffic calming measures in Crosshouses. The chairman explained that the council was trying to have the additional Vehicle Activated signs installed as agreed by Shropshire Council in the Traffic Calming proposals detailed in the early part of 2020 under the new development scheme at Berrington Meadows and also to get the Community Speedwatch restarted.

Mt Healey explained that we were wanting to get volume of traffic data as the volume of traffic would inevitably increase so it would be helpful if we have data from the Community Speedwatch.

Councillor Abbott explained that the speed limits have been extended. Gateways were also in the pipeline. The clerk was asked to invite the Police and Crime Commissioner to the village to look at the problems. The clerk was also asked to request a visit from the Speed Van to come to Crosshouses.

Mr Healey and Councillor Abbott were attending a meeting with the General Manager of the Mytton & Mermaid about the possibility of a footpath from Atcham to Crosshouses. Standing Orders were reinstated to resume the Parish Council meeting.

6. **Shropshire Councillors Report.** Councillor Coleman reported that the Councillors should talk to Cressage Parish Council as they had recently had White gates at the entrance to Cressage installed. She suggested that we talk to John Campion. There is a TruCam where a policeman on a motorbike will come and do speed checks for 30 minutes or so. Clerk to invite John Campion to attend the October meeting if he is available. Shropshire Council has a Cabinet meeting next week. ALL non-essential funding has to stop immediately. They are looking at a Biochar facility outside Ludlow in South Shropshire, this facility can possibly bring in revenue. Shropshire Council have called for sites for development of land for housing /retailing issues
 Children's Services had an outstanding review which is the highest they can achieve
7. **Council to set up a Personnel Committee and agree terms of reference. This to be considered at the October meeting.**
8. **Planning Matters**
 - a) **Decisions.** Reference: 25/01672/FUL (validated: 13/05/2025)

Address: 4 Betton Strange Cottages, Betton Strange, Cross Houses, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 6HZ

Proposal: Two story rear extension including demolition of existing lobby/porch.
Permission Granted

- Reference: 25/02000/FUL

Address: Proposed dwelling adjacent to Greenmantle, 1 Cross Houses.

Proposal: Erection of a detached dwelling and double garage , formation of access. Awaiting decision

b) New Applications. At time of preparing there are no new applications for the Council to comment on

c) Applications received after the agenda has been prepared

9. Report on state of readiness of defibrillator- Clerk to report after checking status with Jon Sharrocks from Shropshire Homes. All is ready for action

10. Councillor Rathbone to give an update on the Berrington Telephone Box. This has now been disconnected the Village Hall Committee have adopted it. They are now considering what to do with it.

11. Council to discuss future of Village Pump Magazine, Councillor Abbott will continue to edit the magazine. He did note that the software being used at the present time will be discontinued next year. It was agreed that Councillor Rathbone would deliver the newsletter to Eaton Mascott residents, Councillor Abbott would deliver Betton newsletter. Mr J Healey said he would deliver Crosshouses newsletters. The clerk would get the invoicing up to date now the decision on the future of the Village Pumps was certain.

12. Clerks report to cover items not on the agenda-verbal. Highways matters had been reported to A Wilde at Shropshire Council but the clerk had received no response to this or to an invite to a site meeting to look at various matter with in the parish. Clerk to follow up with D Gradwell.

The clerk had chased the Community Speedwatch Team to see if we could get the scheme up and running again. Mr Healey had not received a response apart from they had changed the process for getting the DBS checks completed. We would wait for news from The Community Speedwatch Tea.

13. Highways matters- Members to report any highways issues Councillor Abbott had not received a reply from A Hasty at Shropshire Council but hopefully we might receive some responses now everyone was back at work after the summer break.

14. Financial Matters

- Council to agree payment of monthly invoices as presented by the Clerk .It was agreed to pay the invoices as presented by the clerk .Proposed by Councillor H Carpenter seconded by Councillor Abbott and agreed by all members present

Shropshire		
Council	Lighting energy	206.77
SJF Printing	Pump Magazine	326.00
National trust	Rents	112.10

Berrington Parish Council

September 2025 Minutes

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signed.....

dated Thursday 2nd October 2025

L Pardoe	Office Expenses	52.90
Playsafety		
Report	ROSPA	96.00
SALC	Training	40.00
SALC	Training	35.00
PKF Littlejohn	Audit	378.00
Water plus	Water rates	32.35
	Community Centre	
EE	WiFi	38.57
Bank Charges	Charges	4.25
Staff salaries	Wages	929.38
HMRC NI MTh4	PAYE & NI Mth 4	218.22
HMRC MT5	PAY & NI Mt 5	218.42
	subtotal	2687.96

- 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.
Proposed by Councillor H Carpenter , seconded by Councillor Abbott and agreed by all members present.

- 15. Parish Matters** members to report any parish matters not covered on the agenda
Clerk to do a precis of the minutes for inclusion in the Pump Newsletter.
Clerk to book the chairman and Vice Chairman on the Chairmanship training session at SALC
- 16. Date and time of next meeting-It was agreed that this would be on Thursday 2nd October 2025 starting at 7.00pm**
- 17. The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.10pm**