

BERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Cross Houses Community Centre
Thursday 8th May 2025, starting at 7.00pm

Minutes

1. **Clerks welcome** the clerk welcomed all to the meeting and instructed the members to sign their Declarations of Acceptance of Office so they could take up their positions as Councillors. The clerk explained that the Register of Interest would still need to be completed but it would be online through Shropshire Council intranet. She would be sending a "How to Guide" to all members for them to do this. It needed to be done by 11.59pm on June 2nd 2025.
2. **All members to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office before commencement of business as stated on the agenda.**
3. **Appointment of Chairman** The clerk took nominations for the position of Chairman. Councillor H Eccles proposed Councillor Carpenter, this was seconded by Councillor Abbotts and agreed by all members
4. **Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office by the Chairman** this was signed by the Chairman who then chaired the meeting.
5. **Appointment of Vice-chairman** Councillor H Carpenter proposed Councillor Eccles, this was seconded by Councillor Abbotts and agreed by all members present.
6. **Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office by the Vice-Chairman.** This was signed by the Vice-Chairman.
7. **Co-option of new councillors on to the Parish Council.** A member of the public had approached the Parish Council to join the Council and as all members agreed Marcia Rathbone was co-opted on to the Council.
8. **Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office.** This was signed and Councillor Rathbone joined members at the table.
9. **Present** Councillor H Carpenter Chairman, Councillor H Eccles-Vice-chairman, Councillor S Hess Councillor N Biggs, Councillor M Rathbone Councillor Abbotts. Also present L Pardoe clerk to the council, Shropshire Councillor S Coleman and two members of the public & **Apologies** were received from C Morris and A Yeomans who were on holiday.
10. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests** There were none at this point.
11. **Council to agree the minutes of the March 2025 meeting.** It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting, proposed by Councillor H Eccles and seconded by Councillor H Carpenter and agreed by all members who has been present at the April meeting.
12. **Council to appoint members to represent them at the Area Committee Meetings of the Shropshire Association of Local Councils.** After discussion all members felt that they would all like between them, to be able to attend these meetings. The clerk would circulate invitations to the Area meetings to all members of the council,
13. **Council to appoint members of Planning Committee.** It was agreed that all members felt that they wished to included so it was agreed that if it was necessary a special meeting would be called.
14. **Public session.** A member of the public congratulated Shropshire Councillor S Coleman on her success in the local elections.
 He questioned the co-option of the new councillor to the Council. The clerk explained that as there were vacancies the Council was able to co-opt on to the Council.

If more than 9 people had submitted papers for the parish council elections that would have triggered a contested election but as this hadn't happened they were able to fill the two vacancies by co-option.

15. Planning Matters

• a) Decisions.

b) New Applications.

None received at the time of setting the agenda

c) Applications received after the agenda has been prepared

d) Planning Appeals. For Information only

- Reference; 23/03207/REF
Erection of an up to 30 MW Solare PV Array , comprising ground mounted solar PV Panels, vehicular access, internal access tracks, landscaping and associated infrastructure, including security fencing ,CCTV, client storage containers and grid connection infrastructure, including substation buildings and off site cabling.
Councils response has been noted and lodged
The appeal has upheld and planning permission has been granted for this application.
Councillor H Eccles did disclose an interest in this application
- Reference:24/03427/DSA106 It was suggested that a liaison group could be formed to liaise with Econergy. The clerk was asked to invite them to the next Parish Council meeting about the proposal.
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- Discharge of S106 agreement attached to planning application 13/04651/FUL
An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of Shropshire Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the above proposal.
The appeal will be determined on the basis of written representations.
All representations must be received by 11th June 2025.
After consideration the Parish Council felt that they don't have enough expertise in this matter and would leave the decision to those with more expertise.

16. Report on state of readiness of defibrillator- Clerk to report after checking status with Jon Sharrocks from Shropshire Homes. Checked on 2nd May all good to go.

17. Council to consider the proposal to remove the Telephone box from use in Berrington. This was discussed and it was agreed that Councillor Rathbone would continue in her efforts to locate an old type Red telephone box to replace the new type which no one wanted to have in situ if it was not being used as a telephone

18. Clerks report to cover items not on the agenda-Everything had been covered on the agenda

19. Highways matters- It was suggested that old tractor tyres be placed at either ends of the Village and planted up.

Councillor Abbotts would look into options for getting gates for the entrance of the village.

The council wanted a VAS sited on the way out of the village past Russell Place.

Clerk to contact Hatfield Landrover as Crosshouses is a well known test drive run for them.

This is an issue which we would like to stop.

Clerk to contact Andy Wild at Shropshire Council to clarify the position on the new VAS.

There is going to be an upgrade on the two existing ones and we have agreed to pay for 2 new VAS in Crosshouses.

Community Speed Watch was brought up again. Clerk to contact Mrs S Shedden to ask about starting up Speedwatch again, and to ask her if she is happy to continue.

Councillor Abbotts would paint up the Youth Shelter.

He would also set up a group to set up and look after planters within the village. Possibly at the Bus Stops.

There is a collapsed gully about ½ mile from Russell Place it has been reported on Fix mt Street But it still has not been fixed.

20. Financial Matters

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

FPO	RK Contracting	516.00
	J Griffiths	100.00
	HMRC	152.60
	L Pardoe	483.89
FPO	R Purslow	109.00
FPO	SALC	640.57
FPO	E-on	117.60
	MC Electrical	75.00
	D Malley Payroll	120.00
	SJF Printing	289.00
	HMRC	152.60
D/D	H Fox	23.99
D/D	Waterplus	25.90
D/D	EE	38.57
S/O	L Pardoe	701.66

Berrington Parish Council

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signed.....

dated Thursday 5th June 2025

S/O	R Yeomans	213.17
FPO	R Yeomans	14.35
	Bank Charges	4.25
	subtotal	3778.15

- 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 Eccles seconded by Councillor H Carpenter and agreed by all members present.

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

22. Date and time of next meeting- It was agreed that this would be held on Thursday 5th June 2025 starting at 7.00pm

23. The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.15pm