

**BERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Cross Houses Community Centre**  
**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

**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 Hess, Councillor C Bonsey, Councillor H Carpenter, Councillor H Eccles, Councillor B Biggs, L Pardoe Clerk to the council , Jon Sharrocks from Shropshire Homes to speak on defibrillators and 4 members of the public . Apologies were received from Councillor Durkan who was away and Councillor Mason who was unwell.
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests** Councillor Hess declared an interest in item 6b where her husband was quoting for the job at Berrington Village Hall. As the village Hall is a Community Asset all members have an interest although not a pecuniary interest.
4. **Council to agree the minutes of the October 2024 meeting.** It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting ,proposed by Councillor CC Bonsey and seconded by |Councillor R Purslow and agreed by all members present.
5. **Jon Sharrocks from Shropshire Homes to speak on defibrillators.** The Chairman welcomed Jon to the meeting. Jon spoke extensively on the use of defibrillators and used a dummy to demonstrate the use of them. He looks after 50 + defibrillators in Shropshire and offered to add the defibrillator stationed at the Post Office to his itinerary. Members gladly accepted this offer.  
He also is a qualified First Aid Trainer and runs First Aid training.
6. **Public session.**  
*Standing Orders were suspended to allow members of the public to speak*
  - a. **Members of the Public.** A member of the public asked if he could have an update on Shropshire's Local Plan. Councillor Wild explained that The Planning Inspector had written to Shropshire Council postponing the hearings. They are going to be writing to Shropshire Council explaining their concerns. The member of the public voiced concerns that if the Local Plan was in doubt if Shropshire has a 5 year land supply or could it open for developers to apply for planning. Councillor Wild pointed put that Shropshire Council had a 6.8 year land supply.  
  
The member of the public also asked about the grading of the land at Berrington regarding the application for the Solar Farm. The clerk pointed out that all the relevant evidential documents were on Shropshire Councils website.
  - b. **Members from Berrington Village Hall.** *Councillor S Hess left the room at this point of the meeting*  
A member from Berrington Village Hall spoke about the kitchen and the need for some work to be done on the floor as it becomes very slippery when the kitchen is in use and is therefore dangerous. She asked if the Parish Council would agree to give a grant of £385 to the village hall and they would be able to get a match funding grant from elsewhere. Members of the Council agreed to this.

She explained that the roof of the hall is in need of some remedial work which they will look at in 2025 and would probably come back to the Parish Council for an additional grant.

*Standing Orders were reinstated for the meeting to continue. Councillor S Hess returned to the meeting .*

## 7. Planning Matters

- **a) Decisions.**

Reference :24/03659/REM

Address : Proposed Agricultural Workers Dwelling, Land at Bettonfield, Betton Strange, Shrewsbury

Proposal: Approval of Reserved matter pursuant to 23/03725/OUT for the erection of dwellings and associated works. Permission granted 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024

- **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***

**8. Local Police Report –** The Police have been active in the village removing cars. Councillor reported that he had been told that a member of the public had approached a vehicle parked in the gateway of the Playing Fields and when they had approached the vehicle, the occupants got out of the vehicle and threatened them with a knife. Members commented that this should have been reported to the Police at the time.

**9. Report on state of readiness of defibrillator-**The defibrillator was ready for use.

**10. Clerks report .** the clerk reported that she had completed the paperwork to go ahead with the change of the domain name.

The clerk had received an e-mail asking for names of community volunteers to be put forward with a chance to attend the Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire's Garden Party to be held next May .Members proposed Councillor S Mason and or Mrs & Mrs Braune who do a lot for the community including running the Youth Club when it was going.

The clerk had received an e-mail from a resident in Betton Strange stating that people found it difficult to find her premises and those of her neighbours .It was agreed to look into having a vinyl warp to change the signs that are in place to say Betton Strange rather than just Betton.

## 11. Highways matters-

- Councillor Bonsey asked when the roundabout would be restored as it was six months since it had been damaged. *Clerk to put it on fix my street again.*

- Councillor Purslow asked if the roundabout and estate had been adopted by Shropshire Council yet. *Clerk to follow this up.*

## 12. Financial Matters

- a. 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 and seconded by Councillor R Purslow and agreed by all members present

			Imperative		
07-Nov	BGC	33	Training	Defib Pads	92.94
	BGC	34	M C Electrical	switch replacement	66.82
	BGC	36	Gallagher	Insurance	2030.83
	BGC	37	HMRC	PAYE	118.40
	BGC	38	Staff Exp	Gen Expenses	81.05
		S/O	Staff salaries	salaries	742.67
		D/D	H Fox	website	23.99
		D/D	EE	WiFi	36.25
		D/D	Waterplus	Water	21.01
		39	Staff	Microsoft 365	148.32
		40	R Purslow	Poppies	95.00
				gutter cleaning	
		41	R Purslow	repayment	120.00
				Repairs to broken	
		42	R Purslow	slates	150.00
		43	Berrington Village Hall		385.00
			total		4112.28

- 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 and seconded by Councillor R Purslow and agreed by all members present
- c. Council to agree to accept the new Pay award agreed with NALC with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024. It was agreed to accept the new Pay award and backdate it to April. Proposed by Councillor R Purslow , seconded by Councillor C Bonsey and agreed by all members present.
- d. Council to agree to award a grant to Berrington Village Hall For £385.It was agreed to award this amount the Village Hall proposed by Councillor C Wild Seconded by Councillor C Bonsey and agreed by all members present(Councillor S Hess did not vote on this item)

**13. Parish Matters** Councillor Purslow mentioned the verge just past the shop on the way into the village and it was agreed to ask the Groundsman to add this to the itinerary. Councillor Wild reported that Stephen Armstrong from National Trust had asked the tenant to increase the margins around the field that floods for the grass to be able to soak up some of the runoff.

**14. Date and time of next meeting- It was agreed that this should be on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025 starting at 7.00pm.**

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signed.....

Dated Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**15. The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.00pm**