

**BERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Cross Houses Community Centre**  
**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025,**

**MINUTES**

1. **Chairman's welcome the chairman welcomed all to the meeting**
2. **Present** Councillor C Wild Chairman, Councillor R Purslow Vice-chairman, Councillor C Bonsey, Councillor S Maso, Councillor S Hess, Councillor H Carpenter, Councillor H Eccles, Councillor N Biggs, Also present L Pardoe Clerk to the Council and 5 members of the public . Apologies were received from Councillor S Durkan who had a prior commitment.
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests.** There were no Interest declared at this point.
4. **Council to agree the minutes of the November 2024 meeting.** It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting Proposed by Councillor R Purslow seconded by Councillor H Carpenter and agreed by all members present.
5. **Public session.** There were no requests to speak in this forum.
6. **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***  
*Appeal still in progress*
7. **Local Police Report –** There was no report available, however the clerk had received correspondence from the Police requesting a three monthly update on our policing priorities. It was agreed to retain them as they were last time with
  - ***Antisocial Behaviour and drugs in the community as our number one priority***
  - ***Speeding through the parish as our number two priority***
  - ***Thefts form (Outbuildings) agricultural building and machinery.***
8. **Report on state of readiness of defibrillator- Clerk to report after checking status with Jon Sharrocks from Shropshire Homes.** Checked on 2<sup>nd</sup> January all good to go. Clerk to follow up with Jon Sharrocks on cost for a defibrillator for Berrington Village Hall.

- 9. Clerks report to cover items not on the agenda-verbal.** The amendment to the signs for Betton to be amended to read Betton Strange is being dealt with by the Vice-Chairman.

**10. Highways matters- Members to report any highways issues**

The Barriers are still on the Atcham Road.

The Acton Burnell Road between Cantlop and the bridge has had some repairs done by Shropshire Council, but they will have to do more repairs again as these are breaking up already.

At Brompton there is still flooding at Brompton Cottages. The water is coming off the fields. Clerk to contact Stephen Armstrong at National Trust to see what they are going to do about it. The Council was under the impression that the drainage for an underground Spring at Cronkhill would be improved. What are the National Trusts plans for this?

Sandy Land is very precarious as there as land slips every 6 weeks or so, the banks need shoring up.

**11. 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 , seconded by Councillor C Bonsey and agreed by all members present.

Payments for January 2025				
	D/D		Hugo Fox	23.99
	D/D		EE	36.25
	D/D		Waterplus	30.61
		49	Staff	68.64
		50	STC	45.00
		51	Staff	104.35
		52	HMRC	124.00
	S/O		Staff	529.50
	S/O		Staff	213.17
			subtotal	1175.51

- 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 C Bonsey, seconded by Councillor H Carpenter and agreed by all members present.

Council to agree the budget as proposed by the Chairman and clerk. members agreed to accept the budget as presented by the clerk. Proposed by Councillor H Eccles, seconded by Councillor H Carpenter and agreed by all members present.

Council to set the Precept for 2025/2026. It was agreed to set the precept at a figure of £16,375 , which would mean a 0% increase for residents of the parish. This year the councils tax base was reduced due to the Boundary review taking some properties from the Parish of Berrington and putting them into Shrewsbury Town .

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

Members were asked on their knowledge of incoming fibre broadband. They have Airband but it is not very fast. The Chairman explained that fibre broadband would probably take another couple of years to complete.

Members asked about the proposed Mobile Phone mast. A second location has been identified after the first site was withdrawn by the owners.

A member asked about transport to Condover for school. The chairman explained that she should ring the Transport Department for more information on this matter.

**13. Date and time of next meeting-** It was agreed that this would be on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025 starting at 7.00pm. It would be followed by Community Centre Management Committee meeting

**14.** The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 7.30pm