

BERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Cross Houses Community Centre
Thursday 5th June 2025,

MINUTES

1. **Chairs welcome.** The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting
2. **Present Councillor** H Carpenter-Chairman, Councillor H Eccles -Vice-chairman, Councillor C Morris, Councillor A Yeomans, Councillor S Hess, Councillor M Rathbone, Councillor A Abbott. Apologies – were received from Councillor H Biggs. Also, present L Pardoe, clerk to the council, Shropshire Councillor Susan Coleman and 10 members of the public
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests** There were none at this point.
4. **Council to agree the minutes of the April 2025 meeting.** It was agreed that these were true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Councillor C Morris, seconded by Councillor S Hess and agreed by all members present.
5. **Public session. *Standing Orders were lifted to allow members of the public to speak.***
 A member of the public asked if we could have mobile speed cameras visit the Village. They are unhappy at the speeds that vehicles travel through the village. A brief discussion was had about the resurrection of the Community Speed Watch. The clerk explained that she had asked the previous coordinator if they wanted to continue with it but had received no response to her e-mail. Another member of the public stated that he had spoken with the lady concerned and she was happy to let him be the coordinator. Councillor Hess stated that she had forms for volunteers to complete to join in the scheme. Clerk to contact Andy Wild at Shropshire Council to follow up on the VAS, both the upgrading of the existing and the two new ones the Parish Council are paying for.
 Another member of the public commented on the bad state of a path from Cantlop-to-Cantlop Mill. Clerk to request a site meeting with Aaron Hasty at SC for a site meeting with councillors
 Another member of the public had concerns over the speeding along the Cantlop road. There is only advisory sign through Cantlop. These need to be made Mandatory. This is a Nation Cycle Route, and it needs some speed Management. Clerk to ask for a site meeting with Andy Wild at SC to look at this matter.
Standing Orders were reinstated for the Council meeting to continue
6. **Shropshire Councillors Report.** Councillor Coleman introduced herself to the meeting. She attended her first full meeting at Shropshire Council.
 When she was campaigning, she had been made aware of a yew tree growing round the base of one of the chestnut trees on the play area. She was pleased to see that it had been very promptly removed after the clerk had reported it to Persimmon.
 She has been following on about the VAS Signs and she and the clerk would chase Andy Wild for a status report. She had been made aware that in the night lorries ignore any speed limits and thunder through the village and people are being shaken awake.
 The Leader of the Council Heather Kidd is going to have talks with a government minister about the Northwest Relief Road. If this project is cancelled, then Shropshire Council will have to pay back £38 million which would make the Council bankrupt.
7. **Planning Matters**
 - **a) Decisions.**
 - b) New Applications.**
 - 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.

After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council had no objection to this application.

c) Applications received after the agenda has been prepared

8. **Report on state of readiness of defibrillator- Clerk to report after checking status with Jon Sharrocks from Shropshire Homes.** Checked on 2nd June all good to go. The clerk was asked to contact J Sharrocks and request some training for members of the council and the public.
The Defibrillator in Berrington had been installed and the clerk now needed to set it up with the Circuit so it could be included on the emergency services database.
Councillor Morris reported that at Cressage there had been an incident where the access to their defibrillator had been blocked by a vehicle, and they were unable to access it to use it on someone who subsequently passed away. The clerk was asked if she could ask the owner of the Post office if it would be possible to ensure that the defibrillator at the Service station was never blocked in this way by perhaps putting some bollards in front of the housing so vehicles were unable to obstruct it.
9. **Council to agree the Facebook terms of engagement page set up for the Council by Councillor Eccles.** It was agreed to adopt this policy, proposed by Councillor H Carpenter and seconded by Councillor A Abbott and agreed by all members present.
It was agreed that Councillor Eccles would be the main administrator with Councillor A Abbott and Councillor M Rathbone also administrators.
For full details of the Policy please see the Councils website. This would be an information only service and members of the public would not be able to comment. If they wished to make any comments on matters, they were encouraged to come to the Council meetings for a the public session.
10. **Clerks report to cover items not on the agenda-verbal.** She had been unable to contact the company who were going to be building the solar park in Berrington. Councillor Rathbone said that she had a telephone number that may be helpful.
The Clerk also reported that she had heard from Mr & Mrs Brayne who we have nominated to attend the Shropshire Lieutenants' Garden Party and they had a lovely day and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.
11. **Highways matters- Members to report any highways issues.** Councillor Abbott handed round some pictures of "Gates " for members to consider installing at the beginning of the Village of Crosshouses. Members preferred the Oxford style. The clerk was asked to talk to Cressage clerk as Cressage were in the process of installing some of these. Also, Acton Burnell clerk as they already have these in Frodesley and Pitchford.
Clerk to also ask Andy Wild at Shropshire Council if we needed any permission to have these installed.
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 C Morris , seconded by Councillor A Abbott and agreed by all members present.

June			
FPO	Shropshire Council	Lighting energy	214.72
	SJF Printing	Pump Magazine	326.00
	HMRC	PAYE	152.80
	L Pardoe	Office Expenses	82.35
FPO	HMRC	NI	65.62
	subtotal		841.49

- 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 Morris, seconded by Councillor A Abbott and agreed by all members.
- c. Council to agree additional members to be placed on the Banking Mandate. It was agreed to add Councillor Eccles to the Banking mandate and remove any signatories who were no longer members of the Council.

13. Parish Matters Councillor Rathbone reported that she was in contact with BT over the decommissioning of the Telephone in Berrington. The Telephone box would be adopted by the Village Hall Committee.

14. Date and time of next meeting- It was agreed that this would be held on Thursday 3rd July 2025 starting at 7.00pm at The Chapel Community Centre Crosshouses.

15. The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.45pm