

BERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 6th February 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 N Biggs, Councillor H Carpenter. Also present L Pardoe, clerk to the Council and 4 members of the public. Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor S Durkan -family commitments, Councillor S Hess- was unwell, Councillor S Mason had family commitments, Councillor H Eccles family commitments, Councillor C Bonsey prior engagement.
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests.** There were no declarations at this point.
4. **Council to agree the minutes of the January 2025 meeting.** It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting Proposed by Councillor H Carpenter, seconded by Councillor R Purslow and agreed by all members present.
5. **Public session *Standing Orders were suspended to allow a member of the public to speak.*** A members of the public spoke on the flooding at Brompton which had caused her house to be cut off by knee deep water for two weeks. She had been attending council meetings for some 20 plus years to try and get something done but in the last 5 years it has become substantially worse. The Chairman explained that there was going to be a meeting involving the National Trust, the landowner and Shropshire Council Officers to look at the problem . The matter is exacerbated by everywhere being waterlogged.
The Chairman thanked the member of the public for speaking. Standing Orders were reinstated to continue the meeting.
6. **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
Appeal still in progress
7. **Local Police Report –** There was no report available members of the Local Police team had held surgeries in Crosshouses which had been week attended.
8. **Council to discuss the replacement of boundary fencing between Noel Hill Road, The Chestnuts and the woods damaged by winds this winter.** It was agreed that the clerk would ask the Groundsman to look at the fence and see what needed to be done. The Vice Chairman had looked at the fence and had some pictures on his mobile phone which he would send to the clerk to forward to the groundsman to look at.

9. Council to discuss taking over the running of the Community Centre

The Chairman explained that the Community Centre belonged to the Parish Council but was run by a Management Committee. The Parish Council paid for many of the services for the Community Centre, Water, Wi-Fi, electrical testing and fire safety checks. The Management committee had many members who had been in post for many years and were looking to retire so it was thought that this was a good time bring the financial management in house to be run by the Parish Council with the finances administered by the clerk. A Management Committee would continue with the day to day running with Parish Council representative on the Committee. The bookings for the hall would not be dealt with by the clerk but by a member of the Parish Council who was already doing this. This was agreed and proposed by Councillor H Carpenter, seconded by Councillor N Biggs and seconded by all members present.

10. Report on state of readiness of defibrillator- Clerk to report after checking status with Jon Sharrocks from Shropshire Homes. Checked on 4th February all good to go.

11. Clerks report to cover items not on the agenda-verbal. The clerk reported that the matter of the signs at Betton had been dealt with by the Vice-Chairman and that the member of the public had not been happy with the result and had sent a very unpleasant e-mail to him with some very unacceptable language. The Parish Council now deems this matter to be finished with and no further contact will be made with the resident in question.

12. Highways matters- Clerk asked if they would be in agreement to extend the Grounds Maintenance Contract by 12 months. Proposed by Councillor H Carpenter, seconded by Councillor C Wild. This was agreed by all members present

13. 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 N Biggs, seconded by councillor H Carpenter and agreed by all members present..

Feb	53	Sign & Poster	84.00
	54	SJF Feb March	289.00
	55	SJF Dec Jan	312.00
	56	HMRC	124.20
	57	L Pardoe	113.80
	58	SLB Groundcare	1540.00
		subtotal	2463.00

- 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 Wild seconded by Councillor N Biggs and agreed by all members present.
- c. Council to agree to increase the clerks PayScale from SCP24 to SCP 28 as noted in the budget set last month. This was agreed proposed by Councillor H

Carpenter, seconded by Councillor R Purslow and agreed by all members present.

14. Parish Matters Councillor H Carpenter reported that there was to be some celebratory events at Berrington Village Hall for its Centenary.

15. Date and time of next meeting- It was agreed that this would be held on 6th March 2025 starting at 7.00pm followed by a Community Centre Management Committee meeting starting at 7.45pm.

The Clerk explained that the April meeting would be the last one of the present Council meetings before the elections on 1st May. She would like to request that the April meeting be held back for a week to enable her to get the accounts balanced off and signed off by the auditor. It was agreed to have the April meeting on 10th April 2025 starting at 7.00pm. The May meeting would take place on Thursday May 8th, 2025, starting at 7.00pm.

16 The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 7.45pm