

BERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 6th March 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 S Hess, Councillor S Mason, Councillor R Purslow, Councillor H Carpenter, Councillor H Eccles, Councillor N Biggs. Also, present L Pardoe Clerk to the Council and 8 members of the public. **Apologies were** received from Councillor C Bonsey and Councillor S Durkam.
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests** There were none at this point of the meeting.
4. **Council to agree the minutes of the February 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 R Purslow and agree by all members present.
5. **Public session.** No one wished to speak
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 none available. It was agreed to remove this item from future agendas
8. **Report on state of readiness of defibrillator- Clerk to report after checking status with Jon Sharrocks from Shropshire Homes. Checked on 2nd March all good to go.**
9. **Council to discuss the annual Litter Pick.** It was agreed that there would be a litter pick on 26th April 2025.
10. **Clerks report to cover items not on the agenda-verbal.**
 - A resident has contacted the clerk over a very overgrown hedge at 42 The Chestnuts making the footpath impassable. The clerk was instructed to write a polite letter to the householder asking them to trim back the hedge.
 - The clerk has received a link from Jon Sharrocks for the purchase of a defibrillator for Berrington Village Hall and members decided to go with this and instructed the clerk to purchase the defibrillator and cabinet to house it in.
11. **Highways matters- Members to report any highways issues** Councillor S Hess reported that the light on Lower Cross had still not been fixed. There were some thoughts that it might need to be upgraded to LED.
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 H Eccles and seconded by Councillor S Hess and agreed by all members present.

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| Staff | Salary | 701.66 |
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| Staff | expenses | 56.00 |
| SLB Groundcare | Noel Hill Road Sign | 110.00 |
| Natiional Trust | rent | 0.61 |
| L A Roofing | replaced tile | 50.00 |
| Shropshire Council | Energy costs | 216.59 |
| Berrington Village Hall | Grant for roof repairs | 10000.00 |
| ICO | Registration | 35.00 |
| Waterplus | water | 8.71 |
| Mike Beaman | attempted repair of boiler | 142.84 |
| Mike Beaman | Replacement boiler & fitting | 7428.00 |
| Total. | | 18962.58 |

- 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 S Hess and agreed by all members present.
- c. Council considered a grant for the repair of Berrington Village hall which was agreed by all members . proposed by Councillor S Hess ,seconded by Councillor C Wild and agreed by all members present.
- d. Members were made aware that the boiler had broken down and was irreparable so this had been ordered as the Hall had bookings which needed to be honoured.

13. Parish Matters members to report any parish matters not covered on the agenda. Speed reductions are now being put in place

14. Date and time of next meeting- It was agreed that this would be held on 10th April 2025 starting at 7.00pm

15. Clerk to handout nomination papers for the forthcoming Local Council Elections. This was done.

16. The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 7.15pm.