

**BERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Cross Houses Community Centre**  
**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025,**

**MINUTES**

1. **Chairman's welcome** the chairman welcomed all to the meeting. The Chairman explained that this was her last meeting as she was retiring. She thanked all members for their support and also the support of the parishioners.
2. **Present** Councillor C Wild-Chairman, Councillor R Purslow-Vice-chairman, Councillor S Mason, Councillor H Carpenter, Councillor N Biggs, Councillor H Eccles. Apologies were received from Councillor C Bonsey, Councillor S Durkam and Councillor S Hess. Also present were L Pardoe clerk to the council and 6 members of the public.
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests** None were declared at this point.
4. **Council to agree the minutes of the March 2025 meeting.** It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Councillor R Purslow, seconded by Councillor N Biggs and agreed by all members present.
5. **Public session.** A member of the public asked the new signage was finished through Crosshouses yet .He was told that they are not yet finished.  
The Chairman took this opportunity to thank Shaum Bott the groundsman for Berrington parish Council for all his hard work keeping the parishes tidy.
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** There were none received
  - 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***
    - Reference: 25/01149/CPL  
Address; 7 Holcroft Way Cross Houses, Shrewsbury , SY5 6LQ  
Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness for a proposed single storey extension.  
**This is for information only and comments are not invited.**
7. **Council to revisit their three priorities for West Mercia Community Charter.**  
**Last reported in January 2025. Issue 1 was antisocial behaviour and drugs in the community. Issue 2 was Speeding through the village. Issue 3 was Thefts from outbuildings.**  
**Does the Council wish to change these priorities?** After discussion it was agreed that the priorities would be changed around, and the number one priority would be speeding through the village and Antisocial behaviour and drug taking in the community would be moved back to second with theft from outbuilding remaining third.

**8. Report on state of readiness of defibrillator- Clerk to report after checking status with Jon Sharrocks from Shropshire Homes.** This was checked on 2<sup>nd</sup> February all good to go.

**9. Report of defibrillator for Berrington Village Hall.** This has been purchased and delivered to Councillor Carpenter for installation by R Kent.

**10. Council to consider the proposal to remove the Telephone box from use in Berrington.** It was agreed to defer this to the next meeting as this telephone box was not a traditional Red one and Marcia from Berrington was sorting this out.

**11. Clerks report to cover items not on the agenda-verbal**

The streetlight has been reported and according to their records it is already LED, but they will report back to us.

The clerk had received the new price for the Energy supply from Shropshire Council at a cost of £728.95 +VAT. Members agreed to continue with this contract.

*Clerk to circulate the information on devolution received from SALC to all members.*

**12. Highways matters- Members to report any highways issue.** Councillor Purslow reported that the sign to Lower Cross was still missing. It was agreed that Shaun would look at getting a sign made up for the Council.

The adoption of Berrington Meadows was asked about as there was a lot of dog fouling, the chairman said she would provide the member of the public with some signs.

*Clerk to remind Fletchers the roundabout signage still has not been repaired*

**13. Financial Matters**

- a. Council to agree payment of monthly invoices as presented by the Clerk. It was agreed to pay the monthly invoices as presented by the clerk Proposed by Councillor H Carpenter, seconded by Councillor R Purslow and agreed by all members present.
- 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, seconded by Councillor R Purslow and agreed by all members present.
- c. Council to agree the end of year accounts as presented by the clerk. It was agreed to accept the end of year accounts as presented by the clerk Proposed by Councillor H Carpenter, seconded by Councillor R Purslow and agreed by all members present.
- d. Council to accept the Year End Bank Reconciliation as presented by the clerk. It was agreed to accept the Year End Bank Reconciliation as presented by the clerk Proposed by Councillor H Carpenter, seconded by Councillor R Purslow and agreed by all members present.
- e. Council to receive Internal Audit Report. The Council received The Internal Auditor's Report.
- f. Council to agree Section 1 of Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2024/2025. It was agreed to accept Section 1 of Annual Governance and

Accountability Return by the Council Proposed by Councillor H Carpenter, seconded by Councillor R Purslow and agreed by all members present.

- g. Council to agree Section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2024/2025. It was agreed to accept Section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return as presented by the clerk Proposed by Councillor H Carpenter, seconded by Councillor R Purslow and agreed by all members present.

- 14. Parish Matters** members to report any parish matters not covered on the agenda. There were no additional matters
- 15. Date and time of next meeting-** It was agreed that this would be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025 starting at 7.00pm
- 16. The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.00pm**
- 17. Councillors C Wild, R Purslow, S Mason ,C Bonsey and S Durkam were retiring as councillors at this meeting.** The Vice-Chair noted that there was 115 years of council experience leaving tonight. He thanked the Chairman and all councillors for all they had done.
- 18.** The clerk presented flowers and bottles to the retiring members who then had their pictures take for the Parish Pump Magazine.