

**BERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Cross Houses Community Centre**  
**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024,**

**MINUTES**

1. **Chairman's welcome** The chairman welcomed all to the meeting.
2. **Present** Councillor C Wild-Chairman, Councillor S Mason, Councillor S Hess, Councillor C Bonsey, Councillor H Carpenter **& Apologies** were received from Councillor S Durkam, Councillor N Biggs, Councillor R Purslow . Councillor G Jones resigned from the Council after the last meeting which he had been unable to attend due to health issues. The Chairman thanked him in his absence for his time on the Parish Council. Also present was L Pardoe , clerk to the meeting and 7 members of the public .
3. **Co-option of New Councillor.** Mr H Eccles expressed an desire to join the Parish Council following Ex Councillor Jones resignation. Councillor C Wild proposed that he be co-opted on to the Council this was seconded by Councillor H Carpenter and agreed by all members present.  
**Councillor Eccles took his seat at the table with the other members of the Parish Council.**
4. **Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office.** This was signed in front of members of the Council and witnessed by the clerk.
5. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests.** None were declared at this point.
6. **Council to agree the minutes of the March 2024 meeting.** It was agreed these were a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Councillor C Wild, seconded by Councillor H Carpenter and agreed by all members present.
7. **Public session.**  
***Standing Orders were suspended to allow members of the Public to speak.***
  - One member of the public reported that some people had been cutting through the Allotments where the new wall ended, and the new hedging plants were planted. They had further blocked this off and so far, this seemed to be working.
  - Another MOP reported about the scrapping of the School Library Service which has not been brought to the public's attention.
  - One member of the public reported that the potholes are terrible. A brief discussion was had about how Fix my Street was extremely busy with reported potholes.
  - Andy Abbots who is heavily involved in local footpaths reported that there would be more work this year. They were asking for more volunteers to assist in clearing up the footpaths. This would probably start again in June when it is hoped that the weather would be better. They would be replacing gates with stiles.***Standing Orders were reinstated to allow the Council meeting to continue.***
8. **Local Police Report** – There was no report available
9. **Report on state of readiness of defibrillator-Councillor R Purslow to report.**  
Councillor Purslow was not present so there was no report to be made.
10. **Council to discuss date for the Annual Litter Pick.** After much discussion it was agreed that this would be held on Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> starting at the Community Centre at 10.00 am.

**11. Clerks report to cover items not on the agenda-**The clerk had received the Data Audit that day but had not yet had time to look at the documents. She also reported that she had spoken with Julia Brayne who had run the Youth Club. They had some funds left over from the grant given to them by the Parish Council. What would the Council like her to do with this money £66.60p. It was agreed that Councillor S Hess would speak with her, and they would use the money to purchase some strong storage boxes for the Little Acorns Group. This was agreed by all members of the council present. She also brought the Graden Waste Consultation to the attention of the members of the Council. This would be discussed more at the May meeting.

## **12. Planning Matters**

### **6a) Decisions.**

- Reference:23/03725/OUT  
Address; Land at Bettonfield Betton Strange, Shrewsbury  
Proposal: Rural Enterprise dwelling  
Awaiting decision
- Reference:24/00723/DIS106  
Address; 42 High Cross Avenue, Crosshouses Shrewsbury.SY5 6LJ  
Proposal: Discharge of Section 106 attached to planning application  
Awaiting decision
- Reference:22/04355/FUL  
Alternative Reference: PP-11508081  
Planning Appeal by Econergy International Ltd  
Land west of Berrington , Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 6HA  
Appeal dismissed.

**6b) New Applications.** At time of publishing the agenda there have been no new planning applications

**6c) Applications received after the agenda has been prepared.**

## **13. Highways matters-**

- Councillor S Mason commented on the state of the local roads and their potholes.
- Councillor S Hess asked about the possibility of getting the Community Speed Watch going again. It was agreed that she would approach the appropriate person and see about getting herself and some volunteers trained to use the equipment.

## **14. 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. Propose by Councillor H Carpenter , seconded by Councillor S Mason and agreed by all members present.

HMRC	PAYE	153.00
L Pardoe	Office Expenses	26.45
R Yeomans	Salary	212.80
L Pardoe	Salary	529.50
	total payments	921.75

- b. Council to accept the Monthly Bank Reconciliation as presented by the Clerk .It was agreed to accept the Monthly Bank Reconciliation as presented by the clerk. Proposed by Councillor H Carpenter, Seconded by Councillor S Mason and agreed by all members present.
- c. Council to accept the year end accounts as presented by the clerk. It was agree to accept the financial year end accounts as presented by the clerk. Proposed by Councillor H Carpenter, seconded by Councillor S Mason and agreed by all members present.

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

Councillor C Bonsey spoke about the rights of way through the Orchard as the gate has now been closed. She asked if we could get an opening made for access. Councillor Wild said she would speak to Stephen Armstrong at National Trust.

Councillor H Carpenter gave an update on the Pump in Berrington. They are waiting for a report from the engineers before the Wall can be rebuilt.

A member of the public asked if they would be allowed to pressure wash the surface of the small play area outside the Community Centre. The Chairman was concerned that this could cause damage to the rubber tiles and possibly lift them. The clerk to write to Greenbelt and ask for the Play Area to be cleaned up.

**16. Date and time of next meeting-It was agreed that this would be on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024 starting at 7.00pm**

**17. Please note the Annual Parish Meeting would be held before the Council meeting and would start at 6.30pm.**

**18.** The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 7.50pm.