

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
BERRINGTON VILLAGE HALL
ON WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2009**

Present : Mr Richard Purslow (RP) Acting Chair
Mr Richard Ward (RW)
Mr William Jones (TJ)
Mr Andrew Powis (AP)
Mr Jerry Greene (JG)

Mrs Fiona Hibberd (FH) Parish Clerk

Police Representatives: None

The Parish Council Meeting started at 7.30pm with RP taking the chair

1. APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Sue Mason, Huw Roberts, John Peters and Claire Wild

2. REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Rachel Johnson (RJ) Community Regeneration Officer

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None

4. MINUTES:

The minutes for the meeting held on 26th November 2009 were read. They were approved and signed by RP

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The Parish Clerk informed the meeting that in relation to item 9(i) of the previous minutes, Trevor Mytton had asked that his thanks be given to the Council for their offer of an increase in his honorarium. However, he is unable to accept the offer due to his disability allowance restrictions. RP suggested the Council might be able to give him a gift in the form of a payment for his computer to the value of £60.

ACTION: Parish Clerk to check with Chair and/or Internal Auditor

6. CORRESPONDENCE & MATTERS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL:

a) It was proposed that the discussion on the wall plaque be postponed as Huw Roberts was unable to attend the meeting.

ACTION: None

b) The Parish Clerk gave a draft budget to the meeting, showing expenditure and income over the last year in preparation for the Precept. It was felt that possible projects for 2010 might include a youth shelter or a youth club at The Bell, which would need to be included in the Precept. The Precept will need to be finalised at the next meeting and received by Shropshire Council by the end of January 2010.

ACTION: Parish Clerk to speak to CW

c) The date of the next informal planning LJC meeting was notified to the Council and RP gave an explanation of the work of the Committee.

ACTION: None

d) The Parish Clerk read out the letter regarding the Code of Conduct – Register of Members' Interests to ensure that each member of the Council is aware of the legislative requirements.

ACTION: None

f) The Parish Clerk informed the meeting that it is a requirement of the Awards for All grant that any publicity material bears their logo. A CD has been provided with the logo. A free plaque can be ordered for The Chapel Centre with the Awards for All logo. The Council agreed.

ACTION: Parish Clerk to speak to CW

g) None of the Police were able to attend but PC Cheryl Henley had asked the Parish Clerk to inform the meeting that there had been 2 burglaries in Cross Houses this month. She asked that members of the public be extra vigilant and report anything suspicious. JG offered to be a Neighbourhood Watch representative for The Chestnuts.

ACTION: Parish Clerk to forward contact details of PCs to JG

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

i) The Parish Clerk presented the Bank reconciliation to date to the council. RP signed the Bank reconciliation form and the Council accepted it unanimously.

ACTION: No further action required.

ii) Accounts for payment:

a) Clerk's salary and expenses December 2009 Cheque 000708 £313.55

b) Trevor Mytton - Village Pump Production Issue 84 Cheque 000709 £76.17

c) SALC Health & Safety Course £20.00 Cheque 000710 £20.00

d) Hire of Berrington Village Hall for PC meetings Cheque 000711 £120

All the above cheques were signed by RP and RW

8. PLANNING MATTERS:-

Proposal: Amendment. Installation of a swimming pool

Location: Berrington House, Berrington SY5 6HB

Proposal: Erection of a stable block

Location: Cantlop House, Cantlop SY5 6HQ

The Council was shown plans of the above and there were no objections.

9. Any Other Business

(i) RP suggested that JG become a signatory.

ACTION: Parish Clerk to bring the Lloyds Bank forms to the next meeting

(ii) TJ said that the dog fouling was a serious problem in the area in Cross Houses. He suggested a strongly worded letter in the Pump and a dog warden

ACTION: Parish Clerk to speak to CW

(iii) AP reported fly tipping just past Berrington Hall.

ACTION: Parish Clerk to contact Shropshire Council

(iv) The LJC Deadline is 30th December for applications and RJ wanted to encourage community groups to apply and offered to assist any groups.

ACTION: None

(v) RP suggested that there should be no Parish Council meeting in December as it was difficult for people to attend. He suggested making the November meeting the last week of the month and the January meeting the second week of that month.

ACTION: Parish Clerk to put this item on the agenda for next meeting

(vi) JG would like to do the 'Fundamentals for Councillors' course.

ACTION: Parish Clerk to request a cluster event from SALC

(vii) A representative of the Parish Council was asked to attend the annual Emergency Planning Briefing on 2nd February 2010. None of the councillors were able to attend.

ACTION: None

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 19th January 2010 in The Chapel Community Centre, Cross Houses**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.29pm.

I confirm that these are a correct record of the meeting.

Signature	
Print Name	
Position	
Date	