

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT
BERRINGTON VILLAGE HALL
ON WEDNESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2009**

Present

Ms Claire Wild (CW)	Chairperson
Mr Huw Roberts(HR)	Vice Chairman
Mr Richard Ward (RW)	
Mrs Sue Mason (SM)	
Mr Andrew Powis (AP)	
Mr Richard Purslow (RP)	
Mr William Jones (TJ)	
Mrs Fiona Hibberd (FH)	Parish Clerk

Police Representatives: None

The Parish Council Meeting started at 7.33pm with HR taking the chair

1. APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from John Peters

2. REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Rachel Johnson (RJ) - Community Regeneration Officer. Flavia Humphries – Broadplace. Cameron Moffett (CM) – Allotments. Bob Thurston (BT) – National Trust

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None

4. MINUTES:

The minutes for the meeting held on Wednesday 15th July 2009 were read. They were approved and signed by CW.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

None

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

a) CM gave an update on the allotments. All the plots are now tenanted and a new drainage system is now in place. There is a problem with the pathways and CM requested funding for repair. CW suggested CM contact RJ regarding Local Joint Committee funding. CM mentioned holes in the road at Brompton and CW said that repair is due to take place.

ACTION: None

b) Flavia Humphries talked about setting up IT systems in rural areas. She explained how communities are benefiting from computer networks and that she

was able to provide the expertise to put the systems in place but not the funding. She did, however, suggest BT as a source for equipment.

ACTION: None

c) The council were shown the Shropshire Core Strategy: Policy Directions Executive Summary.

ACTION: RP agreed to read through the document

d) The Council were shown documentation about Parish Partnerships from The Community Council of Shropshire.

ACTION: HR agreed to read through the document

e) The Council were shown the report from RoSPA regarding the inspection of the playing field in Cross Houses.

ACTION: CW agreed to check the findings to see if any work needs to be carried out.

f) The legal responsibility of the bus shelter base was discussed and HR agreed to mark out the area for Shropshire homes to then carry out the work.

ACTION: HR to liaise with Howard Thorne of Shropshire Homes

g) Bob Thurston suggested to the Council that the playing field could be brought nearer to the village of Cross Houses by swapping the fields around. The Parish Council unanimously decided that they could not even consider this request. CW said that the village had raised £20,000 in order to put drainage in the existing field. There was concern that having a play field near the village would lead to complaints from inhabitants. RJ discussed the possibility of putting round boulders in the playing field but CW was concerned about public liability.

ACTION: RJ to look into public liability regarding boulders

BT explained that the National Trust have asked him to plan a circular walk. This had been discussed some years earlier but at the time there were concerns about proximity to private properties. However, BT explained that the route would avoid this. HR said that the walk was a very good idea

ACTION: BT to report back at a future meeting

h) The offer of a presentation by the Central Area Manager of Planning was declined.

ACTION: None

i) The Parish Clerk informed the meeting of Data Protection compliance.

ACTION: FH to forward details to JP for website

j) The Parish Clerk showed the Council a Rights of Way User Survey 2009 from Shropshire Council.

ACTION: FH to complete

k) The Council were informed of the Shropshire Voluntary and Community Sector Assembly membership invitation. The Council declined.

ACTION: None

l) RJ informed the meeting that Graham Carless was providing Crossfit sessions for over 14 year olds and these had been a great success. It was agreed to write to Graham to thank him for his work.

ACTION: FH to write

m) The Council were invited to the Central Shropshire Partnership Forum but declined.

ACTION: None

n) The Council were asked to nominate a Tree Warden for a free tree scheme to be run by Shropshire Council's Natural Environment Team.

ACTION: FH to ask Tony Knapp of Betton

o) The Council were informed of a Next Steps 3 & 4 Course to be run by SALC on October 12th.

ACTION: FH to contact JP

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

i) The Parish Clerk presented the Bank reconciliation to date to the council. CW 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 August & September 2009
Cheque no 000691 £625.66
- b) Trevor Mytton – Village Pump Production
Cheque no 000692 £36.90
- c) E.ON – Street Light Repair – Cross Houses
Cheque no 000693 £52.66
- d) SLCC – Clerk's Manual
Cheque no 000694 £47.00
- e) Playsafety Ltd – RoSPA Inspection of Playing Fields
Cheque no 000695 £72.45
- f) SALC – New Councillors Course
Cheque 000696 £20.00
- g) Reccy Rangers Play Sessions
Cheque no 000699 £116.00
- h) Allianz Insurance
Cheque no 000697 £1,532.82
- i) Mazars – External Audit
Cheque no 000698 £155.25
- j) National Trust Playing Field 29.09.09 – 24.03.10
Cheque no 000700 £80.00

All cheques signed by RP and HR

8.Planning Matters

Proposal: Erection of an agricultural building to house cattle with associated hardstanding

Location: Cantlop Farm, Cantlop SY5 7DB

Proposal: Alterations of single story side extension

Location: The Old Forge. Betton Mews

Proposal: Various internal and external alterations affecting Grade II building

Location: Berrington House, Berrington SY5 6H

Proposal: Erection of two detached dwellings

Location: The Gables, Cross Houses SY5 6JJ

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

9. Any Other Business

i) The Parish Clerk informed the meeting that a cheque for £560 had been received from The Chapel Centre as an equal contribution towards the costs of putting a fence around the oil tank at the centre.

ACTION: None

ii) HR asked if there were plans to put a notice board in Cantlop.

ACTION: HR agreed to make one

iii) The sign on the playground was in the wrong place.

ACTION: CW agreed to check with Persimmon that it had been moved

iv) CW had received an email from PC Ram Aston with the names of the two new police officers, Cheryl Henley and Cheryl Hare who will work as a job share.

ACTION: FH to email PC Aston asking for the name of the CSO and photos of all the officers for the noticeboards

v) The rules regarding waste at the Household Recycling Centre have been changed. HR was concerned that this would increase fly tipping and members were asked to be vigilant.

ACTION: None

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 29th October at 7.30 in the Chapel Centre, Cross Houses**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

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

Signature	
Print Name	
Position	
Date	