

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 2023**  
**AT BASCHURCH VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** Councillors A Woodthorpe (Chair)  
M Feline  
Mrs G Tomlins  
R Thomas  
D Sharpe  
Mrs W Lowdon  
Mrs A P R Budgen  
Mrs C Weller  
Cllr N Bardsley Shropshire Council  
Mrs A Howls Clerk.

Four members of the public

The Parish Council Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

142/2023 Apologies - Cllrs, J H Lloyd, R Jones & N Hancocks

143/2023 **DECLARATION OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST IN A MATTER TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING AND WHICH IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE REGISTER OF INTERESTS.** [Members are reminded that they are required to leave the meeting during the discussion and voting on matters in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest, whether or not the interest is entered in the register of members' interests maintained by the Monitoring Officer]

There were none.

144/2023 **COMMUNITY REPORT& PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**Baschurch Wanderers**

Mr Peter Hughes attended the meeting and addressed the needs of the Baschurch Wanderers who were formed in 2022 by three local residents. This was formed to provide a facility to offer day trips by coaches to places of interest to elderly residents of the village. They were self-funding and rely on fundraising to help subsidise the cost when outings are organised. They have their own bank account to deal with the finances and all travellers pay the same contribution but the shortfalls when they occur are made up by the three local residents. Monies are now running out and some trips will be too costly for the group to continue unless funding or donations are sought. Councillors discussed the request for a donation from the Parish Council. Mr. Hughes was asked to consider the Baschurch Wanderers becoming a registered charity and to contact

The Community Council of Shropshire who would be able to give suggestions of where to gain grants from. He was also asked to try and raise the profile of the group via the newsletter.

*After much discussion Cllr Mrs G Tomlins proposed that the Parish Council give a donation of £1000.00 This was seconded by Cllr M Feline and agreed by all. Mr Hughes thanked the Parish Council.*

**Church Road-** A local resident had contacted the Clerk and complained of the cars parking along Church Road when the schools were finishing during the afternoon. Problems were arising where residents whose driveways to their properties were being obstructed by cars parked. The Clerk would contact both schools to try and rectify the problem.

Councillor Nick Bardsley gave the following report:

### **General Update**

At your additional meeting in August, I undertook to obtain an update from Mark Wootton on a number of outstanding matters. This is his response (included within my report to your September meeting but not I think discussed at the meeting).

### **Weston Lullingfields**

I have done some digging and it is evident that Highway plans were submitted for the passing places and I consider are satisfactory. I have contacted the agent to confirm the position of the passing places following our walk recently and to agree with the developers how we proceed to implement the works.

### **Baschurch**

We will be finalising the adoption of the following over the next couple of months.

All Saints Way - Galliers  
Barkley Street - Galliers  
Prescott Court - Pickstocks  
Perryfields Road - Shingler Homes

If you are aware of any local issues with the above sites please let me know. It is acknowledged that the comms with Town and Parish Councils regarding road adoptions has not been what it should be and therefore we will be informing both when Adoption is complete.

No issues to report regarding the housing sites at Newtown by Shingler Homes and the Pickstocks site off Station Road.

### **TC Homes**

I am in discussion with Derek Buchanan regarding the extent of the proposed 30mph extension and 40mph buffer. I have a meeting next week also with WSP's Jon Eastwood who is assisting with the implementation of Section 106 schemes and it is likely that this speed limit TRO will be progressed through WSP, who should be able to turn this around quicker. I have also spoken with TC Homes who will be required to fund the works. Clearly both yourself and Parish Council will be key consultees. It is evident from our discussions that the Parish Council desire the 30pmph to extend beyond the cross roads, however this raises concerns regarding the effectiveness of extending the 30mph speed limit this far. Nevertheless I will discuss this with Derek and WSP and also whether this could be looked at under CIL funding.

### **Dove Court**

I am seeking final costs of the works to ensure that we can cover all costs in terms of management and supervision of the works. The total costs are in the region of £20K but this needs to be drilled down into to request the bond sum. I will provide a further update in four weeks' time. The estimated delivery of the works in January 2024 .

I am surprised at Marks suggestion that CIL Funds might be used to subsidise the costs of work which is clearly the responsibility of TC Homes.

But it is good news that progress appears to have been made on a number of key local issues.

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**Medical Centre**

There is no date fixed, so far as I am aware, for the proposed meeting. This was planned for September. Hopefully it might take place in the next week or two.

**Railway Station.**

Both your Chair and I are pressing for a further meeting with Matt Johnson.

**146/2023 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023**

Cllr R Thomas proposed and Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen seconded that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023. This was confirmed as a true and correct record and agreed and signed by the Chairman with two abstention.

**147/2023 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023, NOT ITEMISED ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

**148/2023 PLANNING**

There had been no planning applications received.

**Planning Permission Granted**

- 23/03150/FUL- Erection of a single storey rear extension at 1 Curlew Meadow, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.
- 23/03578/FUL –Conversion of Office and agricultural buildings into single dwelling with associated access, parking, Amenity area and connection to existing treatment plant drainage at Fenemere manor, Fenemere Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

**Planning Permission Withdrawn**

- 23/02394/VAR- Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) attached to Application Reference Number: 10/05075/FUL Date of Decision 14/01/11 at Barn Conversions Adjacent Yeaton Manor Yeaton, Baschurch, Shropshire

**Any planning applications received since 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023 or any other planning issues.**

There were none received.

**149/2023 HIGHWAYS AND STREET LIGHTING**

- (a) Temporary Road Closure- B5067 Baschurch to Walford Heath from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November to Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023 for Pre-Dressing Patching work by Shropshire Council.
- (b) Temporary Road Closure- B4397 to Stanwardine in the Fields, Baschurch from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October until Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023 for replacement of approx. 206mts of water main installation of new water main by Severn Trent. (earlier date). This was to be queried by the Clerk as to the length of time the road closure needed to be in place.
- (c) Temporary Road Closure- Remembrance Day Parade on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023 between 10am- 11.30am on some roads for short duration while the parade passes, controlled re opening when safe to do so. Roads affected Eyton Lane, Church Road, Newtown., Baschurch

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- (d) Speed limiting measures on Shrewsbury Road – A complaint had been received from local residents in respect of the volume of traffic travelling along Shrewsbury Road at speed and also a complaint of safety in Nobold and Church Road with a suggestion of a 20-mph restriction in these areas.

This was discussed in length and the Chairman gave details of the speed recorded by vehicles travelling along these roads from the Speed Visor. It was agreed to contact Shropshire Council to set up a meeting with a representative from the Highways Department to look into any ways to resolve the situation.

The speed visor at Walford pointing towards Shrewsbury was not working.

#### 150/2023 ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (Baschurch Branch)

The Chairman stated he had been in touch with representatives of the Royal British Legion and it had been agreed for members of the Baschurch branch to meet with members of the Parish Council to discuss arrangements for the Remembrance Sunday Parade on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

#### 151/2023 VACANCY FOR PARISH CUNCIOR

The Clerk stated that the advertisement for the vacancy for Parish Councillor for the Weston Lullingfields Ward had been advertised by Shropshire Council.

#### 152/2023 BADGERS WAY PLAY /WHEATLANDS PLAY AREA

Cllr J H Lloyd and the Clerk would attend the play areas and go through the report received from Shropshire Council.

#### 153/2023 ANY COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen reported that she had contacted Ruth Braddick, Derwen tutor who is based at Walford College and discussed the Cemetery area dealt with by the student from the College to spray off the weeds renew the plants. She proposed £100.00 from the Parish Council to do this. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs C Weller and agreed by all.

Cllr Mrs G Tomlins thanked all Councillors who assisted her to distribute the Smart water kits to the residents of the Parish. It had been quite a task. Anyone else in the village who had not received one need to contact her and she would supply one.

#### 154/2023 FINANCES

- (a) **Cheques for Approval** – The following cheques totalling £4571.62 (which includes VAT) were put forward for approval. These were proposed by Cllr Mrs G Tomlins and seconded by Cllr Mrs W Lowdon and agreed by all.

003473	Scottish Power	334.92
003474	A Howls Salary-September	1299.60
003475	Inland Revenue-September	473.38
003476	PG Skips Ltd	46.96
003477	P. Birch Contracting Ltd (General Maintenance)	674.46
003478	P. Birch Contracting Ltd (Cemetery)	264.30
003479	PKF Littlejohn's External Audit	378.00
003480	Derwen Training Centre, Walford College – Plants Cemetery	100.00
003481	Baschurch Wanderers	1,000.00

***Resolved:*** Payment of the cheques was approved.

b) Other items of expenditure for consideration

**Prescott Surgery**

The Chairman stated an invoice for £6000.00 plus VAT had been received from the Prescott Surgery on behalf of the Primary Care Partnership for the part payment of a business case which had been carried out for funding for a new Medical Centre. This had been agreed to be paid by the Parish Council some years earlier. *Resolved:* This project was now not going ahead but after some discussion it was proposed by Cllr D Sharpe and seconded by Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen for the Chairman and Vice Chairman to discuss this invoice with the staff at the surgery and come to a decision in respect of the payment. Councillors did not wish the Parish Council to pay the VAT on this as they could not claim this back. This would be reported on at the next Parish Council Meeting.

**External Audit 2022/23**

Annual Accounts -The Clerk stated that the Annual Audit had now been completed and returned to the Council from the External Auditors and was all in order.

The Notice of Public Rights and publication of Unaudited Annual Governance and Accountability Return for accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 was announced on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023. The notice of conclusion of audit and annual Governance and accountability return for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 was announced on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023. These were announced on the Noticeboard in the Village and on the Parish Council web site.

155/2023 CORRESPONDENCE

(a) E mail from Electoral Services Shropshire Council, Shirehall, Shrewsbury in respect of the review of Polling Places and Polling Station Review 2023. Baschurch Parish Council support this polling place as advertised at Baschurch Village Hall.

All other correspondence received had been dealt with under their respective headings.

156/2023 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 10.00pm. The next regular Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7.30pm at Baschurch Village Hall.

Signed.....

Dated 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023