

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 13th MAY 2019
AT BASCHURCH VILLAGE HALL

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Present: Councillors Mrs S Richards (Chairman)

J Carr
D Sheldon
J H Lloyd
Mrs G Tomlins
B Leeden
P Ridgley
Mrs A P R Budgen
B Welti,
E R Roberts
T Feltus
Mrs L McMaster

Shropshire Cllr N Bardsley
Mrs A Howls, Clerk

Four members of the public

The Parish Council Meeting commenced at 7.30p.m when Cllr Mrs S Richards took the Chair and opened the meeting.

73/2019 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Cllr J Carr was proposed by Cllr J H Lloyd and seconded by Cllr Paul Ridgley. Cllr Mrs S Richards was proposed by Cllr B Leeden and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs G Tomlins.

7.35p.m. Cllr Mrs S. Richards and Cllr J Carr left the meeting.

There were no other proposals. A paper vote then followed and Cllr J Carr was duly elected as Chairman.

7.40pm Cllr Mrs S Richards & Cllr J Carr returned to the Meeting.

74/2019 **CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

Cllr J Carr duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of the Office of Chairman. This was then countersigned by the Clerk.

Cllr J Carr thanked Cllr Mrs S Richards for all her work over the past few years.

75/2019 **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Cllr J H Lloyd was proposed as Vice-Chairman by Cllr Mrs L Mc Master and seconded by Cllr E R Roberts. There were no other proposals and Cllr J H Lloyd was duly elected as Vice- Chairman.

76/2019 ADOPTION OF POWER OF COMPETENCE

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Cllr Mrs G Tomlins proposed and Cllr J H Lloyd seconded the adoption of the Power of Competence for Baschurch Parish Council. This was agreed by all.

77/2019 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies

78/2019 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.

Cllr Mrs S Richards declared an interest in item 83(d)(ii)/2019 - 19/02083/FUL –Replacement of flat roof over garage with pitched roof to include insertion of roof lights and creation of a mezzanine floor at The Acorns, Prescott Road, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire

79/2019 COMMUNITY REPORT AND PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Anthony Prince attended the meeting and thanked the Council for their assistance with several matters within the parish. He had now left employment at Boreatton Park. Whilst he had been manager at Boreatton Park he had assisted the community in many ways over the past few years. Councillors wished Mr Prince to be written to formally to thank him and also to write to the new Manager at Boreatton Park when they were put in post.

A member of the public thanked Cllr Mrs Sarah Richards for all her hard work and efficiency especially in relation to planning matters whilst Chair of the Parish Council. He hoped that this could be replicated.

80/2019 REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL

Councillor N Bardsley stated that a meeting was to be held by Shropshire Council at the Guildhall on Wednesday 15th May 2019 to discuss this. Councillor J Carr, Cllr J H Lloyd and the Clerk were to attend. This would need to be discussed further after this meeting by Parish Council as a response would be necessary by June 2019. It was agreed that an additional Parish Council Meeting be held on Tuesday 21st May 2019 at 7.00pm at the Fire Station, Station Road, Baschurch.

The resurfacing work had been completed along Shrewsbury Road and the resurfacing work at the crossroads and partway along Weston Road has been scheduled to be carried out in the summer holidays. The other half of Shrewsbury Road will have resurfacing works done at a later date.

81/2019 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1st APRIL 2019

Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen proposed and Cllr Mrs G Tomlins seconded that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1st April 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record. This proposition was passed with one abstention and the Chairman signed the Minutes.

82/2019 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1st APRIL 2019, NOT ITEMISED ON THE AGENDA

- (a) Visit by Leader of Shropshire Council - [Minute 66/2019 (b) Refers]
Cllr Peter Nutting Leader of Shropshire Council had been invited to attend a Baschurch Parish Council Meeting to be held on 3rd June 2019 and had accepted.
- (b) Greenacres Farm, Walford - [Minute 71/2019 (b) Refers] The Clerk stated dates had been received from Mrs Julie Cartwright, manager, which were to be circulated to Councillors if they wish to attend.
- (c) Smartwater [Minute 71/2019 (c) Refers] to be dealt with at July meeting.

83/2019 PLANNING

- (a) Planning Applications to be considered
- (i) Re-Consultation due to amendment 18/05447/REM Reserved matters approval for the erection of 53 dwellings and associated garages pursuant to outline planning permission 14/02454/OUT to include appearance, landscaping, layout and scale at Land off Station Road, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.
- 8.45pm Standing Orders were suspended to allow members of the public to speak. A spokesman from Pickstock Homes answered questions in relation to the application to clarify any points.
- 8.55pm Cllr J H Lloyd proposed standing orders were re-instated this was seconded by Cllr J Carr.

Councillors discussed the application and Cllr Mrs S Richards proposed the following:

As part of the Parish Council response on this application and also the outline application for this scheme, we have been looking for innovative ways to try and solve existing problems.

The Corbet School has an ongoing issue with the movement of coaches on its site, ferrying children to and from school. To the credit of the developer, they have approached the school to discuss the matter. As part of the minutes of that meeting, the school have admitted that the area they have set aside for coaches is inadequate for the number of coach movements they now have. They further admit that coaches have to mount the pavement to pass each other on Eyton Lane and have received complaints from parents of primary school children, but go on to state that no accidents have been recorded. (Yet). It should be noted that to drive on a pavement, other than to gain access to a property, is against the law in the UK. Driving on the pavement in the proximity of two schools is beyond comprehension and it is unclear how any risk assessment could show this to be safe, assuming one has been carried out by The Corbet. Substantial sums of money were recently spent improving road safety along Eyton Lane, solely for the benefit of the schools.

83/2019(a) (Cont'd)

It should be put on public record that Baschurch Parish Council has actively encouraged The Corbet School to engage with this and the previous planning application in the hope that a solution could be found to help to alleviate the traffic issues generated by children travelling to and from the school.

The school is accepting pupils from long distances away from the school, increasing pupil numbers and having a direct impact on the amount of traffic that is generated in pupil travel. The Head and Governors at the school have made it clear that they are not prepared to make use of this opportunity to improve the access arrangements proposed. Baschurch Parish Council have no influence over this decision but feel strongly that this is a wasted opportunity to put in something that may prove vital in the future.

Whilst this issue is not directly related to this application, Baschurch Parish Council has a responsibility to try look to the future and suggest ways that the infrastructure could be included that could be of benefit in the future. Baschurch Parish Council still wish for a stub road to go up to the boundary of the school field in the hope that this could be used in the future. If an approach for an access road is not put in as part of this scheme, this option is lost forever.

The minutes of the meeting between The Corbet and the developer are used as justification to remove the requirement for an access road. Baschurch Parish Council believes that the minutes should therefore be put onto the planning portal for this application so that they are in the public domain.

The above proposal also means that the main road through the estate to the requested spur adjoining the corner of the school playing field and the plan spur into potential development land at the far end of the site should be of sufficient carriageway width to allow coaches or commercial vehicles to pass in both directions.

Finally, we appreciate the developer's offer to include a pedestrian access through to the council owned playing field area, which will give a safer alternative pedestrian through route to Eyton Lane and the school without having to use the narrow pavements and dangerous route via Station Road and Shrewsbury Road.

Baschurch Council also appreciates the developers improving the mix of housing as previously proposed to include bungalows and smaller houses.

This application was seconded by Cllr B Leeden and was passed. Shropshire Council to be informed.

(c) **Planning Permission Granted**

- 19/00240/FUL – Erection of detached double garage following demolition of existing at Platt Bridge Cottage, Platt Bridge, Ruyton XI Towns, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

- 19/00241/LBC – Erection of detached double garage following demolition of existing affecting a Grade II Listed Building at Platt Bridge Cottage, Platt Bridge, Ruyton XI Towns, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.
- 19/01145/FUL- Erection of a single storey side extension following removal of existing at Stanwardine House, Stanwardine in the Woods, Cockshutt, Shrewsbury.
- 19/01146/FUL- Internal and external alterations in connection with removing an internal wall and remodelling of existing garden room and erection of a single storey side extension following removal of existing affecting a Grade II Listed Building at Stanwardine House, Stanwardine In The Wood, Cockshutt, Shrewsbury, Shropshire,

Planning Permission Refused

- 18/02975/OUT – Outline application for the erection of three dwellings to include access and scale (amended description) at land east of War memorial, Weston Common, Shropshire.
- 19/01200/FUL Erection of two storey extension and associated alterations (revised scheme) at Sandgate, Church Road, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

(d) Any planning applications received since 7th May 2019 or any other planning issues.

- (i) Re amendment -19/01115/FUL Construction of a skate park at Playground at, The Wheatlands, Baschurch, Shropshire.

This application was outlined by Cllr B Leeden and after some discussion he proposed to support the application as follows:

The Parish Council strongly support the submission by Canvas Spaces Limited which points out the error in the conclusions of Sport England, leading to their objection against this scheme.

The area of the current playground on which this project is based was many years ago playing fields as Sport England point out. However, when this was decommissioned and redeveloped as housing and an adjoining playground it was only after Baschurch Parish Council constructed new playing fields adjacent to the village hall to replace this loss. These new playing fields are constructed as such and maintained as football fields with goal posts provided. It is therefore incorrect of Sport England to suggest that there has been a loss of playing fields.

The old playing field area is now part housing and part playground and the skate park will add to its recreational and sport use considerably.

This was seconded by Cllr J H Lloyd and was passed. Shropshire Council to be informed.

- (ii) 19/02083/FUL –Replacement of flat roof over garage with pitched roof to include insertion of rooflights and creation of a mezzanine floor at The Acorns, Prescott Road, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

This application was outlined by Cllr J Carr and after some discussion he proposed to support the application. This was seconded by Cllr P Ridgley and passed with three abstentions. Shropshire Council to be informed.

84/2019 HIGHWAYS AND STREET LIGHTING

- (a) Temporary Road Closure- Lane End Junction to Stanwardine, Baschurch from 25th June and 27th June 2019 between 0800hrs and 16.30hrs to renew 25mm Job in carriageway (10mm Bitmac Tarmac).
- (b) Temporary Road Closure- The Old Post Office to Ash Grove Weston Lullingfields from 15th July 2019 until 16th July 2019 for installation of underground cable to replace low ground clearance overhead supply by SP Energy Networks.
- (c) Temporary Road closure outside School House, Greenfields on Wycherley Hall junction. to Weston Lullingfields junction from 11th May -12th May 2019 due to work undertaken by open reach.
- (d) Councillors reported the chevron sign on the Weston railway bridge on the Weston Road had been damaged and needed replacing. **Resolved:** Clerk to report matter to Highways Dept.
- (e) Councillor E R Roberts reported that the bollard by Weston Memorial needed to be replaced. **Resolved:** Clerk to report matter to Highways Dept.

85/2019 FINANCES

- (a) Cheques for Approval -The following cheques totalling £10139.48 (which include VAT) were put forward for approval:

002919	P G Skips	38.40
002920	Scottish Power	255.58
002921	S Council – Kings Drive Play Inspection	279.60
002922	Cancelled	
002923	Data Protection Renewal	40.00
002924	GWR Harmer Hill- Plants for Cemetery	227.92
002925	A Howls Salary April	1041.98
002926	Inland Revenue April	354.04
002927	P Birch -Cemetery	160.20
002928	P Birch General Maintenance	568.02
002929	A Howls Expenses – April	43.19
002930	Cancelled	
002931	Highline Electrics	229.36
002932	Highline Electrics	84.00
002933	P Birch- Work in Cemetery	69.17
002934	Fencetree- Clearing Tree debris at Stanwardine Pool	60.00
002935	Donation Bas V Hall Improvements (Davies/Fisher Contractors)	5000.00
002936	Scottish Power	252.37
002937	Zurich Insurance	1435.65

Resolved: Payment of the cheques was approved.

(b) Other items of expenditure for consideration

Replace wooden Railings in Cemetery -The Clerk stated quotes had been received for the work. It was found that one quote had not given the full costing including the labour. This was deferred until the next Parish Council Meeting to enable the Clerk to obtain the full cost from one of the quotes.

(c) Parish Council Insurance 2019/2020

Details of the Parish Council Insurance cover had been examined by the Chairman and was in order and up to date. It was proposed by Cllr B Leeden and seconded by Cllr D Sheldon and agreed by all present.

86/2019 RE- APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Cllr B Leeden proposed and Cllr J H Lloyd seconded that Mr B Townson be re-appointed as Auditor of the Council for the ensuing year. This was agreed by all.

87/2019 BASCHURCH JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

The Secretary of the Football club was in attendance and asked Cllr J H Lloyd to give him the amount of stone which would be needed for the car park at the recreation ground. Cllr Lloyd stated 128 cubic metres. The football club were going to look into attaining the stone.

There had been a complaint of the amount of dog faeces which was a regular occurrence on the recreation ground. The Clerk had contacted Mr Martin Mee, Inspector for Shropshire Council who had stated the bins were now multi use bins. This is a problem for the Parish Council as our contractor is not happy emptying bins containing dog faeces as the waste has to be sorted by staff before being sent off for disposal. The Clerk would look into the matter further to try and find a solution.

The Secretary stated there needed to be reseeding of the goal mouths which could be carried out at the same time that the new goal posts were put in place.

The football club requested that the timbers that separate the car park from the pitches have a section modified on hinges that would allow an ambulance to access the pitch if required. If for any reason the village hall car park was locked and a player needed immediate attention from paramedics it would be vital that an ambulance could access the pitch promptly. The Secretary suggested that two sections of the timbers would need to be removed and a larger section put in its place with a hinge mechanism on one side and a padlock on the other. This was to be looked into by Cllr J H Lloyd and D Sheldon who would report back to Parish Council.

88/2019 CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Shrewsbury Road – A letter had been received from a local resident from Shrewsbury Road enquiring whether or not the Presott end of Shrewsbury Road would be re surfaced at some future date. *Resolved* Councillor Bardsley stated it would be resurfaced at a later date with a surface dressing.

88/2019 (Cont'd)

- (b) Baschurch Tennis Club – Cllr Mrs S Richards had received an e mail from a member of the Baschurch Tennis Club who had offered to give a presentation to the Parish Council on the constrictions of the club at this time. *Resolved:* This was to be deferred to a future Meeting.

89/2019 DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next regular Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Monday, 3rd June 2019 at Baschurch Village Hall. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.00pm

Signed.....

Dated 3rd June 2019