

**MINUTES OF THE ADDITIONAL PLANNING MEETING OF BASCHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 9th JULY 2019
AT THE FIRE STATION BASCHURCH**

Present: Councillors J Carr (Chairman)
Mrs G Tomlins
J H Lloyd
D Sheldon
E R Roberts
Mrs L McMaster
Mrs S Richards
B Welti
Mrs A P R Budgen

Shropshire Cllr N Bardsley
Mrs A Howls, Clerk

The Meeting commenced at 7.30p.m

129/2019 APOLOGIES

Cllrs P Ridgley (Holiday) T Feltus (Other Commitment), B Leeden (Other Meeting)

130/2019 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 J Carr & E R Roberts declared an interest in item 131/2019(a) - Appeal - Pharminspire Ltd- Application offering unforeseen benefits at premises to be secured and located within the following geographical area- North- Station Road B4397, East- Railway line, South B5062, West- Shrewsbury Road to Nobold to B4397 Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire

131/2019 PLANNING

Planning Applications to be considered

- (a) **Appeal –Pharminspire Ltd** - Application offering unforeseen benefits at premises to be secured and located within the following geographical area - North - Station Road B4397, East - Railway line, South B5062, West- Shrewsbury Road to Nobold to B4397 Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Councillors discussed the above details of the appeal and Cllr J Carr proposed and Cllr Mrs Richards seconded the below objection. This was passed with two abstentions.

Baschurch Parish Council note that the applicant has relied on a lack of readily available pharmacy services near Baschurch in their appeal. To support their case they have quoted the two pharmacies that are geographically nearest to Baschurch at Bicton Heath and Mount Pleasant Shrewsbury. Neither of these is readily accessible by public transport. Neither of these options would be considered even by residents with own transport. The applicant then uses this to build a case that a journey in excess of two hours by public transport deprives residents of Baschurch of a reasonable service. This is totally incorrect and highly misleading.

The 576 bus service from Baschurch offers a 29 minute journey into the centre of Shrewsbury where there are a number of pharmacies within a 5 minute walk of the bus station. (See bus timetable and list of pharmacies)

The applicant also states that only 2.2% of residents actually use the bus service. This of course means that 97.8% of residents do have other means of transport so are not deprived of access to the pharmacies in neighbouring towns.

The 2016 Paper 'Safe Working in General Practice' written by the BMA (British Medical Association) includes a guideline that the minimum number of GP appointments required per week should be 72 per 1000 patients. By applying this guideline to patient numbers at Prescott Surgery, the minimum number of GP appointments per week should be 497. Using income received from the dispensary Prescott Surgery is able to support the provision of on average 530 GP appointments per week including home visits. In addition Prescott Surgery provides a minimum of 218 Nursing and Health Care Assistant appointments per week and a further 100 Phlebotomy appointments.

Any reduction to income received in the dispensary by the upholding of the Appeal from the Applicant, would jeopardise the ability of Prescott Surgery to continue to provide this level of service the implications of which could also include a need to direct at least 50% of Phlebotomy appointments to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, also adding to NHS costs and pressure on services. For patients that rely on public transport by bus there are no direct services to the RSH and this would certainly involve a return journey time well in excess of 2 hours.

We also refer you to Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment <http://www.shropshiretogether.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/PNA-2018-Final.pdf> which was completed in January 2018. At no point within the 133 page report is it identified that there is a need for additional pharmaceutical services in Baschurch or in North Shropshire as a whole. This is confirmed in the Recommendations on page 3. The PNA also states on page 2, 'The distribution of pharmacies per head-of-population is similar to the national average. However there seem to be some parts of the county where there is over provision'.

Baschurch Parish Council repeat our previous view that the opening of this pharmacy will seriously affect the ability of our local Prescott doctors surgery and its dispensary to provide the level of healthcare currently available to Baschurch and the neighbouring surgery areas and this is not in the best interests of our community or the NHS. We strongly recommended that this appeal be rejected.

- (b)** 19/02724/FUL - Demolition work affecting 20th Century addition to Walford Hall at Walford and North Shropshire College, Walford Heath. Shrewsbury. Shropshire
- (c)** 19/02725/LBC - Demolition work affecting 20th Century addition to Walford Hall, Grade II Listed Building at Walford and North Shropshire College, Walford Heath. Shrewsbury, Shropshire

Cllr J H Lloyd gave details of the applications and after some discussion he proposed to support the applications. This was seconded by Cllr D Sheldon and passed with two abstentions. Shropshire Council to be informed.

131/2019 (Cont'd)

Planning Permission Granted

- 19/01115/FUL – Construction of a skate park at The Wheatlands, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

132/2019 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** The next regular Parish Council Meeting to be held at 7.30pm on Monday, 2nd September 2019 at Baschurch Village Hall. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Signed.....

Dated 2nd September 2019