

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2019  
AT BASCHURCH VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors J Carr (Chairman)  
J H Lloyd  
P Ridgley  
B Welti,  
E R Roberts  
Mrs L McMaster  
T Feltus  
Mrs S Richards  
Mrs A P R Budgen  
Shropshire Cllr N Bardsley  
Mrs A Howls, Clerk

Fifteen members of the public

The Meeting commenced at 7.30p.m

149/2019 APOLOGIES

Cllr B Leeden (illness), D Sheldon (illness). Cllr Mrs G Tomlins (Other Commitment)

150/2019 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 E R Roberts declared an interest in item 155(i)/2019 - 19/03944/FUL – Erection of a replacement Livestock Housing Agricultural Building at Walford Smallholding Walford Heath, Shrewsbury, Shropshire

Cllr Mrs S Richards declared an interest in item 160/2019 Allotments.

151/2019 COMMUNITY REPORT AND PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A local resident complained of the mini roundabout on Shrewsbury Road which she felt local residents did not slow down and drive around the island but drove straight across and was a danger to residents living on the new estate. *Resolved:* This would be reported by the Chairman to Shropshire Council at the Liaison Meeting.

Mr N Thorns, Planning Consultant informed the Parish Councillors that the application 19/02975/OUT - Outline application for the erection of three dwellings to include access and scale at Land East of War Memorial Weston Common Shropshire which had been refused recently had been amended by the applicant and he wished to put forward some of the changes that had been made. He handed out plans of the amendment. The Clerk thanked him for the information and stated that the Council would discuss the application when it was received from Shropshire Council and became an Agenda item.

Baschurch Railway Station

A local resident wished Councillors to support the proposal to open the Baschurch Railway Station. Cllr N Bardsley gave further details in his report.

Cllr N Bardsley stated he had attended meetings in respect of the Baschurch Railway station and the possibility of it being opened again at some future time.

Cllr J Carr had also attended a meeting at the old station yard on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August with Nigel Harris of The Railway Consultancy Ltd, and several members of his railway group, and a representative from Shropshire Stone. Mr Harris was informed of the amount of new housing in the Baschurch Vicinity and informed of the impracticality of trying to get to Shrewsbury Station via Coton Hill at busy times and the traffic problems on the roads around the North of Shrewsbury for commuter traffic. He was also shown photographs and layout of the site of the existing station. It was felt that adequate parking which would be essential. The initial feedback from Nigel Harris was that he felt the criteria for distance from other stations (Gobowen and Shrewsbury), considerable local demand, poor road communications, and poor access to other stations would all support a case for a reincarnation of our station. He also noted that Baschurch being a growing housing development hub supports it too. In other words there is a prima facia case for a station here. It was felt that the issue of parking is the big one as there is already housing already planned for that site.

The quote for a feasibility study covering Planning, Demand forecasting, Car Park and Access Issues, Station design, and Cost estimates totalling around £20,000. Several sources of funding would need to be identified and sought in order for any further progress to be made at this time.

Two plans were viewed by Councillors while they discussed this and Cllr Mrs S Richards stated that the piece of land identified on the plan was not nearly big enough for car parking which would be needed; this is an opportunity to provide a significant community benefit, but it must be done correctly and with proper provision that will future proof the project. She also asked that if the proposed station project was not immediately progressed and took place in ten or more years' time, what provision would be made to protect this land until then and keep it safe. There would need to be a robust Section 106 agreement put in place to ensure this. Cllr Richards also suggested that a stub road be put in that would terminate at the top of the field currently bordering the bottom of the development. This stub road would provide opportunity to continue a road through that field in the future, should that ever be required. There are no plans to put a road in, but the Parish Council must look for opportunities to future proof plans for the area.

After much discussion Cllr Mrs Richards proposed that the Parish Council support the proposals and look at an alternative site and what benefits this could give. This would need to be discussed with the developers as to what number of homes would need to be altered and added for this to be a realistic opportunity for all. This was seconded by Cllr P Ridgely with two abstentions.

153/2019 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019

Cllr P Ridgely proposed and Cllr Mrs L McMaster seconded that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record. This proposition was agreed by all and the Chairman signed the Minutes.

154/2019 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019, NOT ITEMISED ON THE AGENDA

- (a) PGL Boreatton - [Minute 134/2019 (b) Refers] A request was made that the new manager, at PGL Alison Duffy attend the Parish Council meeting to meet Councillors.
- (b) SmartWater - [Minute 116/2019 (b) Refers] Councillors decided to gain further information on this product. Cllr Mrs L McMaster would report back to the Parish Council.
- (c) British Rail - Railway Bridge on the Baschurch to Weston Lullingfields Road. Cllr E R Roberts complained that the hedge at the bridge needed cutting back as it was growing into the road. The Clerk had contacted British Rail and they would look into this.
- (d) Village Green Lime Tree - Councillors reported that the Lime Tree near the bus shelter on the Village green needed to be inspected and any dead branches cut out. The crown will probably need to be raised. Cllr P Ridgley would look into this and obtain quotes for the work.
- (e) Water leak- Milford Road. - Cllr Mrs G Tomlins complained that the autumn and winter were drawing nearer and the water leak on Milford Road had still not been resolved even though it was last year the Parish Council complained to the Highways Department to look into the problem. Cllr N Bardsley was to discuss this with the Highways Department and report back to the Parish Council.
- (f) Baschurch CE Primary School - Cllrs had been invite to visit the primary school to view all the alterations which had recently been undertaken. Cllr B Leeden had forwarded dates for Councillors to attend as follows: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> /Friday 8<sup>th</sup> /Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 3.30pm. Councillors to forward dates they can attend to the Clerk.
- (g) Neighbourhood Plan - Cllr J Carr had made enquiries to invite a consultant to assist the Parish Council in setting up a Neighbourhood Plan. Enquiries were still being progressed.

The Chairman handed over the Planning to Cllr J H Lloyd

155/2019 PLANNING

Planning Applications to be considered

- (i) 19/03944/FUL – Erection of a replacement Livestock Housing Agricultural Building at Walford Smallholding Walford Heath, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.  
*Cllr J H Lloyd outlined the application and after some discussion he proposed to support the application This was seconded by Cllr P Ridgley and passed with one abstention. Shropshire Council to be informed.*
- (ii) 19/04183/TCA – To pollard one willow tree at Langford House, Newtown, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.  
*Cllr J H Lloyd outlined the application and after some discussion Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen proposed to support the views of the Tree Preservation officer. This was seconded by Cllr P Ridgley and agreed by all. Shropshire Council to be informed.*
- (iii) 19/04108/FUL- Application under section 73A of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 for the erection of a timber and glass conservatory to the rear (retrospective) at Haries Farm, Stanwardine in the Fields, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire

- (iv) 19/04109/LBC- Erection of a timber and glass conservatory to the rear elevation of a listed building at Haries Farm, Stanwardine in the Fields, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

*Cllr J H Lloyd outlined the two applications above and after some discussion Cllr P Ridgley proposed to support the application. This was seconded by Cllr E R Roberts and agreed by all. Shropshire Council to be informed.*

- (v) 19/04152/FUL- Change of use of redundant agricultural building to create event space (D2) and provision of toilet block at Manor Farm, Walford Heath, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow applicant to speak. Councillors asked questions on the application.

Standing Orders were re-instated.

Councillors discussed the application and Cllr Mrs S Richards proposed to support the application but put forward the Council's concerns in relation to the access and additional traffic that would be created especially when holding events. Cllr Mrs L McMaster seconded the proposition which was passed with two abstentions. Shropshire Council to be informed.

**Any planning applications received since 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019 or any other planning issues.**

19/04433/TCA- To fell three elm trees at Prescott Lodge Cottage, Prescott Road, Prescott Baschurch within Prescott Conservation area.

*Cllr J H Lloyd outlined the application and after some discussion Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen proposed to support the decision of the Tree Preservation Officer. This was seconded by Cllr P Ridgley and agreed by all. Shropshire Council to be informed.*

19/04411/FUL- Erection of two storey side extension at Mount View, Walford Heath, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

*This application had only just been received by the Council and would be discussed at a later date.*

**Planning Permission Granted**

- 19/01152/FUL- Erection of one dwelling and garage; formation of new access (Plot 1) at Proposed Residential Development Land to the West of Weston Lullingfields, Shropshire.
  - 19/02719/VAR - Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) pursuant to application reference 15/04452/FUL for the erection of two storey extension to allow for change in approved design at Prescott House, Prescott Road, Prescott, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.
- (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. This application had been refused.

*Mr Storey, Manager of Baschurch Medical Practice, thanked the Parish Council for their assistance.*

156/2019 HIGHWAYS AND STREET LIGHTING

- (a) Eyton Lane Bus Traffic Issues - The Chairman stated this had been discussed at the, Multi Agency Liaison Group Meeting held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019 held at the Corbet School Baschurch at 8.30am. These discussions had been ongoing for several years. Councillors had been forwarded a copy of the minutes from the Meeting. The following was discussed: The bus turn is not large enough to accommodate all the school buses. A proposal is to remove the mound from the centre of the bus turn; thus widening the bus turn to accommodate two lanes of buses whilst also increasing car parking. This would enable all buses to park off Eyton Lane. It would allow part of the car park to be used by the primary school parents to drop off pupils safely. It would also allow overflow parking for Baschurch Village Hall when they host events. This should remove cars from the road which are causing an obstruction to the flow of traffic.

The local authority has responsibility for the provision of school transport and the awarding of contracts to transport providers. It was agreed that they should be approached about keeping buses on the school site during the 'drop off' period in the morning and the introduction of a 'tidal flow' approach.

One proposal was the introduction of a one-way system down Eyton Lane and either out past Fenemere Manor or over the railway bridge to Old Woods. It was felt that neither lane is suitable for large amounts of traffic and this could be extending the problem.

The removal of the mound on the bus turn was another solution and that this should be funded by The Corbet School. Concerns were raised in respect of funding of this solution. School budgets were extremely tight and to divert money from the provision of education for its pupils would be a decision which could not be taken lightly.

The CIL money was also discussed as this was a consequential problem of growth not only in Baschurch but all the surrounding villages which feed in to the Corbet School's attendance area.

Shropshire Councillor Nick Bardsley, believes the cost for removal of the mound could be in the region of £25,000-£30,000. This was to be discussed further at the next liaison meeting.

- (b) Yeaton Traffic Issues - The Chairman stated that the Parish Council had liaised with the Highways Dept, Shropshire Council and one of the speed visors would be temporarily placed in Yeaton village to record the speed of vehicles travelling through. The Parish Council would look to placing warning signs such as "Kill your speed signs". These would be at a cost of approx. £50.00 each.
- (c) Street Lighting - The upgrading of street lighting in Baschurch village had commenced. There had been a lot of positive feedback from members of the public but there were some residents who had requested them to be dimmed. This would need to be monitored over a period of time especially during the early hours of the morning to see if residents wished them to be turned off. At the present time they are dimmed at midnight.

157/2019 RIGHTS OF WAY

There was no report.

158/2019 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Trees in the Parish Cllr P Ridgley stated there enquiries were still in progress for a tree planting scheme. The Chairman was contacting Highways for advice and guidance in planting trees in areas within the Parish.

159/2019 BADGERS WAY PLAYGROUND

There was nothing to report.

160/2019 ALLOTMENTS

Councillor Mrs S Richards stated that the chairman of the Baschurch Allotments Association had requested to have a copy of the lease between the landowner and Parish Council. Councillors were in agreement that they could have a copy as long as Mrs Timmis was in agreement. *Resolved:* Clerk to look into matter.

161/2019 FINANCES

- (a) Cheques for Approval -The following cheques totalling £35,116.45 (which include VAT) were put forward for approval:

002981	Scottish Power	260.84
002982	P G Skips	39.36
002983	P Birch -Cemetery Area 2 & 3	229.37
002984	P Birch General Maintenance	568.02
002985	A Howls Salary September	1039.64
002986	Inland Revenue September	354.04
002987	A Howls Expenses – September	40.02
002988	Nigel Lewis Plant Hire- Recreation Ground	4284.00
002989	Broxap- Continental Net supports (Recreation Ground)	159.60
002990	LittleJohn's Auditors Fees	480.00
002991	Highline electrical -Invoice for part work upgrade lighting	27,622.2
002992	P G Skips	39.36

*Resolved:* Payment of the cheques was approved.

- (b) Other items of expenditure for consideration

Yeaton Notice Board – A request had been made by local residents of Yeaton that they have a new notice board as the old one is very dilapidated condition. Cllr Mrs S Richards proposed a new notice board be purchased. This was seconded by Cllr P Ridgley and agreed by all.

- (c) Finance& General Purposes Committee Meeting – Date fixed for Monday 21<sup>st</sup>October 2019.

162/2019 CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Street lighting – E mail received from residents from Baschurch enquiring if light levels can be reduced near their property. *Resolved:* Street Lighting Engineer spoken to who dimmed street light.

- (b) Walford to Baschurch Road- E mail from local resident concerned of the dangers of walking on the road to and from Baschurch with no footpath. *Resolved*: This was to be reported to Shropshire Council by Shropshire Cllr Bardsley
- (c) Yeaton Notice board- A local resident requested a new notice board be placed in the village as the one in situ was very old and needed replacing. *Resolved*: Clerk to look into matter and look at prices.
- (d) Nobold to Prescott Surgery- A complaint from a local resident that the road at this location needs sweeping and cleaning of the gutters etc. The road sign is almost invisible as the vegetation had obstructed the sign and due to the vegetation the footpath is now only half of the width it was. *Resolved*: Clerk to contact Shropshire Council.

163/2019 DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next regular Parish Council Meeting to be held at 7.30pm on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at Baschurch Village Hall. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.05pm

Signed.....  
Dated: 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019