

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2020
AT BASCHURCH VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors J Carr (Chairman)
B Leeden
E R Roberts
Mrs G Tomlins
Mrs A P R Budgen
Mrs L McMaster
B Welti
P Ridgley
Shropshire Cllr N Bardsley
Mrs A Howls, Clerk

Six members of the public

The Meeting commenced at 7.30p.m

19/2020 **APOLOGIES**

Cllr T Feltus (illness) ,Mrs S Richards (illness), J H Lloyd (work commitment)

20/2020 **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.**

There were none.

21/2020 **TO GRANT A DISPENSATION TO ALLOW COUNCILLORS TO DISCUSS PRECEPT FOR 2020/2021**

The Chairman signed an application for a dispensation for the Council to discuss the Precept for 2020/21 as it was considered that without the dispensation the number of persons prohibited by section 31(4) from participating in any particular business would be so great a proportion of the body transacting the business as to impede the transaction of the business. The Clerk then signed and approved the dispensation.

22/2020 **COMMUNITY REPORT AND PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

A member of the public attended from Sleaf Air Field, Nr Wem and asked Councillors and members of the public if they had any complaints with regards their aircrafts causing any noise disturbance. There were none reported.

A member of the public requested a path be put in place along Nobold as due to vehicles parking there was a need for the footpath for pedestrians to walk safely along this road.

The Chairman advised them that the Parish Council had requested this on a number of occasions in the past. It had been added to the Place Plan as a need for the village.

23/2020 **REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL**

Cllr Bardsley reported that the Arriva bus service No 576 was now not running in Baschurch between 2pm and 4.30pm which was an inconvenience to residents.

The resurfacing of the crossroads (B4397 and B5067) at Baschurch had still not been carried out although he and the Parish Council had made representation on a number of occasions. He would continue to try and follow this up.

23/2020 (Cont'd)

Gully cleaning on the main roads had still not been carried out with the exception of the Wharf at Weston Lullingfields.

A complaint had been received by Cllr Bardsley in respect of parking of vehicles at the Wharf, Weston Lullingfields. He stated he would inform Pc Crump to look into this.

24/2020 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6th JANUARY 2020

Cllr Mrs L McMaster proposed and Cllr B Leeden seconded that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th January 2020. This was confirmed as a true and correct record. This proposition was agreed by all and the Chairman signed the Minutes.

25/2020 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6th JANUARY 2020, NOT ITEMISED ON THE AGENDA

There were no matters arising.

26/2020 PLANNING

Planning Applications to be considered

- (a) 20/00183/FUL – Application under section 73A of the Town & Country Planning Act for the erection of three affordable dwellings at Land at Wheatland's, Baschurch, Shropshire.

Cllr J Carr outlined the application and after some discussion it was agreed to make no comment on the application. This was seconded by Cllr B Leeden and agreed by all. Shropshire Council to be informed.

Any planning applications received since 26th January 2020 or any other planning issues.

Cllr J Carr reported that Cllr Mrs S Richards, Shropshire Cllr N Bardsley and he had attended a meeting at Oswestry with Shropshire Council Planning Department to discuss with them land in the village which may be put forward as preferred sites for possible affordable housing at a future date by Connexus Housing Association. He had found the meeting beneficial and they were given advice by the Planning Department.

Planning Permission Granted

- 19/03270/OUT- Outline application for the erection of a detached bungalow (all matters reserved) at Willows, Station Road, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.
- 19/05482/VAR- Variation of condition 2 & 5 attached to planning permission 19/02799/VAR dated 13/8/2019 at Land at the Wheatland's, Baschurch, Shrewsbury Shropshire.

Planning Permission Refused

- 19/04589/FUL- Erection of one detached dwelling and alterations to existing vehicular access at Proposed dwelling to the east of Ivy Cottage, Walford Heath, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Planning Application Withdrawn

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

27/2020 HIGHWAYS AND STREET LIGHTING

- (a) Temporary Road Closure- Weston Road End to Weston Lullingfields on Sunday 15th March 2020 for remedial work in the carriageway (10mm bitmac) (Tarmac) carried out by Severn Trent Water.
- (b) Eyton Lane - Cllr J Carr reported that he had forwarded an Expression of Interest Form for CIL Local Funding in respect of Eyton Lane traffic issues. The Parish Council would have to await the decision from Shropshire Council now. Cllr B Welti reminded Councillors that this should not be a financial commitment only to Baschurch PC as it involved neighbouring Parishes who had children attending the schools.
- (c) Notice Boards in Parish – The Chairman stated there was a need for some of the notice boards to be replaced at The Cemetery, Yeaton & Weston Lullingfields. Cllr E R Roberts proposed these to be purchased to replace the old notice boards. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen and agreed by all. Money had been put aside in the Neighbourhood Fund to pay for these which had been agreed previously. Notice boards had been chosen and to be ordered.

28/2020 RIGHTS OF WAY

- (a) Trees in the Parish Cllr P Ridgley stated that he and the Chairman had been to a meeting at the Derwen, Walford College to discuss this. The sites being looked at are the Cemetery, the Wheatlands Playground Trust land and the recreation ground. He was awaiting a quote for the work.

29/2020 VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR

The Chairman stated an election had been called at Weston Lullingfields Ward and we would now need to wait to hear from Shropshire Council.

30/2020 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

- (a) Signage in Village.- Councillors complained of a need for signage at the crossroads for the Galliers new Estate and the road out of Curlews Meadow to Prescott Road had still not had the white lining done.
- (b) Visit to Baschurch Primary School - Cllr E R Roberts thanked Cllr B Leeden for organising the visit which he found most rewarding.
- (c) Skate Park -Cllr B Leeden reported to Councillors that the skate park at the Wheatland's was to commence in March and would be completed by the end of April.
- (d) Litter Bins -The Clerk stated that P Birch Contracting who empty the bin next to the bus stop had complained that the bin was being filled by household rubbish and it was suggested that a large bin with a more enclosed lid would curtail people filling it with rubbish which it is not meant for. It was agreed by all that the bin be replaced with a bin of this description.

31/2020 BADGERS WAY PLAYGROUND

The Clerk stated she had received complaints that the bin in the Play area was not big enough and needed to be replaced by a larger bin. It was agreed by all present that one of the bins purchased last year be placed in the Play area. *Resolved:* Clerk to contact Paul Birch.

32/2020 RECREATION GROUND

Work was being carried out to the car park which would be completed in the near future.

33/2020 WAR MEMORIAL INSCRIPTIONS

Cllr P Ridgley reported that the cost of placing the two additional names and cleaning of the War memorial at Weston Lullingfields had been found to be more costly than it was originally thought. He had received a quote for the work but was obtaining another quote for this to be discussed at the April meeting.

34/2020 VILLAGE GREEN/ROUNDBABOUT

Councillors were very pleased with the planting of shrubs and flowers and setting out of beds in the village, roundabout and Cemetery it had greatly enhanced the village. A letter of thanks to be sent to Derwen College at Walford.

35/2020 FINANCES

- (a) Cheques for Approval -The following cheques totalling £3,981.54 (which includes VAT) were put forward for approval:

003023	Scottish Power	260.84
003024	Cancelled	
003025	P Birch General Maintenance	568.02
003026	P Birch -Cemetery Area 2 & 3	229.37
003027	A Howls Salary January	1039.64
003028	Inland Revenue January	354.04
003029	A Howls Expenses – January	44.63
003030	Baschurch Village Hall Trust- Hire of Hall	375.00
003031	ADH Skip/Digger Hire (Football Posts)	1110.00

Resolved: Payment of the cheques was approved.

(b) Other items of expenditure for consideration

- (i) Mud on footpaths/bridleway at Jarras Drive & Badgers Way - Two quotes had been received in respect of the above work. After some discussion Cllr J Carr proposed to accept quote B from G A Davies Groundworks. This was seconded by Cllr P Ridgley and passed by all.
- (ii) Report on Finance & General Purposes Meeting

The Chairman gave details of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting which was held on Monday, 13th January 2020 as follows:

Councillors discussed the Councils finances for year 2019/20 before looking to put forward a precept to be discussed in full at the February Council Meeting.

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35/2020 (b)(ii) (Cont'd)

The Clerk produced a draft budget and it was proposed by Cur Mrs S Richards that the precept be increased by 4% due to monies that would be needed for added costs for work within the Parish even though the Neighbourhood Fund would pay towards some. It was seconded by Cllr B Welti and agreed by all present. The Clerk would prepare an amended budget to present the amount to be requested for the precept to include the 4%.

This was discussed by full Council and it was proposed by Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen and seconded by Cllr B Welti and agreed by all present for a Precept of £48,056.00 be applied for as below:

Budget 2020/21 4.0%		
Receipts		
Precept		48056
Neighbourhood Fund		30000
Interest		100
VAT Refund		2500
Cemetery		4000
Football Club		2000
Allotments		800
Grants & Donations		0
Miscellaneous		0
Parish Council Reserves		0
Neighbourhood Fund (Reserves)		101844
Total		189300
Payments		
Insurance		1800
Play Areas, Bridleway & Footpaths		5000
Recreation Ground		5000
Village Green/Roundabout		2000
Cemetery		5000
Street Lights		10000
Allotments		800
Subscriptions		1200
Office & Website		5000
Staff Costs & Inland Revenue		17000
Miscellaneous		2000
Payments from Neighbourhood Fund		122500
VAT		5000
Elections/Legal Fees		2000
Neighbourhood Plan		5000
Total		189300

Monies would be needed to be put aside from the Neighbourhood funds for:
 Dr Surgery Business Plan
 Solar Panels for Speed Visors
 Update E mail system, website and new Computer
 Work to be undertaken to the War memorial at Weston Lullingfields.
 Replacement Noticeboards in the Parish

Baschurch Junior Football Club

Councillors discussed the payment for the pitches on the recreation ground and the fact that the increase in the cost of the grass cutting of the pitches and cost of replacement new goal posts and work on the car park area had increased substantially. In view of this Cllr Mrs S Richards proposed that the payment from the Baschurch Junior Football Club be increased by £400.00 as from the beginning of next season. This was seconded by Cllr J H Lloyd and agreed by all present.

At full Council Meeting this was proposed by Cllr P Ridgley and seconded by Cllr E R Roberts and agreed by all.

Signatories

The Clerk stated there was a need for more signatories for the payments of accounts. Cllrs Mrs S Richards, B Leeden & B Welti agreed to become signatories

Cemetery Fees

The Clerk presented a copy of the Cemetery Fees which had not been increased since 2017. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs S Richards to increase the cost by approx. 3% (to round off the figures) and also add to 'stillborn - no charge' children under one year old. This was seconded by Cllr J H Lloyd and passed with one against.

At the full Council Meeting this was proposed by Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen and seconded by Cllr B Welti and passed with one against.

Update re Doctors Surgery

The Parish Council will need to put aside some reserves from the Neighbourhood Fund to assist with the Business Plan to be put together for the Doctors surgery.

Parish Clerk's Salary

The Clerk's salary was reviewed and it was agreed with the Clerk to make no increase. This was agreed by all. It was discussed that the Clerk needed to be issued with new computer.

This was proposed by Cllr J Carr and seconded by Cllr B Leeden and agreed by all at Full Council Meeting.

36/2020 CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Baschurch Allotments - E mail received from the Chairman with questions relating to the lease.
- (b) Galliers Homes - Email from Karen Skillen, Administrator in respect of whether the Parish Council wanted to take over the Sustainable Drainage Systems and pool at Queens Walk, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. Councillors discussed this and were in full agreement that they did not wish to take responsibility for this.

36/2020 (Cont'd)

- (c) Royal British Legion - E mail from Secretary of Baschurch/Bomere Heath and District Branch wishing to confer with the Parish Council in respect of the VE Day Celebrations in the village and possible use of Village Green. Councillor's discussed this item and were in full agreement to allow the Royal British Legion to hold their VE Day celebrations on the Village Green.

37/2020 DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next regular Parish Council Meeting to be held at 7.30pm on Monday, 2nd March 2020 at Baschurch Village Hall. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Signed.....

Dated 2nd March 2020