

MINUTES OF THE REMOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 11th JANUARY 2021

Present: Councillors Mrs S Richards (Chairman)
A Woodthorpe
B Leeden
A Prince
Mrs W Lowdon
S Gregory
M Feline
Mrs A P R Budgen
B Welti
Mrs G Tomlins
Shropshire Cllr N Bardsley
Mrs A Howls Clerk.
No members of the public

The Parish Council Meeting commenced at 7.30pm and the Chairman opened the meeting

1/2021 **THE VICE CHAIRMAN CONFIRMED COUNCILLORS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT ON LINE.**

Confirmed

2/2021 **APOLOGIES**

Cllrs. E R Roberts & T Feltus

3/2021 **COMMUNITY REPORT AND PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

All questions to be asked to be forwarded to the Clerk prior to the meeting - There had been no questions received.

4/2021 **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

Cllr B Welti declared an interest in item 14/2021 (b) (i) - Cleaning of Road Signs.

5/2021 **TO GRANT A DISPENSATION TO ALLOW COUNCILLORS TO DISCUSS PRECEPT FOR 2021/2022**

The Chairman proposed an application for a dispensation for the Council to discuss the Precept for 2021/22 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. This was seconded by Cllr A Woothorpe and agreed by all present. The Clerk approved the dispensation.

Local Plan Review

Your Chair, Cllr Mervyn Eyles (representing Ruyton XI Towns Parish Council) and I had a remote meeting with Eddie West and Carole Clarke from the Planning Policy team last Friday afternoon. Notes of the meeting are attached.

Although it was a very open and in many ways constructive meeting, in my view officers are unlikely further to amend the draft Plan.

I believe that rural parishes throughout Shropshire should still have serious concerns because it is now clear that the suite of Exception Site policies will remain in the draft, pretty much as they now are. It is, of course, not my decision to make but you may feel that further action needs to be taken to protect our rural communities. There is no guarantee of success but our concerns can certainly be pursued through representations during the current phase of consultation under Reg 19 and during the Examination phase before an independent Inspector later this year.

Multi Agency Group

Cllr Steve Davenport joined Cllr Bernard Leeden, your Vice Chair and I on site in Eyton Lane on Monday December 7th. It was certainly useful for the Cabinet Member for Highways to see for himself how chaotic and potentially dangerous traffic conditions are on a typical weekday morning during a normal term time.

Since then there has been slow but definite progress. I have a remote meeting with staff from Highways and WSP this coming Friday, January 15th. Subject to there being a workable draft scheme available, my plan is to call a meeting of the Multi Agency Group as soon as possible, hopefully before the end of the month. It is essential that both schools, the Police, School transport officers and Parish councillors have input into the draft scheme.

7/2021 MINUTES OF THE REMOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7th DECEMBER 2020

Cllr S Richards proposed and Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen seconded that the minutes of the Remote Parish Council meeting held on 7th December 2020. This was confirmed as a true and correct record and agreed by all.

8/2021 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REMOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7th DECEMBER 2020, NOT ITEMISED ON THE AGENDA

There was none.

9/2021 PLANNING

Planning Applications to be considered

(a) 20/05001/FUL - Erection of a single storey side extension with roof terrace over at The Hollies, Weston Lullingfields, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. Cllr Mrs S Richards outlined the application and after some discussion she proposed to neither support nor object to the proposed extension (As below). This was seconded by Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen and was agreed by all. Shropshire Council to be informed.

“Baschurch Parish Council neither support nor object to the proposed extension. This is because, although we would support in principle the extension of the property, we feel the comments made by the conservation team are entirely relevant and the plans need revisiting to come up with a scheme that would be more sympathetic to the existing buildings, which are identified as heritage assets, and the surrounding environs.

It is also important to point out that we believe the site has two extant permissions for the conversion of stables to a dwelling (15/02282/FUL) and also another barn to a dwelling (15/02305/FUL). It was conditioned in both approvals (15/02305/FUL condition 3 and 15/02882 condition 5) that the access point by the development must be closed permanently. Discharge of conditions application 19/02145/DIS showed this was still inadequately completed and was not discharged (please refer to Highways comments within the discharge of conditions). Despite the erection of a fence and gate to try to indicate permanent closure, this access is still being used by occupiers of the properties within this current application, including for parking a vehicle. The access point is dangerous and councillors have direct experience of nearly being hit by a vehicle leaving the property at this access point. Baschurch Parish Council believe this is a material planning consideration when looking to grant any future permissions for works in this location and ask officers to seek to address this issue.

- (b) 20/05083/TCA – Work to cut to ground level one beech tree (T86) and one sycamore tree adjacent to T116 within Baschurch Conservation Area at Baschurch Ce (Aided) Primary School, Eyton Lane, Baschurch, Shropshire.

This application was forwarded to Councillors and it proposed by Cllr B Welti and seconded by Cllr Mrs S Richards to give a neutral response and to leave the decision to the Tree Officer at Shropshire Council

Any planning applications received since 6th January 2021 or any other planning issues.

None had been received.

Planning Permission Granted

- 20/04110/FUL- Erection of a single storey front and rear extension at Wycherley Cottage, Bagley, Shropshire.

Lawful Certificate Granted

20/04033/CPE- Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness of Existing Use or Development (CLEUD) to confirm the current residential dwelling at Fenemere Lane Farm granted under planning permission reference N/06/420/BA/375 dated 19th May 2006 has remained in situ permanently since 2006 and has been continually occupied in breach to the original permission therefore is now deemed as lawful development unrelated to that planning permission at Fenemere Lane Farm, Fenemere Lane, Fenemere, Baschurch, Shropshire.

10/2021 HIGHWAYS AND STREET LIGHTING

- (a) Temporary Road Closure- Baschurch Level Crossing on 27th February 2021 for one day to lift and replace crossing for track defect (Network Rail).

11/2021 RIGHTS OF WAY

- (a) Coffin Stone- This was discussed at item 13/2021(c)

12/2021 BADGERS WAY PLAYGROUND

There was no report

13/2021 VILLAGE GREEN /ROUNDBOUT

Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen was looking into work which needed to be undertaken to the trees on the Village Green but this was deferred until a later date.

14/2021 FINANCES

- (a) Cheques for Approval – The following cheques totalling £3143.20 (which includes VAT) were put forward for approval. These were proposed by Cllr B Leeden and seconded by Cllr A Woodthorpe and agreed by all.

003134	Scottish Power (December)	251.06
003135	Lodge Digital	120.00
003136	Cancelled	
003137	Shaw & Co (Cemetery Receipt Book)	25.40
003138	P. Birch Contracting Ltd (General Maintenance)	568.02
003139	P. Birch Contracting Ltd (Cemetery)	229.37
003140	A Howls Salary-December	1068.08
003141	Inland Revenue –December	364.75
003142	P G Skips -Cemetery	51.20
003143	SLCC subs	185.00
003144	A Howls- Expenses'	20.96
003145	Scottish Power (January)	259.36

Resolved: Payment of the cheques was approved.

(b) Other items of expenditure for consideration

8.30pm Cllr B Welti left the meeting whilst the below item was discussed.

(i) Cleaning of Signs - Signage & Cleaning –Cllr B Welti had complained to the Chairman on the awful state of the road signs within the Parish and requested that the Parish Council consider funding the cleaning of the signs. He felt that a mapping exercise needed to be carried out to map and locate all road signs within the Parish boundaries. This would cost in the region of £300.00 plus VAT. (This would provide maps for use of the Parish Council if needed at a later date.). Once this information was obtained quotes could be obtained to clean the signs on a per sign basis. This was proposed by Cllr Mrs S Richards and seconded by Cllr Mrs W Lowdon and agreed by all.

8.40pm Cllr B Welti returned to the meeting.

(ii) Footpath at side of Village Green – The Clerk reported that part of the footpath at the side of the Village Green which was the Parish Council's responsibility needed some attention to its surface as it was very muddy and needed a small amount of stone to be placed down. A quote had been received for the work to be carried out which totalled £120.00. This was proposed by Cllr Mrs W Lowdon, seconded by Cllr Mrs G Tomlins and agreed by Councillors.

(c) Report from Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Tuesday 5th January 2021

The Chairman gave details of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting which was held on Monday, 5th January 2021 as follows:

The Clerk and Councillors discussed the Council's finances for 2020/21 and produced a Bank Reconciliation and Income and Expenditure Account at this date. She also produced a draft budget for the coming financial year. After much discussion Cllr Mrs. S Richards proposed that no increase be made to the precept for 2021/22. This was seconded by Cllr B Leeden and agreed by all present. The draft budget was amended during the discussion and proposed by Cllr B Welti and seconded by Cllr B Leeden. This was agreed by all present. (To be ratified at the next full Parish Council Meeting)

Receipts	Budget 2021/22
Precept	48711
Neighbourhood Fund	50000
Interest	50
VAT Refund	3000
Cemetery	4000
Football Club	1000
Allotments	800
Grants & Donations	0
Miscellaneous	0
Parish Council Reserves	11000
Neighbourhood Fund (Reserves)	12000
Total	130561
Payments	
Insurance	1800
Badgers Way/Playground Trust	10000
Recreation Ground	4000
Village Green/Roundabout	10000
Cemetery	6000
Street Lights	10000
Allotments	800
Bridleway & Footpaths	4000
Office, Website & Subscriptions	5000
Staff Costs & Inland Revenue	18000
Miscellaneous/Emergency Fund	15000
Payments from Neighbourhood Fund	20000
VAT	5000
Elections/Legal Fees	2000
Neighbourhood Plan Reserve	5000
Total	130561

Monies to be put aside from Neighbourhood Fund:

Drs. Surgery £20,000.00 for Business Plan

Baschurch Playground Trust £50,000.00 (New Play equipment, disabled)

Baschurch Allotments monies to be kept in reserve

Noticeboards in Baschurch Village, Cemetery, Stanwardine, Yeaton. Cllr B Welti stated he had received permission for a noticeboard to be placed near the Spar Convenience Store at Newtown Garage.

Coffin Stone – Interpretation Board

It was agreed to add an Emergency Fund into the accounts.

Baschurch Village Hall Trust

Councillors discussed a request from Baschurch Village Hall Trust in respect of funding for refurbishment to the Village Hall. After some discussion reviewing finances and the budget they decided they were unable to assist in funding this project. This was proposed by Cllrs A Woodthorpe and seconded by Cllr M Feline and agreed by all. This would be discussed by Councillors at their next full Council Meeting.

Nesscliffe Youth Club

Councillors discussed a request from Baschurch Village Hall Trust in respect of a contribution towards the running of the Youth Club held at Nesscliffe. After some discussion it was proposed by Cllrs A Woodthorpe and seconded by Cllr M Feline not to continue with a donation. This was agreed by all. This would be discussed by Councillors at their next full Council Meeting.

Coffin Stone- Cllr Mrs Tomlins made a request for plaque to be placed on the Coffin Stone. It had been agreed that an Interpretation Board should be considered stating information on its history.

Well Being Group

Cllr M Feline stated he wishes to investigate ways to get people out and about during the pandemic and to assist groups around the Parish. It was proposed by him to set up a sub-committee which consisted of Cllrs Mrs A P R Budgen, S Gregory, A Woodthorpe and himself. They would meet up remotely and bring forward any suggestions to the Parish Council at a later date.

Cemetery Fees

The Clerk presented a copy of the Cemetery Fees which were last increased in 2020. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs S Richards to make no increase in Cemetery Fees for this financial year. This was seconded by Cllr B Leeden and agreed by all present.

Update re Doctors Surgery

Cllr Mrs S Richards updated the committee that a new Practice manager was going to be posted by March 2021 and further enquiries would then be looked at with a view to looking at the Business Plan to be put together. The sum of £20,000.00 for the business plan had been kept in reserve.

Parish Clerk's Salary

The Clerk's salary was reviewed and it was agreed to a 3% increase. She had not received any increase last financial year. This was proposed by Cllr M Feline and seconded by Cllr B Leeden and agreed by all.

14/2021 (c) (Cont'd)

The Budget and precept were discussed by full Council and it was proposed by Cllr B Welti and seconded by Cllr M Feline and agreed by all present. The report and its proposals were also discussed by full Council and proposed by Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen and seconded by Cllr M Feline and agreed by all.

15/2021 CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

16/2021 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 8.56pm. The next remote Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 1st February 2021.

Signed.....

Dated 1st February 2021