

**MINUTES OF THE REMOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2021**

**Present:** Councillors Mrs S Richards (Chairman)  
A Woodthorpe  
B Leeden  
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.  
Two members of the public

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

17/2021 **APOLOGIES**

Cllr A Prince

18/2021 **EULOGY**

The Chair then presented a solemn eulogy in tribute to Cllr Roy Roberts for the outstanding work he had performed as a councillor and chairman during his 35 years in office.

19/2021 **THE CHAIRMAN CONFIRMED COUNCILLORS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT ON LINE.**

Confirmed

20/2021 **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.

21/2021 **REPORT FROM BASCHURCH COVID 19 GROUP**

Mrs A Caesar Homden and Mrs Katrina Lord gave a report on the activities and funding used by the Group. They also thanked the Parish Council for their kind donation earlier in the year.

22/2021 **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

There was none.

### Local Plan Review

Shropshire Council have decided significantly to extend by three weeks, the Reg 19 consultation period, which now finishes on February 26<sup>th</sup>. But the principal issue is the presence of cable laid fairly recently by BT/Open Reach in the pavement on the north side of Eyton Lane. This will allow rather more time for the drafting of the representations which the Parish Council is minded to make.

### Multi Agency Group

The first meeting of the group (since July 2020) took place on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Parish Councillors, Patricia Budgen and Bernard Leeden represented Baschurch PC. The meeting was constructive but the principal issue is the presence of cables laid fairly recently by BT/Open Reach in the pavement on the north side of Eyton Lane. Unfortunately, the depth at which the cables have been laid can be ascertained only by the digging of trial holes. This will take place during half term week in the middle of this month. The next meeting of the group has been arranged for Tuesday morning February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Hopefully we can have the safety railings erected during the Easter break in early April.

### National Census

Preparations are now well advanced for the 2021 Census on 21<sup>st</sup> March. The local Shropshire Census officials are keen to get as close to 100% participation as is possible. Most residents of Shropshire are expected to complete documents on line but there are significant minority groups for whom, this may be a problem. Examples are:

- non-English speakers
- Some older people
- Traveller communities
- Short term migrant workers
- The homeless
- Asylum seekers

There is an important role for Parish Councillors in helping to identify members of these groups. Paper copies of the Census documents will be available as well as practical assistance in completing them.

24/2021 MINUTES OF THE REMOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD of these groups ON 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2021

Cllr S Richards proposed and Cllr Mrs Tomlins seconded that the minutes of the Remote Parish Council meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020. This was confirmed as a true and correct record and passed with one abstention.

25/2021 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REMOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2021, NOT ITEMISED ON THE AGENDA

Signs & Signage - [Minute 14/2021 (b) Refers] Cllr Mrs S Richards reported that the mapping system had been carried out as requested and she was now looking into firms who could undertake the work and provide a quote with the assistance of Shropshire Council.

8.40pm The Chairman handed over the meeting to Cllr B Welti to deal with the planning application.

26/2021 PLANNING

Planning Applications to be considered

- (a) 21/00251/FUL – Erection of two storey, single storey and first floor extensions at Ivy Patch, Prescott Road, Prescott, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire

*Cllr B Welti outlined the application and after some discussion he proposed to support the application but requested the Planning officer take into account the amount of turning space within the confines of the property before making a decision. Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen seconded the proposal which was agreed by all present. Shropshire Council to be informed.*

Planning Permission Refused

- 20/041473/FUL- Erection of extension and renovation of bungalow to dormer window formation of vehicular access at Pevery View, Walford Heath, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

27/2021 LOCAL PLAN REVIEW

Cllr Mrs S Richards stated she would look into whether there was any further response to be made by Parish Council and if so would forward a proposal to all Councillors in the near future for approval before submitting to Shropshire Council. This was agreed by all present.

28/2021 HIGHWAYS AND STREET LIGHTING

- (a) Temporary Road Closure- Eyton Lane Baschurch from 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021 to lay new domestic gas connection from main located near side carriageway, 3m excavation in public (Cadent)
- (b) Temporary Road Closure-B4397 Ruyton XI Towns to Baschurch Road from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 until Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021 for pot hole repairs.

29/2021 RIGHTS OF WAY

- (a) Cllr Mrs G Tomlins stated she had forwarded several issues to Rights of Way Officer at Shropshire Council to be looked into. She also asked for clarification if the PPG Groups were still in existence.

30/2021 BADGERS WAY PLAYGROUND

There was no report.

31/2021 REPORT FROM WELL BEING SUB COMMITTEE

Cllr M Feline reported that the sub-committee had recently held a meeting. They had been in touch with Tony Mackey who was the Parish Paths Officer some time ago working in partnership with Shropshire Council Rights of Way Dept. He had given them information on a number of walks around the Parish to walk and see if any were suitable for the group to use with any projects. The group were looking to hold a competition in the village with some kind of walk similar to a treasure hunt. This had not been fully looked into and the group would discuss their findings with the Parish Council at a later date.

## 32/2021 PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Clerk stated it could not be confirmed by Shropshire Council that the elections for Parish Councils were going to be go ahead. Due to this she would advertise the co-optation of the Councillor in place of Cllr R Roberts

## 33/2021 FINANCES

- (a) Cheques for Approval – The following cheques totalling £2672.33 (which includes VAT) were put forward for approval. These were proposed by Cllr Mrs W Lowdon and seconded by Cllr Leeden and agreed by all.

003146	P. Birch Contracting Ltd (General Maintenance)	568.02
003147	P. Birch Contracting Ltd (Cemetery)	229.37
003148	A Howls Salary-January	1068.08
003149	Inland Revenue –January	364.75
003150	P G Skips -Cemetery	40.96
003151	A Howls- Expenses' January	41.15
003152	Orton Events- Signs & Signage	360.00

*Resolved:* Payment of the cheques was approved.

## (b) Other items of expenditure for consideration

- (i) Baschurch Covid 19 Group  
Councillors discussed the issue of giving a further donation to the Baschurch Covid 19 Group. The Clerk stated that more information was needed as to what the donation would be used for. This would be discussed further at the next Parish Council meeting.
- (ii) Smartwater  
The Chairman asked that at the next Parish Council meeting Councillors discuss the possibility of Smartwater kits being distributed to each householder within the Parish.

## 34/2021 CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Footpath near 72 The Wheatlands – A letter had been received from a local resident enquiring if there would be an option to purchase the footpath leading to the play area. As the footpath was not in the ownership of Baschurch Parish Council this could not be discussed.
- (b) Grade 2 Listed Walford Barns – A letter was received with concerns about the planning situation with regards to the Barns. This was discussed and the Chairman stated that she would reply to the complainant.
- (c) Baschurch Level Crossing – A letter was received from Alicia Millward, Level Crossing Manager, Network Rail who was carrying a risk assessment for the level crossing and asked if there was any information that would be useful such as an increase of road traffic and pedestrians due to number of recent and future developments.

35/2021 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.30pm. The next remote Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

Signed.....

Dated 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021