

MINUTES OF THE REMOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 1st MARCH 2021

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Present: Councillors Mrs S Richards (Chairman)
A Woodthorpe
B Leeden
Mrs W Lowdon
S Gregory
M Feline
Mrs A P R Budgen
B Welti
T Feltus
Mrs G Tomlins
A Prince
Shropshire Cllr N Bardsley
Mrs A Howls Clerk.
Three members of the public

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

36/2021 **APOLOGIES**

There were none.

37/2021 **THE CHAIRMAN CONFIRMED COUNCILLORS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT ON LINE.**

Confirmed

38/2021 **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.

39/2021 **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]

Councillor Mrs S Richards declared an interest in item 43/2021(a) - 21/0229/FUL – Erection of rear extension with associated landscaping and change of use of agricultural land adjacent to the dwelling to facilitate the provision of a detached garage for domestic storage and improved vehicular access at into the site at Yew Tree Cottage Weston Lullingfields, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Councillor Mrs S Richards & Mrs A P R Budgen declared an interest in item 43/2021(b) - 21/00464/FUL – Erection of a single storey garden room, detached cart shed and garden store at Old Russet Barn, Stanwardine Park Farm, Stanwardine in the Fields, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Local Plan Review

I'm pleased to see that the Chair has submitted robust representations on behalf of the Parish. Equally critical comments have been submitted from Ruyton XI Towns and, no doubt, other Town and Parish Councils.

I submitted personal representations (avoiding repeating Parish Council concerns- focussing instead on the vague language used repeatedly in important clauses used to define Exception sites for Affordable Housing.

Definitions which are capable of widely different interpretation e.g “meaningful community engagement” “appropriate access to a school” are unhelpful both for prospective developers and for Development Management officers seeking to control the planning process.

I fear that without significantly greater precision the new Affordable Housing policies, if they form part of the Local Plan, will lead to a rash of speculative applications in unsustainable locations in the open countryside.

Shrewsbury Big Town Plan

I fear that the consultation on the Plan has escaped largely unnoticed in much of rural Shropshire. I confess that I have not examined it as carefully as I should, assuming that it related principally to Shrewsbury itself.

However radical changes to rural bus services will certainly affect bus users in Baschurch Parish. I'm pleased to see that your Clerk has submitted Parish Council concerns, particularly relating to rural services, e.g. the 576 which, under the present proposals, will terminate at and leave from one of the Park and Ride car parks.

I have additionally taken up issues particularly affecting bus users with a disability raised with me by a local Baschurch resident. She will undoubtedly be significantly disadvantaged on her regular visits to Shrewsbury, but also when travelling into South Shropshire to see family and friends further afield.

Multi Agency Group

Last week's meeting, on Tuesday February 23rd, was constructive.

Safety railings

Unfortunately, the BT/Openreach cables I referred to in my last report have been laid in a very shallow trench which would prevent the safety railings being erected in the optimum position in the pavement on the North side of Eyton Lane.

There is a legal remedy available to Shropshire Council in this situation, but it might well take nine months or longer for the cables to be re-laid correctly.

The Multi Agency Group took the view unanimously that an alternative method of installing the railings should be used. WSP advised that this “second best” method was used in other locations and had been used for the installation, some time ago, of the existing short length barrier outside the Primary School. The safety railings will be erected, initially at least, only outside the Primary School.

It probably isn't possible now for the work to be carried out, as we had hoped, in early April during the Easter break. The likely date now will be early June, during the summer half term break.

40/2021 (Cont'd)

Traffic Regulation Order

David Gradwell has made good progress in preparatory work for the Traffic Regulation Order which will restrict parking or waiting along significant lengths of Eyton Lane and north of the build out on the West side of Newtown/ Shrewsbury Road. He hopes to begin informal consultation in a week or so.

There are likely to be a number of objections. Whilst I understand that some local residents will be inconvenienced, I think these measures will make a real difference in Eyton Lane and on the main road to pedestrians, essential car users (e.g. staff at the two schools coming to/from work) and the coach traffic bringing students to/from the Corbet.

The informal consultation will be followed by statutory consultation. Ideally the aim is to have the TRO in force early in the summer term. SC will arrange for traffic wardens/civil enforcement officers to be on hand in the early weeks. I'm sure the Police will assist too. I would be very grateful for support from Parish Councillors!

Dove Court- Cllr B Welti stated the Multi Agency Group had not heard any update from Cllr S H Davenport since he had been out to Baschurch to look at problems. He would draft a letter to be sent to Cllr S H Davenport and other senior Council Officers to once again discuss where the Parish Council was to go next.

41/2021 MINUTES OF THE REMOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1st FEBRUARY 2021

Cllr Mrs W Lowdon proposed and Cllr A Woodthorpe seconded that the minutes of the Remote Parish Council meeting held on 1st February 2021. This was confirmed as a true and correct record and passed with one abstention.

42/2021 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REMOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1st FEBRUARY 2021, NOT ITEMISED ON THE AGENDA

There was none.

8.05pm The Chairman handed over the meeting to Cllr B Welti to deal with the planning application.

43/2021 PLANNING

Planning Applications to be considered

8.10pm Cllr Mrs S Richards left the meeting.

- (a) 21/0229/FUL – Erection of rear extension with associated landscaping and change of use of agricultural land adjacent to the dwelling to facilitate the provision of a detached garage for domestic storage and improved vehicular access at into the site at Yew Tree Cottage, Weston Lullingfields, Shrewsbury, Shropshire

Cllr B Welti outlined the application and after some discussion he proposed to support the application Cllr B Leeden seconded the proposal which was passed with one abstention. Shropshire Council to be informed.

8.20pm Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen left the meeting.

- (b) 21/0229/FUL – Erection of a single storey garden room and detached cart shed and garden store at Old Russet Barn, Stanwardine in the Fields, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

43/2021 (b) (Cont'd)

Cllr B Welti outlined the application and after some discussion he proposed to support the application. Cllr B Leeden seconded the proposal which was passed with one abstention. Shropshire Council to be informed.

8.30pm Cllr Mrs S Richards & Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen returned to the meeting.

- (c) 21/00672/FUL -Erection of first floor extension over garage to include Juliet balcony and single storey rear extension at Ashness Church Road, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Cllr B Welti outlined the application and after some discussion he proposed to support the application. Cllr B Leeden seconded the proposal which was passed with two abstention. Shropshire Council to be informed.

- (d) 21/00666/FUL - Erection of thirty four dwellings and six workshops with associated access onto Station Road with open space areas (re design of Phase II scheme under applications 14/02286/OUT and 17/02174/REM) at Shropshire Stone & Granite, Station Yard, Station Road, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Cllr B Welti outlined the application and after some discussion Cllr S Gregory proposed to support the application. Cllr M Feline seconded the proposal which was agreed by all present. Shropshire Council to be informed.

“Baschurch Parish Council supported the previous reserved matters (17/02174/REM) and we continue to support this. We note that in this revised scheme that a stub road which could provide a link to Eyton Lane has been included and we support this also. We would have liked to see provision for parking at a re-opened station allowed for in this scheme and should further proposals come forward, we would want to see this included and conditioned for in a Section 106 agreement.

In addition, we make the following material representation. Baschurch Parish Council wish to raise a material matter with Shropshire Council. It is the view of Baschurch Parish Council that this is a material consideration but is not intended to be a detrimental comment against this application; it raises an issue that should be dealt with by Shropshire Council to allow this development to be sustainable in terms of its links to the village. There is only pavement along one side of Station Road for quite a distance between the development site towards the crossroads and on into the village. This pavement has been allowed to become significantly overgrown and has encroached across the pathway to the point that the pavement along this section is now no longer fit for purpose and cannot be used by anyone in a wheelchair or those with children in anything but a narrow buggy, it is single file only. This section of pavement must be put forward for remedial works as a priority to make this a safe and useable footpath. Without these works, this development will not have adequate and safe pedestrian access into the village. Baschurch Parish Council would ask Shropshire Council to consider the placing of a pelican crossing along Station Road in the area adjacent to Nevin House.”

Any Planning applications received since 23rd February 2021 or any other planning Issues.

There were none.

8.36pm The Vice Chairman handed the meeting back to the Chairman, Cllr Mrs S Richards to continue the remaining business.

44/2021 LOCAL PLAN REVIEW

Cllr Mrs S Richards stated she had forwarded submissions for the Regulation 19 stage of the Local Plan Review to Shropshire Council Consultation Portal. They were in line with the Councils previous submission but more comments had been added in about the sustainable transport which will link in with the comments we are making about the Shrewsbury Masterplan Vision.

45/2021 HIGHWAYS AND STREET LIGHTING

- (a) Temporary Road Closure- Milford Road, Baschurch from Saturday 15th May 2021 until Sunday 16th May 2021 for Severn Trent to renew small meter.

46/2021 RIGHTS OF WAY

- (a) Cllr Mrs G Tomlins gave a report stating she was in contact with Rob Purcell, Rights of Way Officer who was renewing some of the stiles in the Parish and updates Councillors on other ongoing matters.

47/2021 BADGERS WAY PLAYGROUND

The Clerk stated a number of repairs on the Play area had now been completed.

48/2021 SMART WATER

The Chairman reported that she had looked into receiving a grant from the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) to enable the Parish Council to provide a Smartwater pack free to every home in the Parish. If the grant is accepted the PCC will fund 25% of the cost of the kits. The balance will be paid from the Neighbourhood Fund. The PCC will also provide large (A1) customised 'We Don't Buy Crime' signs with the name of villages displayed prominently at the start of each settlement, with repeater signs throughout the villages. These signs have been proven to be a powerful deterrent to criminals.

If grant funding is accepted it is hoped that kits will start to be received towards the end of March. Once details of how kits will be distributed have been finalised, announcements will be published in the newsletters, noticeboards and social media with information about the project and how to obtain your free kits on the Parish Council website.

After some discussion Cllr B Welti proposed that sufficient kits be purchased, Cllr M Feline seconded the proposal and all were in agreement.

49/2021 REPORT FROM WELL BEING SUB COMMITTEE

Cllr M Feline reported that the sub-committee were still looking into the walks which Cllr S Gregory and Cllr A Woodthorpe had walked. There will also be a competition around the village on foot which is being finalised at this time.

50/2021 PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Clerk stated she had been informed by Shropshire Council that the notice of vacancy for a Councillor for Weston Lullingfields Ward had been advertised and the Parish Council may now co-opt. Cllr B Welti had applied to be considered for the vacancy. There had been no other applications received. After some discussion Cllr B Welti was proposed by Cllr Mrs S Richards and seconded by Cllr B Leeden and agreed by all. There was now a vacancy on Baschurch Ward which would not be dealt with as the Elections were due on 6th May 2021. **Resolved:** The Clerk to inform Shropshire Council.

51/2021 SHROPSHIRE BIG TOWN PLAN CONSULTATION.

Councillors had viewed the consultation document which was a view of how Shrewsbury Town will be in 2036. Although it mainly concerns residents of Shrewsbury Town and its immediate area, it will affect bus services from rural communities such as our Parish. It would appear that the plan is mainly concerned with the redevelopment of Shrewsbury Town, making most of it a pedestrianised area. In consequence the bus station will be taken out of the Town and most bus services will terminate at the Park and Ride hubs. These hubs will be increased in number to allow more routes into the Town itself. The problem for those travelling to Shrewsbury will be a necessity of changing buses at one of the Park and ride hubs.

Concerns were raised that whilst the Plan will make the Town quieter with regard to traffic movement it will cause inconvenience and problems to all those individuals that have no other means of transport other than bus services. It will certainly be greatly disadvantageous to those who are from the rural parts of the County, such as Baschurch, who either wish to access the County Town or travel further afield. It would appear that the Plan will mean a great increase in the need for changes of buses to enable passengers to get to their required destination. If the development does go ahead there will be a need for changing of buses to be kept to a minimum and therefore not involve an increase in cost for the individuals themselves?" *Resolved:* Clerk to forward concerns to Shropshire Council.

52/2021 FINANCES

- (a) Cheques for Approval – The following cheques totalling £5459.21 (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.

003153	Scottish Power	260.12
003154	P. Birch Contracting Ltd (General Maintenance)	568.02
003155	P. Birch Contracting Ltd (Cemetery)	229.37
003156	A Howls Salary-February	1068.08
003157	Inland Revenue –February	364.75
003158	P G Skips -Cemetery	40.96
003159	A Howls- Expenses' (Passport Hard Drive /Mouse)	57.98
003160	Ray Parry Repairs Badgers Way Play area	852.00
003161	Citrix Solutions – New Computer & Set up	688.00
003162	Cancelled	
003163	Scottish Power	234.94
003164	Cancelled	
003165	Lexis Nexis – Local Council Administration Twelfth Edition	119.99
003166	C Nangle –Cemetery Bench	785.00
003167	SALC –Fundamental Course Councillors x3	90.00
003168	Margo Tech – Parish Councillors E mails	100.00

Resolved: Payment of the cheques was approved.

(b) Other items of expenditure for consideration

- (i) Baschurch Covid 19 Group

An e mail had been received from the Baschurch Covid Group requesting a further donation of £1000.00 and gave a general break down of how the donation would be spent as follows:

- To provide wellbeing packages to the most vulnerable people and families in the Parish. These are supported by the generous donation of food from the food hub and will include stationery items, craft packs, study aids, writing pads and notebooks. This helps supporting children's learning and people's wellbeing
- Provision of PPE and other essentials to the surgery, care homes and Millington Close etc.
- To pay for the hire of the village hall for various distribution activities in a covid secure manner plus storage and Covid-19 Community Group meetings.
- Printing of Easter cards that the school children will design, for distribution to the most vulnerable people and families in the parish as well as the care homes, children's home, Millington Close etc.

There was also a request from the Community for a booklet/information leaflet to share essential contact details and provide an update on the advice from Public Health England and the Government. To pay for printing costs we would like to request an additional £500.

After much discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs S Richards not to support the request as it was felt it was not the proper use of public money. This was seconded by Cllr A Woodthorpe and agreed by all present.

(ii) Notice Boards and Cemetery Bench

The Chairman reported that the Cemetery bench was already made and would be put in place in near future and cost is in accounts above. The Noticeboards have been ordered but not arrived as yet but both items will be funded from Neighborhood Fund.

53/2021 CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Stanwardine Pool - An e mail had been received from a resident of Stanwardine who raised concerns for wildlife especially the ducks which had been nesting in the hedgerow by the road and in the field around the pool and unfortunately the chicks haven't survived due to foxes taking them. He offered to put some floating islands on the pool so the ducks can nest on them and hopefully have somewhere safe from predators. An e mail had been sent out and it was agreed to ask him to carry out this work.
- (b) Grade 2 Listed Walford Barns - An e mail was received with concerns about the Walford Barns Auction sale which was taking place on 24th February 2021. The Chairman replied to the writer of the e mail that the sale is not a matter for either Parish Council or Shropshire Council.

54/2021 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 12th April 2021.

Signed.....

Dated 12th April 2021