

**MINUTES OF THE REMOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL 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  
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

**55/2021 APOLOGIES**

There were none.

**56/2021 THE CHAIRMAN CONFIRMED COUNCILLORS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT ON LINE.**

Confirmed

**57/2021 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.

**58/2021 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 were none.

**59/2021 REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL BY CLLR N BARDSLEY**

**Local Plan Review**

The Draft Local Plan will now be submitted formally to the new Shropshire Council in July.

**Shrewsbury Big Town Plan**

I am concerned, as many respondents to the consultation have been, with the specific proposals for rural bus services outlined in the Big Town Plan. I received firm assurances Early last month from the Director of Place, Mark Barrow, that there would be further discussions and consultations later this year and that "nothing had been decided"

This seemed to conflict with a Cabinet report, again early last month on the redevelopment of the Riverside which seemed to assume that the bus station would be part of the redevelopment. There is no unambiguous commitment in that report that there will be a replacement or where it might be.

I have subsequently been assured by the Cabinet Member and Deputy Leader, Cllr Steve Charmley, that he and officers have taken the point that the bus station is a vital part of the bus network. It may well be that the Riverside development can be changed to exclude the bus station site.

### **Multi Agency Group**

The next scheduled meeting is on May 11<sup>th</sup>, after the local elections on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Cllr Bardsley then thanked Councillors for the last four years of working together. Cllr Mrs S Richards, Chairman in turn thanked Cllr Bardsley for all his help and assistance during that time.

### **60/2021 MINUTES OF THE REMOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2021**

Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen proposed and Cllr B Leeden seconded that the minutes of the Remote Parish Council meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021. This was confirmed as a true and correct record and passed with one abstention.

### **61/2021 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REMOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2021, NOT ITEMISED ON THE AGENDA**

Dove Court - [Minute 129/2020 (c) & 183/2020 refers] Cllr B Welti stated that the Clerk had received an acknowledgement to his letter from Cllr Steve Davenport. It was agreed by all that the Clerk contact him again and Mark Wooton to express their disappointment that still nothing had been done by Shropshire Council to resolve the situation.

8.00pm The Chairman handed over the meeting to Cllr B Welti to deal with the planning application.

### **62/2021 PLANNING**

#### **Planning Applications to be considered**

- (a) 21/01207/OHL - An additional wooden pole is required to raise the height of the existing overhead line to rectify a safety clearance situation at Trevennick, Eyton Lane, 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 agreed by all. Shropshire Council to be informed.*

- (b) 21/00951/FUL - Erection of a two storey rear extension with associated internal alterations at Station Cottage, Station Road, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

*Cllr B Welti outlined the application and after some discussion he proposed to support the application. Cllr A Woodthorpe seconded the proposal which was agreed by all. Shropshire Council to be informed.*

- (c) 21/00974/FUL - Erection of a single storey infill extension and conservatory and balcony following removal of existing at Aston Cottage, Weston Lullingfields, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

*Cllr B Welti outlined the application and after some discussion Cllr B Leeden proposed to support the application. Cllr A Woodthorpe seconded the proposal which was agreed by all. Shropshire Council to be informed.*

- (d) 21/01276/FUL - Erection of a first floor extension to front elevation at The Bradleys, Prescott Road, Prescott, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

*Cllr B Welti outlined the application and after some discussion he proposed to support the application with the following comment as the property is in a Conservation area- The extension should be finished in the same brick style, windows and paint colour to match in. Cllr Mrs G Tomlins seconded the proposal which was agreed by all. Shropshire Council to be informed.*

- (e) 21/01356/FUL - Erection of a steel portal framed stable block and treatment room at Fyrnwy Equine Clinic, Whitmore Lane, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

*Cllr B Welti outlined the application and after some discussion he proposed to support the application with the following comments: Baschurch Parish Council ask for clarification on i) An Environmental Impact Assessment ii) Effluent and muck/shavings disposal (not mentioned in the application) iii) Traffic Movement as Whitmore Lane is a single-track lane, and the application states no vehicles which needs clarification. Shropshire Council informed.*

**Any Planning applications received since 6<sup>th</sup> April 2021 or any other planning issues.**

- (f) 21/01466/VAR – Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) to Allow Changes to External Elevations of Dwelling Approved by Planning Permission 19/01152/FUL granted on the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at Proposed Residential Development Land to the West of Weston Lullingfields, Shropshire. **Resolved:** *This was deferred until the next meeting.*

#### **Planning Permission Granted**

- 20/05001/FUL- Erection of a single storey side extension with roof terrace over at The Hollies, Weston Lullingfields, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.
- 21/00672/FUL- Erection of a first floor extension over garage to include Juliet balcony and single storey rear extension at Ashness, Church Road, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

#### **Planning Permission Refused**

- 20/04415/FUL- Erection of one detached dwelling and alterations to existing vehicular access at Proposed dwelling to the east of Ivy Cottage, Walford Heath, Shrewsbury.
- 20/04412/FUL- Erection of conservatory at The Cornhouse, Stanwardine Park Farm, Stanwardine in the Fields, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

8.35pm The Vice Chairman handed the meeting back to the Chairman, Cllr Mrs S Richards to continue the remaining business.

63/2021 HIGHWAYS AND STREET LIGHTING

Bus Service

Concerns were raised as to the number and timetable of buses that were available for residents in the village for public transport to Oswestry and Shrewsbury. Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen stated she would look into this.

Vehicle Activated Signs.

Cllr A Woodthorpe informed Councillors that he had been contacted by Jonathan Carr, Baschurch Speed Watch requesting some assistance in maintaining and rotating the signs. It was agreed that Cllrs Woodthorpe and Cllr S Gregory assist Jonathan when needed. The speed data from the Vehicle Activated Signs was also obtained from Jonathan which proved there was a need for the signs in the village.

64/2021 RIGHTS OF WAY

- (a) Cllr Mrs G Tomlins reported that a new sign post had been erected along the diverted footpath near the Ranch on the Weston Road. (Footpath (1) Baschurch). The Rights of Way Department were looking into the footpath at Drumbolds Wood. She also stated Mr Tony Mackey who had previously been involved in Rights of Way on behalf of Baschurch Parish Council a few years ago and is still working with Rights of Way and would like to attend Parish Council Meetings on occasions in the future.

65/2021 BADGERS WAY PLAYGROUND

The Clerk stated there was nothing to report.

66/2021 SMART WATER

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council had been granted funding from the PCC and was waiting arrival of the kits.

67/2021 REPORT FROM WELL BEING SUB COMMITTEE

Cllr M Feline reported that the sub-committee had finalised the competition which was to be circulated around the village and had been placed on the Parish Council web site. The walks would also be displayed on the Council's website.

68/2021 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Clerk reminded Councillors that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held remotely on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Details had been circulated on the web site and noticeboards.

69/2021 MAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Clerk stated that the remote meeting legislation for local authorities will expire immediately after the election, therefore remote meetings will no longer be lawful. It was agreed by Councillors to hold an extra ordinary remote Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 6.30pm to conduct any business necessary before this legislation expires.

The newly elected Parish Council would be legally obliged to meet in person between the 11<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021 for the Annual Parish Council Meeting. The Minimum requirements for the meeting are election of the Chairman and to receive declarations of acceptance of Office from all elected Councillors. The Clerk had arranged for the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7.30pm at Baschurch Village Hal

70/2021 FINANCES

- (a) Cheques for Approval – The following cheques totalling £3380.60 (which includes VAT) were put forward for approval. These were proposed by Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen and seconded by Cllr Mrs W Lowdon and agreed by all.

003170	P. Birch Contracting Ltd (General Maintenance)	568.02
003171	P. Birch Contracting Ltd (Cemetery)	229.37
003172	P Birch – V Green Pathway	120.00
003173	P Birch – Baschurch Cemetery Potholes	120.00
003174	A Howls Salary - March	1068.08
003175	Inland Revenue - March	364.75
003176	P G Skips - Cemetery	51.20
003177	A Howls - Expenses' Feb/March	41.06
003178	Information Commissioner – Data Protection Renewal	40.00
003179	SALC – Training (Remote) - Clerk	30.00
003180	Berrys (Allotment Rent	748.12

*Resolved:* Payment of the cheques was approved.

- (b) Other items of expenditure for consideration

There was none.

- (b) To review Policies & Standing Orders

The Finance & General Purposes Sub Committee had reviewed Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Media/Complaints Policy and Risk Management Policy and had agreed to pass them as they were at this time but to review them in more detail after the election and put in place a sub- committee to do this. This was proposed by Cllr Mrs W Lowdon and seconded by Cllr A Woodthorpe and agreed by all.

71/2021 CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Yeaton Speed - A letter had been received from several residents in Yeaton complaining that the amount of vehicles speeding through the hamlet is increasing. A request for a 20mph speed limit had been made as there is no limit through the hamlet and it is therefore 60mph. There is a large number of deep potholes and the verges are seriously eroding the highway.

This was discussed by Parish Council and the potholes reported to Shropshire Council. Clerk to write and ask for consideration to be given for 20mph speed limit. Cllr N Bardsley stated he would also look into the complaint with Shropshire Council.

- (b) Baschurch Junior Football Club An e mail had been received from Chris Williams who was the newly elected Chair of the Football Club. He thanked the Parish Council for reducing the fees for the last season. He stated he hoped to bring a new era to the Club and hoped to coach the children about football. He also hoped to build a great relationship in the future between Football Club and Parish Council.

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- (c) Baschurch Junior Football Club An e mail had been received from David Shaw, Secretary of the Football Club who stated that the league that the Baschurch Junior Club plays in are commencing fixtures from 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and the season will be extended until the end of June to allow leagues and cup finals to be completed. He asked the availability of the pitches through this period to enable the teams to play.  
*This was discussed by Parish Council and agreed by all that the Football Club be allowed to extend their season until June 2021.*
- (d) Weston Lullingfields Speed Signs. An e mail had been received from a resident of Weston Lullingfields in respect of the speed sign that is usually situated by her home. She had been informed by the Clerk that the sign had been adapted to contain a solar panel and the metal post outside her home was not strong enough to hold it. Mr David Gradwell, Shropshire Council, had been informed and was looking into the matter. A complaint was also made in respect of the large number of lorries which were travelling along the main Weston Lullingfields Road especially from and too ABP Abattoir. She had been informed by the Clerk that there had been a road diversion which had caused this temporary problem.
- (e) Wheatland's - Entrances to the Skate Park- An e mail had been received from a local resident who is a wheelchair user and wished the Council to look into making the one entrance to the Skate Park from the Wheatland's estate more accessible for wheelchair users. This footpath in question belongs to Shropshire Council. The resident also wished to have access to an Adult Gym and questioned whether the Parish Council would construct one on the Playground. These matters were discussed by Parish Council. **Resolved:** Clerk to make enquiries.
- (f) Litter Picks - An e mail had been received from a resident of Weston Lullingfields stating that there was more and more litter in the hedges and roadside in the area and questioned whether there would be any litter picks. **Resolved:** Clerk to look into details and procedure to hold a litter pick.
- (g) Donation - An e mail had been received from the Baschurch Covid 19 Group querying the Parish Councils decision not to give a further donation to the group.
- (h) Baschurch PC Website- A letter had been received from a local resident stating not all Councillor's photos were displayed on the web site. **Resolved:** Clerk to contact writer.

72/2021 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.40pm. The next remote Extra Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 6.30pm.

Signed.....

Dated 5th May 2021