

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7th JUNE 2021

Present: Councillors Mrs S Richards (Chairman)
A Woodthorpe
T Feltus
M Feline
B Welti
Mrs G Tomlins
Cllr N Bardsley Shropshire Council

Mrs A Howls Clerk.
Eight members of the public

The Parish Council Meeting commenced at 7.30pm and the Chairman opened the meeting. There were only a small number of local residents in attendance who were involved in the applications. Unfortunately, due to the Government Guidelines for Parish Councils other residents were unable to join the Meeting.

97/2021 APOLOGIES

Cllrs S Gregory, Mrs A P R Budgen & Mrs W Lowdon

98/2021 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 items below.

21/01950/FUL – Erection of single storey extension to rear, raised first floor extension to front and alterations at Yew Tree Farm, Weston Lullingfields, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. (106/2021(c))

21/02306/FUL- Erection of 3-bay open fronted garage/store (revised scheme) at Old Russet Barn, Stanwardine Park Farm, Stanwardine In The Fields, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. (106/2021(e))

21/02318/FUL - Erection of storage building and new off-road parking configuration at 1 Paceland Cottages, Marton Road, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. (106/2021(f))

Councillor T Feltus declared an interest in item (106/2021(f)) - 21/02318/FUL - Erection of storage building and new off-road parking configuration at 1 Paceland Cottages, Marton Road, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Councillor A Woodthorpe declared an interest in item (106/2021(f)) - 21/02318/FUL - Erection of storage building and new off road parking configuration at 1 Paceland Cottages, Marton Road, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

99/2021 VACANCY FOR CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

The Chairman, Cllr Mrs Sarah Richards reported that an application had been received for the Baschurch Ward from Mr David Sharpe. He gave a brief introduction of himself and explained why he wished to become a Parish Councillor. Cllr Mrs S Richards proposed David Sharpe be accepted as a Parish Councillor. This was seconded by Cllr B Welti and agreed by all present. He then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of the Office which the Clerk countersigned and the Chairman welcomed him to the Parish Council.

100/2021 COMMUNITY REPORT& PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There had been issues received by a local resident which the Chairman had replied to in an e mail. Councillors were made aware of the issues and the reply from the Chairman.

101/2021 REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL

Councillor Nick Bardsley reported as follows:

“Multi Agency Group

The next scheduled meeting is on June 22nd. I'm pleased to report that the safety railings were erected outside the Primary School in Eyton Lane on June 1st/2nd in time for the reopening of both schools on June 7th. Your Chair, Bernard Leeden and Cllr Steve Charmley as the new cabinet Member for Highways plus myself were there on June 1st.

There will be some inconvenience, of course, to parents/carers at dropping off and collection times but, if everyone waiting stays behind the barriers the likelihood of an accident should be much reduced.

The formal consultation process for the planned TRO restricting parking and waiting in Eyton Lane, Newtown and other neighbouring roads has been completed, but I have not been informed how many objections have been received. The hope is that the TRO can be in force with the traffic signage and road markings in place in good time for the start of term in September.

I will be arranging with those in Shirehall responsible for Civil Enforcement for officers to attend in Eyton Lane in the early weeks to ensure compliance.

I'm very much aware that the railings and the TRO *are not the long term solution to traffic problems in Eyton Lane*, but hopefully these measures will be an improvement, easing congestion and making access to both schools much safer.

Pothole/road repairs

Considerable work was undertaken in Weston Lullingfields and on the road towards Bagley on Saturday June 5th, but notice of the road closures arrived only shortly before they were made adding to the inconvenience.

There will be further work next Saturday, June 12th, on the lane between Weston and the Baschurch crossroads. I'm hoping that longer notice of the road closures is given.

The road repair work was/is much needed. Those of us who use the lanes regularly will appreciate the improvements.

Dove Court

Your Chair and I took the opportunity on June 1st to show Cllr Steve Charmley the

unfinished work at Dove Court. Your Chair subsequently forwarded to him a series of emails from some years ago. I sent him a copy of a short report I submitted to the Parish Council in May 2018.

Cllr Charmley is Deputy Leader in the new Shropshire Council. Hopefully he will inject some urgency into dealing with the completion of the road works

Other highway matters

I have been pressed by a number of Parish residents to provide additional VAS speed monitors in recent weeks. I explain, in each case that they are provided, maintained and monitored by the Parish Council. It is evidence of their effectiveness in reducing road speed that demand is growing!

I have also been asked for additional road signage, e.g. in Weston Lullingfields where some SatNav systems have guided HGV drivers down towards Weston Wharf, a dead end! Clearly this is a matter for Shropshire Highways but the support of the Parish Council will no doubt help.

I suggest that parishioners be invited to make representations to a future meeting when/if social distancing rules are relaxed sufficiently to enable effective public participation.

Greenacres

Councillors will remember the discussions with SC Adult Services officers last autumn. Considerable time has elapsed since the meetings in October and November, (on Zoom and at Greenacres itself). Clearly officers have spent time drafting much more comprehensive proposals which have now been circulated widely. The proposals will be presented on Tuesday evening June 15th at Greenacres.

Your Chair and I have concerns that the proposals might be put forward as a fait accompli, especially as officers have suggested the submission of a planning application later this month. I have raised these concerns directly with officers and have been assured that issues raised by the Parish Council and/or local residents will be taken on board and that if necessary the planning application timetable will be delayed.

Cllr B Welti enquired about the cost of the railings outside the school in Eyton Lane, Baschurch. Cllr N Bardsley stated he would look into the costings.

102/2021 MINUTES OF THE REMOTE EXTRA ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5th MAY 2021

Cllr M Feline proposed and Cllr A Woodthorpe seconded that the minutes of the Extra Ordinary Remote Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 5th May 2021. This was confirmed as a true and correct record and agreed by all present and signed by the Chairman.

103/2021 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY REMOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5th MAY 2021, NOT ITEMISED ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

104/2021 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17th MAY 2021

Cllr T Feltus proposed and Cllr A Woodthorpe seconded that the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Monday 17th May 2021. This was confirmed as a true and correct record and passed with three abstentions and signed by the Chairman.

105/2021 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17th MAY 2021, NOT ITEMISED ON THE AGENDA

There was none.

8.00pm The Chairman stated that in the absence of the Vice Chairman she proposed Cllr B Welti act as Vice Chairman for the next part of the Meeting. Cllr T Feltus seconded that proposal and all were in agreement.

106/2021 PLANNING

Planning Applications to be considered

- (f) 21/02318/FUL – Erection of storage building and new off-road parking configuration at 1 Paceland Cottages, Marton Road, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

8.05pm Cllrs Mrs S Richards, A Woodthorpe & T Feltus left the meeting.

8.06pm Cllr B Welti proposed Standing Orders were suspended to allow members of the public to speak. Cllr Mrs G Tomlins seconded this and all were in agreement.

The applicant and other members of the public spoke in relation to the application.

8.35pm Standing Orders were re-instated
Councillors then discussed the part of the application which made reference to the removal of the hedge in the conservation area and were not in support of this.

8.40pm Cllr B Welti proposed Standing Orders were again suspended for further discussion with the applicant and members of the public.

8.45pm Standing Orders were again re-instated and Councillors discussed the application fully. After discussion Cllr B Welti proposed the following:

Baschurch Parish Council does not support the application to remove the section of established hedge to create a parking area for the following reasons:

The heritage perspective within the conservation area, as the hedge is an integral part of the visual charm of the entrance to Belle Vue. The Parish Council is also concerned about the road safety aspect and the poor visibility and lack of splay to enter and exit the proposed parking area onto the B4397 Marton Road.

The application to build a storage shed-

The Parish Council does not support this aspect of the application in its current location. It contravenes the heritage/conservation area line in that it contravenes the requirement not to build or construct forward of the building line.

The Parish Council objects to the height and roof geometry but is happy with the cladding materials (wood) and roof type bearing in mind the variety of roof and structure types in the locality. Baschurch Parish Council would support the application if the proposed storage shed were re-positioned along the fence boundary line with Linley House into the corner of the garden adjacent to the Linley House Garage.

106/2021(f) (Cont'd)

The Parish Council notes that a previous planning application for a garage at Linley house was refused on the basis that it was forward of the main dwelling line and would have had an adverse visual impact, hence its built location and this sets a precedent. The Parish Council is also concerned about the potential impact of water runoff and lack of a detailed drainage plan and ask Shropshire Council to request more detailed plans.

This was seconded by Cllr M Feline and passed. Shropshire Council to be informed.

8.48pm Cllrs Mrs S Richards, A Woodthorpe & T Feltus returned to the meeting and Cllr B Welti handed the meeting back to the Chairman to continue the remaining business.

- (a) 21/01967/OUT - Outline application for the erection of up to fourteen residential units (all matters reserved) at Proposed Residential Development, Adj. 2 Moorland Cottages, Marton Road, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

8.50pm Cllr Mrs S Richards proposed Standing Orders were suspended to allow members of the public to speak. Cllr T Feltus seconded this and all were in agreement.

Members of the public gave concerns for the Councillors to consider.

9.00pm Standing Orders were re-instated.

Councillors discussed the application and it was proposed by Cllr Mrs S Richards to object on the following material grounds:

1. *Although it is recognised that this is an outline application and all matters are reserved, the issue of access and highway safety are critical and have not been addressed in any way. Since the previous application, the traffic movements in this area have increased considerably and it is widely recognised that speeding is of significant concern where the traffic from the proposed development will meet the public highway. The egress onto the B4397 has restricted visibility and there are no footpaths for pedestrians and this application does nothing to demonstrate or promote safer routes. These matters are so important they should be considered and dealt with at this stage of the application process.*
2. *The number of dwellings proposed will generate a significant number of vehicle movements on this unadopted road, which is only made up of rough surfacing. The addition of 14 dwellings will increase the number of properties using this access by 140%, which is inappropriate and will affect the amenity of existing residents. There are legitimate concerns about highway safety, loss of privacy and additional parking burden along the narrow lane.*
3. *The site area is known to be very wet and floods. Legitimate concerns have been raised about the impact of developing this site and how surface water drainage will be sufficiently dealt with to protect the existing and proposed dwellings from increased risk of flooding.*
4. *Although the development site sits immediately adjacent to the Conservation Area and is not covered by it, consideration must be given to ensure this development is not a detriment to the existing area.*

For the above reasons, Baschurch Parish Council believes that the limited benefits delivered by this scheme are significantly outweighed by the harm that this development will cause to highway safety and the detrimental impact on amenity for existing residents.

Please note: A number of the residents in this location are elderly and do not have access to the internet and are currently unable to access these facilities elsewhere due to Covid-19 issues and restrictions. Baschurch Parish Council has received representation from a number of these residents who have been unable to comment on this application due to lack of access to technology and we request that consideration be given to allowing representations to be made by post given the current circumstances. If this is not possible, it should be noted that further objections to this development would have been made had circumstances allowed.

This proposal was seconded by Cllr A Woodthorpe and agreed by all.

- (b) 21/02018/FUL - Erection of a single storey flat roof extension to form garden/sitting room at Oakdene, Station Road, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Cllr Mrs S Richards outlined the application and after some discussion she proposed to support the application. Cllr T Feltus seconded the proposal which was agreed by all. Shropshire Council to be informed.

- (c) 21/01950/FUL - Erection of single storey extension to rear, raised first floor extension to front and alterations at Yew Tree Farm, Weston Lullingfields, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

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

- (d) Amended Plans - 21/00666/FUL - Erection 34 dwellings and six workshops with associated access onto Station Road, with open space area (redesign of Phase II scheme under applications 14/02286/OUT and 17/02174/REM at Shropshire Stone and Granite, Station Yard, Station Road, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Cllr Mrs S Richards outlined the application and after some discussion having fully considered the responses from the applicant on issues raised and the minor amendments to the scheme, she proposed that Baschurch Parish Council maintains its support for the application and does not need to raise any further issues at this time. Cllr B Welti seconded the proposal which was agreed by all. Shropshire Council to be informed

- (e) 21/02306/FUL - Erection of 3-bay open fronted garage/store (revised scheme) at Old Russet Barn, Stanwardine Farm, Stanwardine in the Fields Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Cllr Mrs S Richards outlined the application and after some discussion Cllr A Woodthorpe proposed to support the application. Cllr B Welti seconded the proposal which was passed with one abstention. Shropshire Council to be informed.

- (g) 21/02387/FUL - Erection of rear extension to the existing dwelling 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 into the site (resubmission) at Yew Tree Cottage, Weston Lullingfields, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Cllr Mrs S Richards outlined the application and after some discussion Cllr B Welti proposed that the Parish Council had supported the previous application and should continue to support this proposal. Cllr T Feltus seconded the proposal which was agreed by all. Shropshire Council to be informed.

Planning Permission Granted

- 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.

Any Planning applications received since 1st June 2021 or any other planning issues.

- (a) 21/02402/FUL – Formation of manege with boundary fencing to part to include change of use of land at Upper Fenemere Farm, Myddlewood, Myddle, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Cllr Mrs S Richards outlined the application and after some discussion she proposed to support the application. Cllr T Feltus seconded the proposal which was agreed by all. Shropshire Council to be informed.

- (b) 21/02457/FUL - Erection of two storey extensions to side and rear elevations together with associated internal and external alterations (resubmission) at Station Cottage, Station Road, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Cllr Mrs S Richards outlined the application and after some discussion she proposed to support the application. Cllr A Woodthorpe seconded the proposal which was agreed by all. Shropshire Council to be informed.

107/2021 HIGHWAYS AND STREET LIGHTING

- (a) Footpath -Marton Road-Station Road. Complaints had been received that the footpath was being obstructed by signage in this area whilst Shinglers Development was being constructed and the hedge needed cutting. These complaints and concerns were a danger to pedestrians on foot as it was causing pushchair and wheelchair users to walk in the road. *Resolved:* Cllr B Welti would speak to the developers.
- (b) Temporary Road Closure- Weston Road to Weston Lullingfields on Saturday 12th June 2021 between 8.00hrs and 16.00hs for road surfacing. Access will be maintained for residents, local businesses buses and emergency services.

108/2021 BT PAY PHONE CONSULTATION

An e mail had been received from Lois Dale, Rurality and Equalities Specialist, Shropshire Council in respect of the above consultation where British Telecom are obliged under Ofcom guidance to consult to look to the removal of pay phones in locations across the county. British Telecom advise that there are currently 176 operational payphones in the county altogether.

The payphone in our parish which is listed is situated at Weston Lullingfields Tel No 01939 260353. Councillors discussed this and it was proposed by Cllr Mrs S Richards to retain this pay phone as an operational kiosk as it is situated in a rural area where mobile coverage is poor and it is quite a distance to another pay phone if needed. This was seconded by Cllr B Welti and agreed by all.

109/2021 FINANCES

- (a) Cheques for Approval – The following cheques totalling £5266.81 (which includes VAT) were put forward for approval. These were proposed by Cllr A Woodthorpe and seconded by Cllr M Feline and agreed by all.

003191	P. Birch Contracting Ltd (General Maintenance)	568.02
003192	P. Birch Contracting Ltd (Cemetery)	229.37
003193	A Howls Salary-May	1089.68
003194	Inland Revenue -May	373.18
003195	P G Skips Ltd- Cemetery	42.56
003196	B Townson Internal Auditor	150.00
003197	Earth Anchor Ltd - Noticeboards	2814.00

Resolved: Payment of the cheques was approved.

(b) Other items of expenditure for consideration

Badgers Way Play Area

The Clerk stated she had received two quotes for self-closing gates and a replacement wooden gate which needed to be put in place at the Badgers Way Play area. Councillors discussed the two quotes and Cllr T Feltus proposed to accept quote No 2 for £1963.25 plus VAT. Cllr A Woodthorpe seconded the proposal which was agreed by all.

Play Area – Picnic Benches

The Chairman informed Councillors that there was a need for new picnic benches on the Play area at The Wheatland's. This had been looked into with the Clerk and there was a need for six benches. These had been priced at £3292.70 plus VAT. This was proposed by Cllr Mrs G.Tomlins and seconded by Cllr A.Woodthorpe and agreed by all.

To fix a date for the Finance & General Purposes Sub Committee meeting. -

The Clerk o fix a date that would suit all on the committee.

110/2021 THE ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT OF BASCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS FOR 2020/21

The Clerk submitted the accounts for Baschurch Parish Council for the year ending 31st March 2021. The Annual Governance Statement of Assurance had been fully explained by the Clerk previously and was agreed and proposed by Cllr A Woodthorpe and seconded by Cllr T Feltus and passed by all present. The Chairman and Clerk then both signed the Annual Governance Statement of Assurance.

111/2021 TO ADOPT THE AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2021

The Clerk submitted the statement of accounts and balance sheet for the year ending 31st March 2021. The adoption of the Accounts was agreed and proposed by Cllr A Woodthorpe and seconded by Cllr Mrs G Tomlins and passed by all present. The Chairman and Clerk then both signed the Annual Return

A copy of the Internal Auditors Report had been forwarded to all Councillors for their information.

112/2021 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence

113/2021 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 10.20pm. The next regular Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 5th July 2021 at 7.30pm at Baschurch Village Hall.

Signed.....

Dated 5th July 2021