

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021**

**Present:** Councillors Mrs S Richards (Chairman)  
A Woodthorpe  
T Feltus  
M Feline  
B Welti  
Mrs G Tomlins  
S Gregory  
D Sharpe  
Mrs W Lowdon  
Mrs A P R Budgen  
Cllr N Bardsley Shropshire Council

Mrs A Howls Clerk.  
Two 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.

114/2021 **APOLOGIES** - There were none.

115/2021 **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.

116/2021 **COMMUNITY REPORT& PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There had been no correspondence from any parishioners.

**Baschurch Playground Trust-** There had recently been damage of smashing glass bottles on the skate park and nuisance caused on the Playground at the Wheatlands. Cllr A Woodthorpe had been looking into systems/cameras which would assist and identify any culprits. A sub group would be formed which would look into the options and report back to Parish Council. It was proposed that we look into the cost at the next Finance & General Purpose Meeting.

117/2021 **REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL**

Councillor Nick Bardsley reported as follows:

**1. Multi Agency Group**

Unfortunately the meeting scheduled for June 22nd had to be postponed by a week. It took place last week, on June 29th. This made it impossible for Cllr Brian Welti to attend. Cllr Patricia Budgen was the sole representative of the Parish Council.

The group discussed in some detail the comments/observations/objections to the Traffic Regulation Order, as drafted, deciding:

- not to extend the scope of the Order to further lengths of road, principally because this would require re-advertising the draft Order, significantly adding to the delay in having the proposed waiting etc restrictions in Eyton Lane in force.
- not to modify the draft Order in any other way

The draft TRO is now subject to approval procedures by Officers in SC Highways. Confirmation of the Order is usually undertaken by Officers but in some circumstances it can be referred to the Northern Planning Committee for approval.

I am hoping that Committee approval is NOT required because the next meeting of the Committee is on Tuesday July 6th (tomorrow) so any report could only be on the Agenda for the August meeting, at the earliest!

This would inevitably delay bringing the Order into force beyond the beginning of the school term in September, in all probability to the October Half Term week.

**2. Dove Court** - No progress to report, I am afraid.

### **3. Other highway matters**

I am being pressed by Baschurch residents to take action to discourage the parking of vehicles on pavements. I have explained that obstruction of pavements is primarily a matter for the Police and have been in direct contact with PC Paul Crump. Certainly neither the Parish Council, nor Shropshire Council has powers (that I am aware of) to take any action.

### **4. Vandalism**

Bernard Leeden has raised with me the increasing problem of young people congregating at the Skate Park and vandalism in that area. He has also been in touch with the Police.

### **5. Greenacres**

The consultation meeting arranged by SC Adult Services staff on June 15<sup>th</sup> was very well attended, but the format of the meeting and the large numbers attending limited discussion of the proposals, at least during the presentation itself. I urged officers, as did your Chair, to make sure that the Planning Application is timed so that it can be fully discussed, probably at a special meeting of the Parish Council in September.

### **6. Walford Heath**

Planning Application 20/04415/FUL was refused under delegated powers in March 2021. An Appeal has now been lodged against the Council's Refusal. It appears that neither the Parish Council, nor I have been made aware of the Appeal, despite almost the whole of the Appeal site being in Baschurch. I am taking up this important issue with the Department. This is another example of confusion arising largely because the Parish boundary between Baschurch and Bomere Heath cuts through Walford Heath in a somewhat illogical way.

I have volunteered to join the new SC Member working Group dealing with the Review of Community Governance throughout Shropshire. Some proposals are inevitably controversial but I believe that the moving of the Parish boundary (either North or South) so that it can be recognised on the ground, is an entirely straightforward matter!

118/2021 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2021

Cllr A Woodthorpe proposed and Cllr M Feline seconded that the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021. This was confirmed as a true and correct record and passed with two abstentions and signed by the Chairman.

119/2021 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2021, NOT ITEMISED ON THE AGENDA

There was none.

8.35pm The Chairman then dealt with the Planning applications.

120/2021 PLANNING

Planning Applications to be considered

- (a) 21/02572/OUT - Outline application (all matters reserved) for the erection of one dwelling at Land adjacent to Ashford, Milford Road, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire

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

*“The identified area for the proposed dwelling is too small and would result in cramped and contrived development, which is not in keeping with the character and form of the surrounding area. The proposed plot is too small to deliver suitable amenity space and, in the view of Baschurch Parish Council, would not be desirable or sustainable.*

*The addition of any dwelling on this site, however small, would be overdevelopment of the property and the visual harm would significantly outweigh any benefit.”*

*This was seconded by Cllr Mrs APR Budgen and agreed by all present. Shropshire Council to be informed.*

- (b) 21/02723/REM - Approval of reserved matters (appearance, landscaping layout & scale) pursuant to outline permission, 20/01287/OUT for the erection of one agricultural workers dwelling with garage at Proposed Agricultural Workers Dwelling south of the Leasowes, Fenemere, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

*Cllr Mrs S Richards outlined the application and after some discussion she proposed to support the application but would request that the situation regarding the footpath and bridleway be resolved as part of this application. The rights of way maps do show a public right of way in this location and this needs to be protected, with the right of way properly maintained by the landowner and clearly identified. If it is deemed appropriate to divert the public right of way, then an application to do so should be made.*

*Cllr Mrs W Lowdon seconded the proposal which was agreed by all. Shropshire Council to be informed.*

- (c) 21/02873/FUL - Erection of a detached garden office at Old Farm Cottage, Prescott Road, Prescott, 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.*

Planning Permission Granted

- 21/01843/FUL - Erection of a first floor extension and single storey extension to rear and ancillary works at the Pines, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.
- 21/02018/FUL - Erection of a single storey flat roof extension to form garden/sitting room at Oakdene, Station Road, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.
- 21/01950/FUL - Erection of single storey extension to rear, raised first floor extension to front and alterations at Yew Tree Farm, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

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

Planning Permission Refused

- 21/01637/FUL- Erection of a first floor replacement dwelling and detached double garage following demolition of existing dwelling at Fenemere Lane Farm, Fenemere, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

**Any Planning applications received since 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021 or any other planning issues.**

- (a) 21/01466/VAR- Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) to allow changes to the external elevations of dwelling approved by planning permission 19/01152/FUL (plot2) at Land west of Weston Lullingfields, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

*Councillors discussed the application and it was proposed by Cllr Mrs S Richards to take a neutral view on the latest revised plans on the following grounds:*

*“The previous proposal was to increase the roof height by 85cm, whereas the revised proposals show a compromised roof height increase of 24cm. Whilst it is recognised that the residents would prefer no development in this location, the reality is that permission was granted and the properties are already under construction. Baschurch Parish Council are sympathetic to the opinions of the residents and understand the impact that this development will have. Baschurch Parish Council requests that the applicant should confirm that the 24cm increase in roof height will not shade out light for the adjacent property, especially in winter. Whilst the Parish Council does not support the proposals, it does not object to the nominal increase in roof height assuming it will not adversely reduce natural light to the adjacent property.”*

*Cllr A Woodthorpe seconded the proposal which was agreed by all. Shropshire Council to be informed.*

- (b) 21/03285/HHE - Erection of a single storey extension to a detached dwelling, dimensions 5.70 metres beyond the rear wall 3.00 metres maximum height and 2.48metres high to eaves at Rose Cottage, Yeaton, 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 passed with three abstentions. Shropshire Council to be informed.*

**121/2021 RIGHTS OF WAY - Report from Mr A Mackey**

Mr A Mackey introduced himself who had been a former parish Councillor and had responsibility as a Parish Paths Officer for the area for many years. He still assisted Cllr Mrs G Tomlins who was the Parish Council liaison for Rights of Way issues. He stated that there were approx fifty Rights of Way in the Parish which were the responsibility of Shropshire Council. Of these paths and bridleways many were still in use. There was a need for a survey to be done to report on the state of the paths. It was agreed that a group be formed to look into this along with Mr Mackey and Cllr Mrs Tomlins. Group would consist of Cllrs A Woodthorpe, S Gregory, M Feline & D Sharpe.

**122/2021 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 John Howard Lloyd. He gave a brief introduction of himself and explained why he wished to become a Parish Councillor. Cllr Mrs S Richards proposed John Lloyd be accepted as a Parish Councillor. This was seconded by Cllr T Feltus and agreed by all present. He then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of the Office which the Baschurch Parish Council

Clerk countersigned and the Chairman welcomed him to the Parish Council.

123/2021 HIGHWAYS AND STREET LIGHTING

- (a) Flooding was occurring on the S bends at Walford/ Walford Heath . Shropshire Council to be informed.
- (b) Speed Limit –Walford Heath. An e mail had been received from a resident of Walford Heath requesting that consideration be given to requesting a speed limit reduction. **Resolved:** The Chairman had been in contact with the resident and assured him that the problem would be looked into at a future date and they would be informed of any progress.
- (c) Speed Data from the Baschurch Speed Visors – Cllr A Woodthorpe discussed the problem of speed through and around the village from the record produced by the Speed Visors. This was to be forwarded to Shropshire Council for their information.

124/2021 ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SUB-COMMITTEES FOR 2021/22

- a) Finance and General Purposes Committee - Cllrs: S Richards, S Gregory, A.P.R. Budgen, T Feltus, B Welti, A Woodthorpe, , M Feline & the Clerk.
- b) Cemetery - Cllrs. B Welti, W Lowdon & J H Lloyd
- c) Cemetery Management – Cllr B Welti & Clerk
- d) Amenity Green Spaces - Cllrs G Tomlins, A P R Budgen & J H Lloyd
- e) Rights of Way - Cllr G Tomlins, W Lowdon, S Gregory, M Feline, A Woodthorpe & D Sharpe
- f) Toddler’s Playground - Cllrs G Tomlins & J H Lloyd
- g) New Recreation Ground - Cllrs M Feline & A Woodthorpe
- h) Community Infrastructure Levy Sub Committee - To merge with Finance & General Purposes Sub Committee
- i) Neighbourhood Planning Task & Finish Group – Cllrs S Gregory, S Richards, A Woodthorpe & W Lowdon
- j) Street Lighting Group - Cllrs B Welti, D Sharpe and the Clerk.
- k) Planning Committee – Chair - Cllr S Gregory (Vice Chair) & all Cllrs.
- l) GDPR – Cllrs A Woodthorpe, B Feline & Clerk.

**Election of Other Representatives**

- a) Tree Warden - Cllr J H Lloyd.
- b) Snow Warden - Cllr J H Lloyd.
- c) SALC Representatives - Cllrs A P R Budgen & Cllr W Lowdon
- d) Baschurch Village Hall Representative - Cllr A Woodthorpe
- e) Baschurch Allotments Association - Cllr A Woodthorpe & the Clerk.
- f) Housing Associations - Cllr S Richards
- g) Baschurch Multi Agency Group - Cllrs B Welti, A Woodthorpe, D Sharpe, T Feltus, & A P R Budgen (Cllr N Bardsley representing SC).
- h) Prescott Surgery Development Group - Cllr S Richards, B Welti, S Gregory & T Feltus

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- i) ABP Liaison Group - Cllr S Richards
- j) Helicopter Liaison Group - Cllr W Lowdon
- k) Walford College Liaison - Cllr T Feltus, & S Richards
- l) Railway Station Re-opening - Cllrs D Sharpe, A Woodthorpe, M Feline & A P R Budgen
- m) Safety, Security & Technology (inc VAS & CCTV) - Cllrs A Woodthorpe, M Feline, B Weli, & T Feltus

125/2021 FINANCES

- (a) Cheques for Approval – The following cheques totalling £2621.25 (which includes VAT) were put forward for approval. These were proposed by Cllr A Woodthorpe and seconded by Cllr T Feltus and agreed by all.

003198	Scottish Power	259.40
003199	P. Birch Contracting Ltd (General Maintenance)	568.02
003200	P. Birch Contracting Ltd (Cemetery)	229.37
003201	A Howls Salary-June	1088.60
003202	Inland Revenue -June	373.18
003203	P G Skips Ltd	53.20
003204	A Howls Expenses May /June	49.48

*Resolved:* Payment of the cheques was approved.

- (b) Other items of expenditure for consideration

There was none discussed

To receive a report from the Finance & General Purposes Sub Committee meeting. -

Report is attached

126/2021 CORRESPONDENCE

Annual Church Fete E mail from Mrs M Cox requesting permission to hold the Annual Church Fete on the Village Green on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2021. *Resolved:* Councillors were in agreement that the Fete could be held at this location.

- (c) E mail from local residents in Nobold. An e mail had been received from a number of residents in Nobold relating to several issues. Members of the public were not attending this meeting unless they were involved in planning applications due to Covid restrictions As a result of this the Chairman wrote back to answer to all questions raised and read out the list of issues in the presence of Councillors who were all in full agreement that the issues raised had been replied to.

127/2021 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.40pm. The next regular Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7.30pm at Baschurch Village Hall.

Signed.....

Dated 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021