

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021**

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

Mrs A Howls Clerk.  
Ten members of the public

135/2021 **APOLOGIES** – Cllr B Welte (personal)

136/2021 **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]

(a) Cllr Mrs S Richards declared an interest in item 9/2021(a) 21/03497/FUL- Change of Use from agricultural land to use as a commercial riding school including formation of a free draining all weather surface at Marton Lane Stables, Weston Lullingfields, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

137/2021 **COMMUNITY REPORT& PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Stanwardine Notice Board- A number of residents from Stanwardine attended the meeting to complain about the siting of the new noticeboard at Stanwardine Pool. A statement was read out by one resident on behalf of the hamlet. There was then much discussion with Councillors as to the way forward and it was agreed by all to hold a meeting at Stanwardine Pool at a future date to finalise its siting.

Report from Derwen College- This was deferred until the next meeting.

Village Christmas Tree- Cllr M Feline reported that he had looked into the possibility of having a Christmas tree placed on the Village Green. He had looked into the costings but had not yet completed these and would report back to the next Finance & General Purposes Meeting

Smartwater- Cllr Mrs S Richards thanked all who had attended and helped with the distribution of the Smartwater kits at the Fete on Saturday. Approximately 100 kits were given out and registered. She was sorting out with the Clerk how and when the distribution to the rest of the Parish would be undertaken.

Councillor Nick Bardsley reported as follows:

### **1. Multi Agency Group**

I have been unable to find out how far the approved process for the Traffic Order has progressed. I fear that the delay almost certainly means that it cannot be implemented before the start of the school term in September.

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

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

I am grateful for Pc Crumps attendance at Greenacres Children's Home. His advice about parking on the pavements seems to have been taken.

### **4. Planning Application 02318/FUL**

Councillors will recall that the Parish Council put forward strong objections to these proposals

In the normal course of events, I should have been consulted (in accordance with the SC constitution) over the reference of the application to the Northern Planning Committee. To the best of my knowledge this important procedural step was not taken. The application has now been approved.

I am taking the matter up with officers, not because the Decision is likely to be revoked, but because it is plainly wrong that the Parish Council's view (which I support) have been completely ignored.

### **5. Greenacres**

I understand that applications were likely to be submitted in August, thus enabling the Parish Council to give proper consideration to its response at the special meeting in September

### **6. Walford Heath**

The first meeting of the freshly constituted SC member working group was held on 18<sup>th</sup> August. I was able to explain the merits of the suggested amendment to Parish Council boundaries- Baschurch and Bomere Heath.

### **7. Planning Application 21/03108/FUL**

Your Chair, Vice Chair and I had an informative discussion with officers last week. A number of local residents have consulted me and have been invited to attend this special meeting. The Parish Council will no doubt give careful consideration to its response.

### **8. Hedges**

Parish Councillors and I have received in recent weeks a significant number of complaints of overgrown hedges alongside lanes and roads in the Parish.

The problem is much more apparent at this time of year, towards the end of the growing season, but it often makes footpaths almost inaccessible especially for wheelchair users, those using prams or push chairs etc.

Current advice is that it is only from September onwards (when the bird nesting season is over) that the hedge trimming should take place.

Responsibility for the hedge itself lies with the landowner. In my experience a polite request to cut back the overgrown hedge is almost always the best approach. Shropshire Council has default powers but these are very rarely necessary.

Clearing the footpath itself (often partly covered over at this time of the year) is the Council's responsibility. A number of Parish Councillors and I have referred particular lengths of pavement to the Environmental Maintenance team in Oswestry. Both your Clerk and I will naturally chase. However Shropshire is a large rural County with many miles of pavements to be cleared. It may take some time before the work is completed.

## 9. Adcote Mill Bridge

There have been further delays in starting work. Council Officers sent me a statement on Friday (September 3<sup>rd</sup>):

*"Unfortunately our planned work to replace Adcote footbridge has been delayed whilst we await legal access to the site.*

*Having secured all necessary permissions and permits this initial work in the river, which will take around 10 days to complete was due to start on 31<sup>st</sup> August. However, the landowner has, on two occasions refused entry to our contractors and their vehicles, making work to remove the remains of the existing 3-span masonry arch structure and install new concrete foundations impossible.*

*We are now working with our legal team to get an injunction in place which will allow us access to start work on this important right of way as soon as possible."*

I'm afraid I cannot add anything to this.

## 10 STW water main renewal

Work continues in several locations in the Parish. STW is trying to keep disruption to a minimum. At times there will be significant diversions, eg later this month when roads will be closed between the Prescott roundabout and Walford College. The diversion will take traffic via Myddle, Harmer Hill, etc into Shrewsbury.

## 11 VAS Weston Lullingfields and Yeaton

The Weston Lullingfields (South) sign has now been restored to its original position after the pole was reinstalled.

The Yeaton sign has been moved (for a short period) to cover the entrance to the village on the lane from Walford Heath. Residents in Yeaton believe that speeding is a significant issue in this location. The sign will accumulate data which will/will not confirm this.

## 139/2021 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021

Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen proposed and Cllr T Feltus seconded that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021. This was confirmed as a true and correct record and agreed by and signed by the Chairman.

140/2021 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021, NOT ITEMISED ON THE AGENDA

There was none.

141/2021 MINUTES OF THE ADDITIONAL PLANNING MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2021

Cllr Mrs W Lowdon proposed and Cllr Mrs G Tomlins seconded that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021. This was confirmed as a true and correct record and agreed by and signed by the Chairman.

142/2021 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2021, NOT ITEMISED ON THE AGENDA

There was none.

9.15pm The Chairman then handed over the Planning applications to be dealt with the Vice Chairman.

9.20pm Cllr Mrs S Richards left the Meeting

143/2021 PLANNING

Planning Applications to be considered

- (a) 21/03497/FUL- Change of Use from agricultural land to use as a commercial riding school including formation of a free draining all weather surface at Marton Lane Stables, Weston Lullingfields, Nr. Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

9.20pm Standing Orders were suspended which was proposed by Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen and seconded by Cllr T Feltus.

The applicant then gave further details in respect of the planning application to Councillors.

9.30pm Standing Orders were re-instated which was proposed by Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen and seconded by Cllr T Feltus.

*Councillors discussed the application and it was proposed by Cllr S Gregory to support the application and it was seconded by Cllr M Feline and passed by all present with two abstentions. Shropshire Council to be informed.*

9.35pm Cllr Mrs Richards returned to the meeting.

- (b) 21/03643/FUL-Erection of a porch to side of existing dwelling at Canal Cottage, Pennyrush, Weston Lullingfields, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

*Cllr S Gregory outlined the application and after some discussion Cllr A Woodthorpe proposed to support the application. Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen seconded the proposal which was agreed by all. Shropshire Council to be informed.*

- (c) 21/03913/FUL - Erection of a single storey rear extension following demolition of existing at Rose Cottage, Yeaton, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

*Cllr S Gregory outlined the application and after some discussion Cllr Mrs S Richards proposed to support the application. Cllr D Sharpe seconded the proposal which was passed with one objection and one abstention. Shropshire Council to be informed.*

### Planning Permission Granted

- 21/03122/FUL- Erection of a single storey extension to rear and new roof light at 7 Curlew Meadow, Baschurch, Shrewsbury Shropshire.
- 21/01466/VAR- Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) to allow changes to the external elevations of dwelling approved by planning permission 19/01152/FIL (Plot 2) at Land west of Weston Lullingfields, (Plot 2) Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Any Planning applications received since 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021 or any other planning issues.

- (a) 21/04288/TCA- To fell one sycamore and reduce down by half of one ash tree within Prescott Conservation Area at 6 Prescott Meadow Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

*Councillors discussed the application and it was proposed by Cllr Mrs G Tomlins and seconded by Cllr T Feltus to give no objections to the application. This was passed with one abstention.*

- (b) 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.

*Councillor Mrs S Richards outlined information she had received from Shingler Homes in respect of public open spaces in the above application. Councillors were in agreement that Baschurch Parish Council do not want to take responsibility or ownership of the public open space in the above application with one abstention Shropshire Council to be informed.*

### 144/2021 RIGHTS OF WAY

Cllr Mrs G Tomlins reported that Shropshire Council were attending to some kissing gates and stiles in the Parish.

### 145/2021 VACANCY FOR CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

There was no applicants.

### 146/2021 HIGHWAYS AND STREET LIGHTING

- (a) Station Road - There had been a traffic diversion in Station Road and flooding and heavy rain had flooded the road with two main drains opposite each other being blocked. Shropshire Council to be informed.
- (b) Nobold - A local resident had written in complaining that there was a need for a pavement along Nobold. Councillors had all been forwarded a copy of the complaint. **Resolved:** This matter would be discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting.
- (c) Station Road – Several complaints had been received in respect of the hedge and pavement along Station Road which were so overgrown and the vegetation was over the path which now prevents pedestrians walking along it. Shropshire Council had been informed.

147/2021 FINANCES

- (a) Cheques for Approval – The following cheques totalling £7818.78 (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.

003215	P. Birch Contracting Ltd (General Maintenance)	568.02
003216	P. Birch Contracting Ltd (Cemetery)	229.37
003217	A Howls Salary-August	1089.68
003218	Inland Revenue -August	373.18
003219	P G Skips Ltd	42.56
003220	Baschurch Playground Trust – Insurance (Donation)	1,564.73
003212	Glasdon Ltd - Picnic Benches	3951.24

*Resolved:* Payment of the cheques was approved.

- (b) Other items of expenditure for consideration

None.

148/2021 CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

149/2021 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 10.15pm. The next regular Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7.30pm at Baschurch Village Hall.

Signed.....

Dated 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021