

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2021**

**Present:** Councillors Mrs S Richards (Chairman)  
A Woodthorpe  
T Feltus  
M Feline  
B Welti  
D Sharpe  
Mrs W Lowdon  
Mrs A P R Budgen  
J H Lloyd

Cllr N Bardsley Shropshire Council

Mrs A Howls Clerk.  
Two members of the public

The Parish Council Meeting commenced at 7.30pm and Pc Crump attended and reported that the speed of vehicles in the village had been noted and speed checks would be carried out in the village when possible. Parking on the pavements had been an issue and was being addressed. He stated he was in contact with the Clerk regularly and would report anything he felt Councillors needed to be aware of.

154/2021 **APOLOGIES** – Cllr Mrs G Tomlins & S Gregory

155/2021 **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 was none

156/2021 **COMMUNITY REPORT& PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Stanwardine Notice Board- Mrs D Bickley had looked into the costings and regulations in moving the notice board to a different location. She had made enquiries with Shropshire Council and other agencies as to whether or not there would be a charge for re siting it in a different part of the village. Further enquiries were to be made and she would report back to the next Parish Council with costings and other findings.

Report from Derwen College- There was no report.

Smartwater- Cllr Mrs S Richards stated that approximately one hundred kits were registered and distributed at the Village Fete in September. There were many more which needed to be distributed. Parishioners did not need to request a smart water kit. These would be distributed over the next couple of months.

Baschurch Junior Football Club.

The new Chairman of the Junior Football Club, Mr Chris Williams was in attendance. He stated the Club was progressing from strength to strength and very well supported. There

were now approximately 300 children and parents involved. There was five teams and a Saturday morning club which were very well supported. The Club had just introduced Goal Keeper coaching and a girl's football team. He stated the Committee were very keen to expand the club but were in need of funding to do this. There had been a problem with the container on the football field which now needs to be replaced to safeguard football equipment. The football club would look into costings to replace it and forward details to Parish Council for consideration for some funding. There was also a need for "No dogs" signs on the football field. It was discussed and agreed that perhaps the children at Baschurch Primary School would be asked to design some posters. Cllr M Feline and B Welti would attend the school and look into this and report back to the Council Meeting.

A tenancy agreement was discussed and proposed by Cllr Mrs S Richards and seconded by Cllr D Sharpe and passed with one abstention. The rent for future year was to be discussed by Finance & General Purposes Committee. Mr Williams was thanked for his attendance and valuable information he had given.

## 157/2021 REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL

Councillor Nick Bardsley reported as follows:

### **1 Multi Agency Group – Traffic Regulation Order for Eyton Lane and Newtown**

After increasingly desperate emails from me, I have finally been informed (this afternoon) that the TRO has been confirmed - without any changes from the draft approved in June. We lost the opportunity to have everything in place for the start of term in September and I fear I shall be told that the work now can't be carried out during the Half Term break, the last week of October.

That means that the TRO will effectively be in force only in January 2022.

The Parish Council's EOI for CIL funded road safety measures was submitted to Shropshire Council in January 2020 - two years ago.

### **2 Other Highways matters - Dove Court, drainage etc**

Consistently with a number of previous meetings, I have nothing to report. I'm afraid Council officers simply don't answer emails or it seems deal with issues raised by Parish Councillors, or by me.

This is frustrating and most unsatisfactory.

Some of you will have met Cllr Dean Carroll in recent months while he was Cabinet Member for Adult Services and he was consulting with us over the planned developments at Greenacres Farm, Fenemere.

He has very recently been appointed as Cabinet Member for Highways. I suggest that the Parish Council invites him to our next meeting on November 1st.

### **3 Planning Application 21/02318/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 sent a reminder, of course, pointing out that I had had no response to my original email and they have responded that the report had been updated as follows:

*“The Parish Council are of a contrary view to officers. At the draft agenda setting meeting on the 19th July 2021 the Committee Chair and Vice Chair both agreed that taking into account the findings within the officers report, the application can be proceeded with under delegated powers.”*

Due to the nature of the objections and the objection from the Parish Council, I can confirm that the application was put to the Chair and Vice chair of the Planning Committee on 19th July 2021 where it was decided that the application could be proceeded with under delegated powers.

#### **4 Hedges**

I'm pleased to see, after considerable pressure from individuals, from Parish Councillors, from your Clerk and from me, that the foot way along Station Road is very much easier to use.

Other pavements in the Parish are still overgrown. The first port of call remains with the adjoining landowner (the hedge) and thereafter pressure on the Environmental Maintenance team at the Park Hall depot.

It is Shropshire Council's responsibility to clear the footway itself.

#### **5 Adcote Mill Bridge**

The work has now been postponed until the summer of 2022.

The Parish Council agreed to invite Cllr Dean Carroll to one of the next Parish Council Meetings

#### **158/2021 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021**

Cllr T Feltus proposed and Cllr M Feline seconded that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021. This was confirmed as a true and correct record and agreed by and signed by the Chairman with one abstention.

#### **159/2021 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021, NOT ITEMISED ON THE AGENDA**

There was none.

#### **160/2021 MINUTES OF THE ADDITIONAL PLANNING MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021**

Cllr D Sharpe proposed and Cllr A Woodthorpe seconded that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021. This was confirmed as a true and correct record and agreed by and signed by the Chairman with three abstentions.

#### **161/2021 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ADDITIONAL PLANNING MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021, NOT ITEMISED ON THE AGENDA**

There was none.

## 162/2021 PLANNING

### Planning Applications to be considered

- (a) 21/04455/FUL- Formation of additional hardstanding in association with the Equine Clinic at Fyrnwy Equine Clinic, Whitmore Lane, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

*The Chairman outlined the details of the application and after some discussion Cllr B Welti proposed that the Council support the application as the Parish Council is supportive of development of commercial enterprise and provision of employment in the rural area. It was seconded by Cllr M Feline and passed with one against. Shropshire Council to be informed.*

### Any planning applications received since 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021 or any other planning issues.

There was none

### Planning Permission Granted

- 21/03643/FUL- Erection of a porch to side of existing dwelling at Canal Cottage, Pennyrush, Weston Lullingfields, Shrewsbury, Shropshire
- 21/03913/FUL- Erection of single storey extension following demolition of existing at Rose Cottage, Yeaton, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire
- 21/03469/FUL- Erection of a conservatory at Wykey Lodge, Stanwardine Lane, Wykey, Nr Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

### Planning Permission Withdrawn

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

## 163/2021 RIGHTS OF WAY

Cllr Mrs G Tomlins was not in attendance but had reported three kissing gates had been put in on Mr. Slaters land which has been an improvement and the path along by the railway will be getting some attention in near future.

## 164/2021 VACANCY FOR CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

The Clerk stated one application had been received from Mrs Doris Bickley, Meadowvale, Stanwardine in the Fields, Nr. Baschurch. She had forwarded details why she wished to be considered as a Parish Councillor which had been circulated to all Councillors. Cllr A Woodthorpe proposed and Cllr M Feline seconded Mrs Bickley as a suitable candidate which was agreed by all. She was duly co-opted and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office which was countersigned by the Clerk.

## 165/2021 HIGHWAYS AND STREET LIGHTING

- (a) Nobold -Footpath or pavement along Nobold had been requested to be looked into by a local resident. After some discussion relating to financial costs, rural identity traffic and speeding of vehicles it was agreed to investigate this further by forwarding it to be discussed at the next Baschurch Multi Group Liaison Meeting.

- (b) Gully Drains at Walford- An e mail had been received from a local resident stating that there is a flooding issue with the drains at Walford. It is getting more dangerous as the evenings get darker. *Resolved:* Clerk to contact Shropshire Council
- (c) Pavements in Village - An e mail had been received from a daughter of an elderly resident living at Millington Close who was concerned that the verges were creeping across the pavements making them very narrow in Church Road in the vicinity of Millington Close causing pedestrians to walk out into the road *Resolved:* Clerk to contact Shropshire Council
- (d) Prescott, Baschurch - A letter had been received from a resident living in Prescott who was concerned that the loose manhole cover was loose outside the “Cedars” Prescott, Shropshire Council had repaired this but it had already become loose again. *Resolved:* Clerk to contact Shropshire Council

166/2021 VILLAGE GREEN

Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen was still trying to contact the Tree Officer for advice on work to be done on the Trees on the Village Green.

167/2021 BADGERS WAY PLAY AREA

There was nothing to report.

168/2021 CEMETERY

There was nothing to report.

169/2021 FINANCES

- (a) Cheques for Approval – The following cheques totalling £3485.58 (which includes VAT) were put forward for approval. These were proposed by Cllr T Feltus and seconded by Cllr B Welti and agreed by all.

003221	Scottish Power	259.40
003222	P. Birch Contracting Ltd (General Maintenance)	229.37
003223	P. Birch Contracting Ltd (Cemetery)	568.02
003224	A Howls Salary-September	1089.68
003225	Inland Revenue –September	373.18
003226	P G Skips Ltd	53.20
003227	A Howls Expenses /Stationary September	77.53
003228	PKF Littlejohn- External Auditor	480.00
003229	Highline Electrical (July/Aug/Sept)	355.20

*Resolved:* Payment of the cheques was approved.

- (b) Other items of expenditure for consideration

None.

170/2021 CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Bridleways and Footpaths – An e mail had been received from a local resident who wished to contact a couple of farmers to see if they would consider opening a couple of short Permissive Bridleways/Footpaths particularly in areas where PGL traffic and other traffic is particularly busy. *Resolved* This had been circulated to Councillors and was a matter for Shropshire Council to deal with. Cllr Mrs G Tomlins to reply on behalf of Parish Council.
- (b) Footpaths around the Village- An e mail had been received from a local resident informing the Council that they have been trying to walk the footpaths around the village but had noticed that a number marked on the OS footpath map for the area are either blocked off with barb-wired gates, marked with 'Private, No Entry' signs or have become very overgrown. Have footpath closures been made in the area? *Resolved:* Cllr Mrs Tomlins to reply as she deals with Rights Of Way issues on behalf of Parish Council
- (c) Gully Drains at Walford- An e mail had been received from a local resident stating that there is a flooding issue with the drains at Walford. It is getting more dangerous as the evenings get darker.

171/2021 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 10.05pm. The next regular Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 at 7.30pm at Baschurch Village Hall.

Signed.....

Dated 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021