

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2021

Present: Councillors Mrs S Richards (Chairman)
A Woodthorpe
T Feltus
M Feline
B Welti
D Sharpe
Mrs W Lowdon
J H Lloyd
Mrs G Tomlins
Mrs D Bickley
Cllr N Bardsley Shropshire Council
Mrs A Howls Clerk.
No members of the public

The Parish Council Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

172/2021 **APOLOGIES** - Cllr S Gregory & Mrs A P R Budgen

173/2021 **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

174/2021 **PERSONAL SAFETY & DEALING WITH ABUSIVE BEHAVIOUR**

The Chairman stated that she felt Councillors and the Clerk should not suffer any abuse from the public either in or outside the meetings. After discussion with Councillors it was agreed that the wording should be put together and a copy forwarded to Councillors for agreement. This should then be displayed on the agenda before each meeting and also on the web site.

175/2021 **COMMUNITY REPORT& PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Cllr Mrs D Bickley stated that there was an open cess pit on land in Stanwardine which was owned by Shropshire Council. It was concealed amongst vegetation on the land between Pool Cottage and Plum Tree Cottage. There is a six foot wire fence around the piece of land but the five bar gate is open giving easy access to the site. Clerk to contact Shropshire Council.

176/2021 **REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL**

Councillor Nick Bardsley reported as follows:

1. Local Plan Review

More information has very recently been published. The link to all the details is:

Communication with the two inspectors is via the programme Officer, Julie M Ruler. She will in due course publish a time table and further details of the process to be followed. Her contact details are: E mail: programme.officer@shropshire.gov.uk
Tel No 01743 254681

2. Multi Agency Group – Traffic Regulation Order for Eyton Lane and Newtown

As I feared the work to put the Traffic Regulation Order in place, road markings, signage etc has NOT been undertaken during the half term break, so the earliest date for it to start will be December 20th. This is very close indeed to the Christmas break and schools are back on January 4th. There is of course a risk of bad weather, not unusual at that time of year!

At best the Traffic Regulation Order 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.

As ever, my task is made very much more difficult because officers do not generally respond to e mails!

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.

Following the discussion at the October meeting of the Parish Council I have written again to officers pointing out what still appears to me a significant omission (consultation with the Local member, me) in the process followed.

4. Hedges

Some cutting back of hedges by landowners has taken place during October but there are still lengths of pavement that are difficult to navigate on foot, especially with a pram or push chair.

Particular concerns have been raised about a length of footway on the west side of Shrewsbury Road opposite the entrance to the Wheatland's. I have spoken to Mr Timmis myself. His hedge contractor has been instructed but it may be a week or two before the work at this location is completed.

As hedge cutting work is not to be started each year until the beginning of October contractors are consequently extremely busy at this time of year!

5. Planning Enforcement

I have recently attended a briefing session on enforcement and (as a substitute Member) the Place Scrutiny Committee which discussed the issue at some length.

Officers recognise that this is an important matter for Shropshire Councillors-but also for Town and Parish Councils and the local community.

I welcome the attention now being given to enforcement, and the additional staff now employed in this part of the service. I'm hopeful that much more resolute and timely action will be taken from now on, particularly in ensuring compliance with conditions attached *to the grant of permissions*.

6. Greenacres, Fenemere Lane

I'm concerned as in I'm sure Parish Councillors will be, that these applications are fully considered at the Northern Planning Committee and not delegated to Officers. Although it can be argued that the scheme of delegation allows decisions by Officers in this instance, common sense suggests that members of the Planning Committee should be able to hear for themselves the concerns of local residents, Parish Councillors and myself.

I have written formally to the case officer and lobbied both the new Cabinet Member, Cllr Simon Jones and the Committee Chair, Paul Wynn.

176/2021 (Cont'd)

Cllr N Bardsley asked the Chairman if she would contact Cllr Ed Potter to attend a future Parish Council Meeting as he was now the Portfolio holder for Planning Issues replacing Cllr Dean Carroll. Although there had been no reply from Cllr Carroll, he was now portfolio holder for Highway issues and felt he needed to be requested to attend a meeting to discuss Dove Court issues.

177/2021 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4th OCTOBER 2021

Cllr T Feltus proposed and Cllr M Feline seconded that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4th October 2021. This was confirmed as a true and correct record and agreed by and signed by the Chairman with one abstention.

178/2021 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4th OCTOBER 2021, NOT ITEMISED ON THE AGENDA

Stanwardine Notice Board- [Minute 156/2021 refers] Mrs D Bickley gave Councillors an update as to her enquiries as to where the notice board should be sited. She had contacted the Harris Trust as to the charge for placing the noticeboard on their land in a different part of the village. It was understood that there would be a charge. No decision was made as to where it could be situated. Cllr D Sharpe proposed to explore the option of moving the noticeboard at the current site to a different position to correct its site according to health and safety issues. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs G Tomlins and agreed by all. After some discussion it was agreed that a meeting be held in Stanwardine with the Cllr D Bickley, the Clerk and Paul Birch to consider this proposition and report back to the next Parish Council Meeting.

Smartwater- [Minute 157/2021& 178/021 refers] Cllr B Welti Cllr Mrs S Richards stated that approximately one thousand letters had been Printed to be distributed and kits registered over the next couple of months.

Gully Drains at Walford- [Minute 165/2021(b) refers] 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. The Clerk had been informed by Highways Department, Shropshire Council that the drains were to be cleaned in the near future

179/2021 PLANNING

Planning Applications to be considered

- (a) 21/04680/FUL- Erection of a single storey rear extension to provide disabled adaptations at 32 The Wheatland's, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire

The Chairman outlined the details of the application and after some discussion she proposed that the Council support the application which was seconded by Cllr A Woodthorpe and agreed by all. Shropshire Council to be informed.

- (b) 21/04801/FUL- Retention of demountable building for use as children's nursery and education use at Bojangles Nursery, Walford and North Shropshire College, Walford Heath, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

The Chairman outlined the details of the application and after some discussion she proposed that the Council support the application which was seconded by Cllr M Feline and agreed by all. Shropshire Council to be informed.

- (c) 21/04842/FUL- Erection of detached building to provide further domestic living accommodation together with stores and garage ancillary to the main dwelling at land SW of 8 to 9 Church Road, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

The Chairman outlined the details of the application and after some discussion she proposed that the Council support the application which was seconded by Cllr T Feltus and agreed by all. Shropshire Council to be informed.

Any planning applications received since 26th October 2021 or any other planning issues.

The Chairman stated that Shingler's Homes were looking to progress phase 3 of the work Programme at Station Road and set land aside for Station Road Car Park which could assist in the re-opening of the railway station at some later date. They will be submitting a pre application shortly.

Planning Permission Granted

- 21/00666/FUL- Erection of thirty four dwellings and six workshops with associated access onto Station Road with open space areas (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.
- 21/04159/FUL- Erection of a detached garden office (resubmission) at Old Farm Cottage, Prescott Road, Prescott, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.
- 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, Shropshire.

180/2021 RIGHTS OF WAY

Cllr Mrs G Tomlins reported that the broken stile on James Way, Baschurch has been replaced with a kissing gate which should make it a lot easier for residents to use. She also requested that the Clerk contact Mr Glyn Davies re consideration to be given for a permissive footpath to be made on his land between Walford and Baschurch.

An e mail had been received from a local resident in Stanwardine who was interested in utilising the piece of derelict land between Plum Tree Cottage and Pool Cottage, Stanwardine. The intention of the local residents is to re-wild the area planting trees and wild flowers to encourage wildlife into the village. The piece of land belongs to Shropshire Council and local resident informed to contact their estates department to discuss the matter.

181/2021 HIGHWAYS AND STREET LIGHTING

- (a) Temporary Road Closure- Kings Road North, Baschurch from Monday 13th December 2021 until Friday 17th December 2021for Severn Trent Water connection work and small length of 28mtr of new water main, backfill, reinstate and site clear.
- (b) Temporary road closure –Church Road, Baschurch from 29th November 2021 until 17th December 2021 for Severn Trent replacement of existing 3 in AC water main with approx. 248m of new 90mm MDPE water pipe, connections and associated fittings, renew 17 property service supply pipes. Backfill, reinstate and clear site
- (c) Temporary road closure –Prescott Roundabout to Nobold on Sunday 14th November 2021 from 10.30am to 10.50am. Closure of all roads surrounding All Saints Church from 10.30am until 12 noon for Remembrance Day Service to be held outside at the War Memorial, Church Road, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

182/2021 BADGERS WAY PLAY AREA

183/2021 FINANCES

- (a) Cheques for Approval – The following cheques totalling £15,250.04 (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.

003230	Scottish Power	250.98
003231	Weston Lullingfields V Hall Donation	5,000.00
003232	Smartwater Kits	7,327.80
003233	P. Birch Contracting Ltd (General Maintenance)	568.02
003234	P. Birch Contracting Ltd (Cemetery)	229.37
003235	A Howls Salary-October	1089.68
003236	Inland Revenue -October	373.18
003237	P G Skips Ltd	42.56
003238	A Howls Expenses- October	20.22
003239	P Birch –Erecting Noticeboards in Parish	200.00
003240	Mrs S Richards (Smartwater & Covid equipment Expenses)	78.23
003241	Weston Lullingfields V Hall- December meeting	70.00

Resolved: Payment of the cheques was approved.

- (b) Other items of expenditure for consideration

Baschurch Junior Football Club

An e mail had been received from the Treasurer of Baschurch Junior Football Club requesting consideration be given to discuss the purchase of a container for the Football Club. He had forwarded a quotation for information of Councillors.

The Chairman informed Councillors that they could use grant money from the erection of the mast on the recreation ground for this project. She proposed that the container be purchased by Parish Council for the sole use of the Baschurch Football Club. This would be dealt with by the Finance & General Purposes Committee and final details to be agreed by a full Parish Council at their meeting in December.

- (c) To fix a date for the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

The date agreed was Monday 15 the November 2021 at 7.30pm.

184/2021 CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Weston Lullingfields Village Hall – An e mail had been received from the Treasurer from the Village Hall Committee thanking the Parish Council for their grant of financial support. It was very much appreciated.
- (b) SALC - The Agenda for the Annual General Meeting to be held on Friday 19th November 2021 at 7.30pm by Zoom had been received and circulated to all Councillors

185/2021 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.15pm. The next regular Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 6th December 2021 at 7.30pm at Weston Lullingfields Village Hall.

Signed.....

Dated 6th December 2021