

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022**  
**AT BASCHURCH VILLAGE HALL.**

**Present:** Councillors B Welti (Chairman)  
A Woodthorpe  
Mrs G Tomlins  
R Thomas  
Mrs A P R Budgen  
M Feline  
D Sharpe  
Mrs W Lowdon  
Cllr N Bardsley Shropshire Council  
Mrs A Howls Clerk.  
Four members of the public

The Parish Council Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

82/2022 **APOLOGIES** - Cllrs J H Lloyd & T Feltus

83/2022 **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.

84/2022 **Local Government Act 1972-** Members to consider a resolution under sec 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972 that the public be excluded from the meeting for item 18 on the Agenda on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by provisions of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) to the Act (as amended) by virtue of the paragraph specified against them. This was proposed by Cllr Mrs G Tomlins and seconded by Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen and agreed by all.

85/2022 **COMMUNITY REPORT& PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

A member of the public discussed issues in relation to the proposed railway re opening. This would be discussed further with the public at the Public Meeting to be held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

Two representatives from Baschurch Tennis Club attended the Meeting and put forward reasons for consideration to be given by the Parish for a grant to be given to them towards LED Floodlighting for the Club which was needed. The Chairman thanked them for their attendance and information given and stated that the Parish Council would discuss it later under finances.

8.00pm Cllr D Sharpe arrived at the meeting.

86/2022 **REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL**

Councillor Nick Bardsley reported as follows:

**Planning**

Cllr E Potter (Cabinet Member for Planning & Deputy Leader), senior representatives from Shingler's, Parish Councillors and I were in Baschurch on May 4<sup>th</sup>. It was a successful

Meeting on site which was followed by meetings of a new action group/working party later in the month and a meeting at Shingler's HQ in Myddle with Jeremy Shingler, Sarah Richards, the Vice Chair and myself. There is another meeting of the working group on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June.

The public meeting will be on July 15<sup>th</sup> in the Corbett School Hall. There is an impressive list of VIP's committed to attending.

There is a great deal to be done before July 15<sup>th</sup>, notably securing the attendance (and support) of Cabinet Members. I hope to have a preliminary briefing session with Cllr Ed Potter and Ian Nellins before or after Cabinet on Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup>. Council Officers are, I fear still indicating an inflexible approach to Shingler's anticipated planning application.

#### Shropshire Local Plan Examination.

The draft Local Plan submitted by SC last year is now at the critical stage of public examination. Stage 1 is due to begin next month. Parish Councillors are familiar with my concerns about policies in the Plan relating to

- the supply of Affordable Housing
- Exception Sites

The Parish Council is of the same view, I believe. A statement has been submitted by your Clerk. I have also made a submission which you have received a copy of.

#### Highways

##### **Dove Court**

I understand that Mark Wootton is preparing a briefing note for the Parish Council. I fear It will not be available for this month's meeting.

##### Multi Agency Group

Unfortunately the Parish Council was not represented at the March meeting of the Group when there was a significant discussion about how best to tackle the serious issue of moving the existing pedestrian crossing and how to alleviate road safety issues in Nobold.

I need to arrange a follow up meeting of the Group. This really needs to be next month. Parish Councillors will I am sure wish to reach a view on both these issues.

##### Replacement surgery/ new Medical Centre and Place Plan priorities

There appears to be no firm view from the Partners at the Group Practice as to how best to proceed. The Parish Council's very generous offer to meet the cost of preparing a business case has not been accepted, or declined.

There is the opportunity to reassess the Parish Council's priorities in a review of these, preferably in conjunction with the appropriate Place Plan Officer, Mathew Mead.

##### Unauthorised notice board on Highway land at Stanwardine in the Fields

The Highways Maintenance Manager for Shropshire Council at the Park Hall depot has written to a local resident asking that the notice board be removed.

The Chairman stated the noticeboard had not been removed and asked Cllr N Bardsley to look into this further with Shropshire Council.

88/2022 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2022, NOT ITEMISED ON THE AGENDA

There was none.

89/2022 PLANNING

8.10pm Cllr B Welti handed over the planning applications to be dealt with by the Vice Chairman Cllr A Woodthorpe.

- (a) 22/01909/FUL – Erection of single storey extension, first floor extension and remodelling works including conversion of the integral garage, external render and cladding and installation of new windows at Abbotsford House, Nobold, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

*Cllr A Woodthorpe outlined the application and after some discussion Cllr A Woodthorpe proposed to object to the application as follows*

*“The house has been considerably extended over its life already and the proposed extensions, on three sides of the property will radically change both its appearance and its size, Therefore the Council believe the application is over development.*

*The house at present is of a typical 2006 design of red brick and windows of that period. It is proposed to radically alter the appearance to very much a 2022 look, with single pane rectangular windows and the walls being clad with white render timber cladding. One questions if this is an appropriate design on the edge of a conservation area and of a radically different look to all surrounding houses. There are concerns about the size of the window proposed on the South East Elevation as directly overlooks the neighbouring house.*

*It is also noted that it is proposed to build a garage at the entrance where access to it by car would be difficult” This was seconded by Cllr .M Feline and agreed by all. Shropshire Council to be informed*

- (b) 22/02297/FUL- Erection of single storey extensions to front and rear and new pedestrian access at The Chestnuts, Church Road, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

*Cllr A Woodthorpe outlined the application and after some discussion he proposed to support the application. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs G Tomlins and agreed by all. Shropshire Council to be informed.*

- (c) 22/02313/TCA- Crown lift to approximately 5m and prune back to fence line one Ash overhanging boundary, reduce 2 overextended limbs to prevent failure of one Pine (T2) & reduce by approximately 30%. one Cherry (T3) within Baschurch Centre Conservation Area at Petersfield, Church Road, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

*Cllr A Woodthorpe outlined the application and after some discussion Cllr A Woodthorpe proposed to support the application as long as the Tree Preservation Officer is in agreement. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen and agreed by all. Shropshire Council to be informed.*

- (d) 22/02314TCA -Crown Lift approx. 5m and prevent overhanging branches of group of Sycamore within Baschurch Conservation Area at Fife House, Church Road, Baschurch, Shropshire.

*Cllr A Woodthorpe outlined the application and after some discussion he proposed to support the application as long as the Tree Preservation Officer is in agreement. It is noted that the application is not clear as to how many trees are in the group. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs W Lowdon and passed. Shropshire Council to be informed.*

Any planning applications received since 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022 or any other planning issues.

22/02255/FUL- Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the extension of existing commercial use to include additional three aggregate bays, outside storage of bricks, pallets and digger buckets, retention of existing caravan for daytime staff welfare, Provision of six skip bays, parking of agricultural equipment, plant and machinery, siting of toilet block, provision of screening area for soil/rubble, six parking bays for HGV'S/plant, construction of 2.5m soil screening bund at Commercial Unit , Ruyton Road, Baschurch, Shropshire

*Councillors discussed the application and Cllr A Woodthorpe proposed to object to the application on the following grounds:*

*Whilst noting this is a small business which employs 3 people, of which we would ordinarily support an application of this type, the fact is they are seeking to in effect seek retrospective permission for a clear breach of planning from the decision made in 2008.*

*Shropshire County Council reference MN2008/1196/NS clearly outlines 26 conditions relating to planning permission granted in 2008. Baschurch Parish Council feel a number of those conditions have not been complied with and ask that Shropshire Council investigate further before making a decision.*

*Baschurch Parish Council objections are detailed below.*

*Condition 3 has clearly been breached as the aerial photos in the planning submission show that the approved Site boundaries were not respected. This site is now approximately double the size for which planning permission was given, so this agricultural land in open countryside has been over developed. Furthermore, the hardstanding to the north of the site (which is outside the site boundary) is frequently used for waste materials currently it has several piles of soil / rubble plus an old large trailer, all providing a negative visual impact.*

*Condition 7 -Baschurch Parish Council has had anecdotal feedback that the hours of operation have sometimes been exceeded, thus noise and disturbance have been beyond those expected in this condition.*

*Condition 8 -there seems to be an accumulation of old white goods and old vehicles on site which is prohibited under this condition which appears to fall under hazardous materials.*

*Condition 10 - Baschurch Parish Council has had feedback from residents that burning of waste materials at or near the site has occasionally occurred which as well as being potentially hazardous, also creates unpleasant smells.*

*Baschurch Parish Council suggest better natural screening such as hedging should the application be approved. That is likely to be more visually acceptable and also prevent further creep development.*

*Baschurch Parish Council are also aware of static caravan and large chalet on the site for which we can see no planning permission has been granted Baschurch Parish Council do not have the expertise to check all other conditions in MN2008/1196/NS have been adhered to, but recommend that Shropshire Council undertake their due diligence to check adherence before making a decision.*

*Baschurch Parish Council are concerned this small business has grown into a much larger enterprise with a creation of a brown field site. Baschurch Parish Council urge Shropshire Council to provide a similar list of conditions to 2008 should this application be granted, but this time respectfully suggest that they are followed up.*

*This was seconded by Cllr M Feline and passed with two abstentions. Shropshire Council to be informed.*

**Planning Permission Granted**

- 22/00757/FUL- Erection of ground floor and first floor extension and relocation of existing prefabricated garage (revised scheme) at Ivy Patch, Prescott Road, Prescott, Baschurch, Shropshire.
- 22/00915/FUL- Erection of an agricultural building to house livestock at The Rise, Petton Lane, Weston Lullingfields, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

**Planning Permission Refused**

- 22/01204/FUL- Installation of roof mounted solar panels to existing garage, erection of garden building with solar panels at Bank House, Walford Heath, Shrewsbury, Shropshire

**Planning Permission Withdrawn**

- 22/01670/ADV- Erect and display four sponsorship signs placed on the roundabout at junction B5067 and Perryfield Road, Prescott, Baschurch, Shrewsbury Shropshire.

**90/2022 ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SUB-COMMITTEES FOR 2022/23**

Councillors discussed all sub committees and representatives and decided to alter the committees. These are now committees as below and this was deferred until the next meeting to put in place representatives.

- a) Finance and General Purposes Committee (combining Community Infrastructure Levy Sub Committee) -
- b) Cemetery & Cemetery Management
- c) Amenity Green Spaces – (combining Cemetery planting, Toddlers Playground, & Recreation Ground)
- d) Rights of Way –(combining Highways & Street Lighting)
- e) Neighbourhood Planning Task & Finish Group
- f) Planning Committee All Councillors & Sub Committee

**Election of Other Representatives**

- a) Tree Warden/Snow Warden
- b) SALC Representatives -
- c) Baschurch Village Hall Representative
- d) Baschurch Allotments Association -
- e) Housing Associations -
- f) Baschurch Multi Agency Group -
- g) Prescott Surgery Development Group -
- h) ABP Liaison Group -
- i) Helicopter Liaison Group -
- j) Walford College Liaison -
- k) Railway Station Re-opening -
- l) Safety, Security & Technology (inc VAS & CCTV)

91/2022 SHROPSHIRE LOCAL PLAN

The Clerk had forwarded details for consideration by the Planning Inspectorate.

92/2022 VACANCY - PARISH COUNCILLOR (CO-OPTIONS)

The Clerk stated that the two vacancies had been advertised by Shropshire Council and no one had come forward for an election to be called, therefore the Parish Council could co-opt two Councillors. She would now advertise for the co-options which could be considered at the next Parish Council Meeting.

93/2022 HIGHWAYS AND STREET LIGHTING

- (a) Street Naming from Shropshire - This was dealt with by Shropshire Council before the date of the Parish Council Meeting.

94/2022 BADGERS WAY PLAY /WHEATLANDS PLAY AREA

There was nothing to report in respect of Badgers Way Play area but concerning Wheatland's Play area details of the quote for repairs to play equipment had been received and agreed by the Baschurch Playground Trust with the cost being £650.00 plus VAT. We are awaiting the contractor to start the work.

95/2022 RAILWAY STATION UPDATE

The Chairman, stated that there would be a working group meeting to be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

96/2022 TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT OF BASCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2022.

The Clerk submitted the accounts for Baschurch Parish Council for the year ending 31st March 2022. The Annual Governance Statement of Assurance had been fully explained by the Clerk previously and was agreed and proposed by Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen and seconded by Cllr A Woodthorpe and passed by all present. The Chairman and Clerk then both signed the Annual Governance Statement of Assurance.

97/2022 TO ADOPT THE AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2022.

The Clerk submitted the statement of accounts and balance sheet for the year ending 31st March 2022. The adoption of the Accounts was agreed and proposed by Cllr Mrs W Lowdon and seconded by Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen 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.

98/2022 FINANCES

- (a) Cheques for Approval - The following cheques totalling £ 3365.33 (which includes VAT) were put forward for approval. These were proposed by Cllr W Lowdon and seconded by Cllr A Woodthorpe and agreed by all.

003306	Scottish Power	334.92
003307	P. Birch Contracting Ltd (General Maintenance)	674.46
003308	P. Birch Contracting Ltd (Cemetery)	264.30
003309	A Howls Salary-May	1,138.20
003310	Inland Revenue-April	400.10
003311	P G Skips Ltd	55.85
003312	B Townson- Internal Audit.	150.00
003313	Highline Electrical Ltd	277.50
003314	Weston Lullingfields V Hall Rental	70.00

*Resolved:* Payment of the cheques was approved.

(b) **Other items of expenditure for consideration**

Baschurch Tennis Club- LED Floodlighting.

An e mail had been received from Baschurch Tennis Club for consideration to be given for a grant towards LED Floodlighting for their Club. Councillors discussed this and it was proposed by Cllr A Woodthorpe that although the Council agreed in principal with the request and would have liked to support the request but as no one knew who owned the land that the Tennis Club used they could not provide any funding. This was seconded by Cllr M Feline and agreed by all.

The Council decided to set up a fund for local clubs/societies to make bids for at some future time but they must have clarification as to ownership of land and would need to provide the Parish Council with up to date accounts and analysis of membership.

99/2022 **CONFIDENTIAL STAFF MATTER**

This was dealt with under exempt minutes.

100/2022 **CORRESPONDENCE** -.

- (a) E mail from resident of Baschurch requesting information from Parish Council in relation to possible re opening of Baschurch Railway Station.(Reply sent by Clerk)
- (b) E mail from resident of Baschurch in relation to the Play area at the Wheatlands.  
(Reply sent by Clerk)
- (c) E mail from local resident re possible funding for Baschurch Tennis Club.(Dealt with at item Item 98/2022 (b))
- (d) E mail from local resident in relation to planting of trees in the Parish. This would be looked into at the next Parish Council Meeting.

101/2022 **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 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 7.30pm at Weston Lullingfields Village Hall.

Signed.....

Dated 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022