

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2023
AT BASCHURCH VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors B Welti, (Chair)
A Woodthorpe (Vice Chair)
Mrs G Tomlins
Mrs W Lowdon
R Thomas
R Jones
J H Lloyd
Cllr N Bardsley Shropshire Council
Mrs A Howls Clerk.
Two members of the public
Two Police Officers

The Parish Council Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

15/2023 **POLICE REPORT** – Police Constable Eve Barber and Tracey Walker Police Community Support Officer attended the Council Meeting and gave an update of crimes in the Parish and discussed any issues raised by Councillors. They both stated that they would ensure patrols would be made in the area whenever possible.

16/2023 **Apologies** – Cllr D Sharpe, Cllr Mrs APR Budgen & Cllr M Feline

17/2023 **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]

Cllr B Welti declared an interest in item 22/2023(a) - 23/00239/FUL –Erection of a single storey rear extension at 1 Curlew Meadow, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

18/2023 **COMMUNITY REPORT& PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There was no report

19/2023 **REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL**

Councillor Nick Bardsley gave the following report:

Planning

Railway station for Baschurch

A concerted effort by everyone concerned, working together as a team- Parish Councillors, local residents and myself led to an excellent outcome, the unanimous support of the Northern Planning Committee on 10th January. Planning permission was approved. There is a complex s106 agreement to be agreed before the final decision can be issued. I shall be pressing for Parish Councillors and me to be consulted on this. I'm not guaranteeing that I will be successful!

There is a great deal of careful work to be undertaken- but this has already started. The next meeting of the project group is scheduled for February 13th.

Funding for the next phase is clearly important, as is the establishing of the project (over a number of planning documents) as a local priority not just for Baschurch but for neighbouring communities too.

I'm also very pleased to see that the new housing development will contribute a significant addition to the stock of affordable dwellings in Baschurch.

TC Homes Development- Ruyton Road, Application 21/03108/FUL

Planning permission and a comprehensive s106 Agreement were finally granted last November. Much more recently there has been an application to Discharge a number of very important conditions which must be met before the development can be started on site.

The Discharge has not been granted but the Developer is taking possession of the site on February 6th (Monday). I have been assured that this is *only so that the archaeological investigations can be undertaken*. Your Chair and I have been emphasising to officers that satisfying the conditions that *must be discharged* before development starts is crucial.

I'm very grateful to a number of local residents for their vigilance.

Application 22/04728/FUL Fenemere Lane Farm

After the failure of Planning Services officers again to follow proper procedures where the views of the Parish Council differ from Officer advice. I'm pleased to say that I was given the opportunity to express my views in support of the Parish Council. Despite this, the Chair and Vice Chair of the Northern Planning Committee decided that the decision should remain with Officers. The Application has been granted approval.

Application 21/04211/FUL: Greenacres Farm, Fenemere Lane: Supported Living Accommodation.

I feel sure that Parish Councillors and local residents are concerned to know when this development is likely to commence. The Northern Planning Committee approved the application on March 1st 2022, nearly a year ago. Consent and a "memorandum of understanding" were issued in mid-September 2022.

Highways

Dove Court

I was able to speak to Mark Wootton personally in Shirehall last month. Despite asking him to make sure that an update would be available to your February meeting, I'm afraid nothing has arrived, as yet. I have written to him over the weekend reminding him of the meeting tomorrow evening.

New Medical Centre

Parish Councillors have recognised for many years the pressing need for a replacement site and premises for the existing Prescott Surgery. The group Practice undertook a patient survey last year and the Partners themselves now appreciate the importance of making progress with the project.

19/2023 (Cont'd)

Your Chair has had a number of productive meetings recently. I myself had a very positive Meeting at the end of last month.

There are many obstacles still to be overcome but it is now clear that there is a most welcome commitment to resolve difficulties. The project will benefit a wide area locally extending well beyond our Parish boundaries.

20/2023 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9th JANUARY 2023

Cllr J H Lloyd proposed and Cllr Mrs G Tomlins seconded that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th January 2023. This was confirmed as a true and correct record and agreed with one abstention and signed by the Chairman.

21/2023 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9th JANUARY 2023, NOT ITEMISED ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

22/2023 PLANNING

- (a) 23/00239/FUL –Erection of a single storey rear extension at 1 Curlew Meadow, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

7.45pm Cllr B Welti left the meeting.

Cllr A Woodthorpe outlined the application and after some discussion he proposed to strongly object to this proposal. The proposed extension runs along the whole length of the garden and seems to double the ground floor living space, a clear case of over development. The garden would be reduced by half. The proposed extension will also abut the existing fence, in addition it will stand over the fence resulting in loss of amenity for the neighbouring property. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs G Tomlins and passed with one abstention. Shropshire Council to be informed.

7.55pm Cllr B Welti returned to the meeting

- (b) 23/00320/COU – Change of use of part of the existing forecourt to allow for vehicle sales at Newtown Garage, Newtown, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Cllr A Woodthorpe outlined the application and after some discussion he proposed to support this application providing officers can be satisfied that the reduction of space for parking of vehicles relating the vehicle repair and MOT business can still be accommodated on the same site. This was seconded by Cllr J H Lloyd and agreed by all. Shropshire Council to be informed.

Any planning applications received since 30th January 2023 or any other planning issues.

- (c) 23/00378/FUL- Erection of a single storey extension to the rear and erection of new car port and associated external works (revised scheme) at Rose Cottage, Prescott Road, Prescott, Baschurch, Shrewsbury

Cllr A Woodthorpe outlined the application and after some discussion he proposed to remain neutral on this application. Whilst an improvement on the previous application, do not feel that the issues with the previous applications have been fully addressed, whilst understanding that this property does require modernisation to make it a desirable home. We do note the plans will improve the parking at this property. Cllr J H Lloyd seconded the proposal and all were in agreement. Shropshire Council to be informed

Planning Permission Refused

- 22/05478/OUT- Outline planning application for the erection of a part two storey, part single storey dwelling to include means of access at Sandgate, Church Road, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

23/2023 CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR (BASCHURCH & WESTON LULLINGFIELD WARD)

The Clerk stated that no persons had come forward to apply to be considered for either ward.

24/2023 HIGHWAYS AND STREET LIGHTING

- (a) Telephone Kiosk at Shrewsbury Road at entrance to the Wheatlands. A Complaint had been received from a member of the public that the kiosk had been covered in graffiti. BT had been contacted and the kiosk had been cleaned.
- (b) Bus Stop – Station Road The Clerk had written to Shropshire Council asking them to consider placing a bus stop in the vicinity of the Fire Station as there was a need with so many new houses being built recently in that area. She had received a reply that the Council would look into the possibility and report back to the Parish Council.
- (c) Road Signage Cleaning- Clerk to look into making arrangements to have the road signs cleaned and obtain quotes.

25/2023 RAILWAY STATION -UPDATE

Cllr N Bardsley had given an update in his report.

26/2023 CEMETERY

Cllr J H Lloyd reported that the wicket gate from the car park into the Cemetery needed to be replaced. He had sought quotes for the work which he discussed with Councillors. It was proposed by Cllr B Welti that the gate be made of metal to match the front gates of the Cemetery on the Ruyton Road. The gate was to be replaced at a cost of approx. £1,000.00. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs W Lowdon and agreed by all present.

Cllr J H Lloyd had measured out the Cemetery and reported there was enough space for approx. 180-200 more burials.

26/2023 (Cont'd)

The double gates at the front of the Cemetery were being constantly left open and heavy vehicles attending the Farm shop were driving in by mistake which had caused several potholes in the Cemetery which needed attention. The Clerk stated she had received a complaint from a member of the public. *Resolved:* Paul Birch to be contacted to fill in potholes asap.

27/2023 KING CHARLES III CORONATION

To be discussed at the next meeting.

28/2023 BADGERS WAY PLAY /WHEATLANDS PLAY AREA

The Chairman, Cllr J H Lloyd, and the Clerk had attended both play areas and discussed the work which needed to be undertaken. Badgers Way Play area needed a lot of brambles and vegetation removed. A quote had been received for £250.00 to remove this which was proposed by Cllr J H Lloyd and seconded by Cllr B Welti and agreed by all. A new gate post was needed and the bark needed to be loosened.

There was work to be undertaken on the Wheatlands Play area where a gate was needed to be put in and new fence posts in several areas. Quotes were being looked into. The skate Park was also in need of attention. The firm had been contacted but had not attended as they had agreed to do. Further enquiries to be made.

29/2023 FINANCES

- (a) Cheques for Approval – The following cheques totalling £6550.85 (which includes VAT) were put forward for approval. These were proposed by Cllr A Woodthorpe and seconded by Cllr J H Lloyd and agreed by all.

003391	Smartwater	2415.00
003392	P. Birch Contracting Ltd (General Maintenance)	674.46
003392	P. Birch Contracting Ltd (Cemetery)	264.30
003393	A Howls Salary-January ***	2018.20
003394	Inland Revenue-January	763.04
003395	PG Skips Ltd	55.85
003396	J Hamlett -Cemetery spoils/Hedge Cutting in Parish	360.00
***	Pay includes Backpay from the NALC pay increase as from	
	1 st April 2022	

Resolved: Payment of the cheques was approved.

(b) Other items of expenditure for consideration

Doctors Surgery- Cllr B Welti gave an update relating to the surgery and set out some of the costs which would be involved in its re siting.

30/2023 CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence was dealt with in these minutes under their headings.

31/2023 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.05pm. The next regular Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 6th March 2023 at 7.30pm at Baschurch Village Hall.

Signed.....

Dated 6th March 2023