

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2023  
AT BASCHURCH VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors A Woodthorpe (Vice Chair)  
Mrs A P R Budgen  
Mrs G Tomlins  
Mrs W Lowdon  
R Thomas  
M Feline  
R Jones  
J H Lloyd  
Mrs A Howls Clerk.  
One members of the public

The Parish Council Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

50/2023 Apologies – Cllr D Sharpe, Cllr B Welti & Cllr N Bardsley Shropshire Council

51/2023 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]

There was none.

52/2023 COMMUNITY REPORT& PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There was no report

53/2023 REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL

Councillor Nick Bardsley had forwarded the following report:

Planning

Railway station for Baschurch

There have been a number of meetings led by the Vice Chair since your meeting last month. The priority remains to establish the project firmly in the development programmes of every appropriate public body.

There was a productive meeting with the Shropshire Council Deputy Leader, Cllr Ian Nellins on March 21<sup>st</sup> and with our MP on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

A number of Parish Councillors (and I) met last week on March 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Place Plan review and the Parish Council's priorities.

At your meeting this evening, if possible, the Council should seek formally to establish those priorities.

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

A number of the conditions attached to the formal Decision Notice (and which required Discharge before development commenced) were discharged wholly or in part on March 27<sup>th</sup> last week. Clearly the formal discharge did NOT take place before the start of the work- but I fear Planning Officers are unlikely to take any action on this point.

**Conditions that require approval before the development commences:**

**Condition 3 (set out below) has not been discharged**

*3 The applicant shall undertake the works shown on Plan 001-Proposed Off-site Highways Work which accompanies the submitted Technical Note, Supplementary Transport Statement Dated 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022. These works shall include:*

- a) Requirement to widen the footway from the adjacent housing site to the development access point.*
- b) Improve the pedestrian crossing point at the Cross Roads junction.*
- c) Extend the street lighting to accommodate the changes to the speed limit. The applicant shall undertake these works concurrently with the development. In addition the Section 106 agreement at the site shall require the application to seek to reduce the speed limit to 30mph in accordance with the submitted documentation.*

I am taking up this point with the case officer - but I am not optimistic that there will be much action taken. The wording of this condition is unfortunately ambiguous.

**New Medical Centre**

Cllr Lezley Picton and I met Dr Guilford on March 24<sup>th</sup>. The Partners have a funding proposal which seems reliant on a substantial input of public funding from the CIL Local Fund. Both she and I are doubtful if this is a practical proposition.

I pressed Dr Guilford to establish as soon as possible how much additional land might be required over and above that allocated in the SAM dev plan and the s.106 Agreement, which all parties agree is inadequate.

The Vice Chairman then stated there was a need for a couple of Councillors to work as links to the surgery when discussing the new Medical Centre. Cllr Mrs Wendy Lowdon and Matt Feline would act as link persons for the Parish Council. This was agreed by all Councillors present.

In respect of TC Homes Cllr Woodthorpe would enquire whether Tracey Darte would attend a Parish Council Meeting to discuss why the enforcement team discharged many conditions before they were implemented.

**54/2023 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023**

Cllr J H Lloyd proposed and Cllr M Feline seconded that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023. This was confirmed as a true and correct record and agreed and signed by the Vice Chairman.

**55/2023 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023, NOT ITEMISED ON THE AGENDA**

Social Media Presence {Minute 42/2023} Cllr M Feline reported that he was looking into this and would report back in near future. Cllr Woodthorpe suggested this be mentioned at the Annual Parish Meeting.

56/2023 **PLANNING**

(a) 23/01084/FUL - Erection of ground floor side extension incorporation garage in part and new roof configuration at Westlea, Prescott Road, Baschurch, Shrewsbury Shropshire.

*Cllr A Woodthorpe outlined the application and after some discussion he proposed to support this proposal. This seems to be a well thought out extension which will improve the street scene, appears to have little or no detriment to neighbouring properties and appears to be on a smaller scale to the recent extension on an adjacent property. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs G Tomlins and agreed by all. Shropshire Council to be informed.*

**Planning Permission Granted**

- 22/03752/FUL- Erection of 48 Dwellings across 3 Phases with Associated Access Roads, Parking and Landscaping, including Provision of Land for Train Station Car Park at Land adjacent to Melville House, Station Road, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.
- 23/00378/FUL- Erection of single storey extension to the rear and erection of new carport and associated external works (revised scheme) at Rose Cottage, Prescott Road, Prescott, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.
- 23/00320/COU- Change of use of part of the existing forecourt to allow for vehicle sales at Newtown Garage, Newtown, Baschurch Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

**Any planning applications received since 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023 or any other planning issues.**

**Place Plan.**

Cllr Woodthorpe reported that the Task and Finish group had held a meeting recently in respect of there being a need to urgently put the railway station and the Doctors surgery in the place plan. There had been support from Shropshire Councillor Ian Nellings and Dean Carrol from Shropshire Council. Meeting had been held recently with the local MP, Helen Morgan in respect to the re-opening of the railway station with an associated Transport plan incorporating buses and a link road which would serve a large community of parishioners from Baschurch and its surrounding Parishes. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Mathew Mead to put these two priorities in the Place Plan.

The Clerk was to enquire if Shropshire Association of Local Councils would assist the Parish Council in the complaint in respect of the Planning Dept.'s dealings with TC Homes.

57/2023 **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.

58/2023 **HIGHWAYS AND STREET LIGHTING**

- (a) Temporary Road Closure- Level Crossing Renewal at Station Road, Baschurch between 23.30hrs on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2023 and 05.20hrs Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023 for remedial works by Network Rail Infrastructure.
- (b) Signage – Cllr B Welti would look into the quotes for the signage cleaning in the village and would also add to it the cleaning of the bus shelters.

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- (c) Pedestrian Crossing – The position of the pedestrian crossing was discussed and after much discussion it was proposed by Cllr A Woodthorpe and seconded by Cllr R Jones that the crossing should be situated in a southerly direction towards Shrewsbury. The build out was also discussed at length and it was voted on and passed with two against to leave it where it is and not remove it. Details to be forwarded to Cllr Bardsley.
- (d) Baschurch CE Primary School. It had come to the Parish Council's notice that their football team was qualified to go to Wembley in late May to play in the EFL Kids Cup Final. **Resolved:** A letter to be sent by the Clerk to the school congratulating them.

59/2023 **BASCHURCH STATION GROUP-UPDATE**

No meeting had taken place recently but work was ongoing with the group as mentioned in Cllr Bardsley's report.

60/2023 **CEMETERY**

The Clerk stated she had received two complaints from members of the public that the double gates near the Farm Shop had been closed and locked and felt it was far safer to enter the Cemetery from this location than the front gates on the main road which did not give a clear view of visibility to oncoming traffic. Councillors discussed this and it was decided to unlock the gates and allow the public access when visiting the Cemetery.

61/2023 **KING CHARLES III CORONATION**

The Coronation was again discussed and it was proposed by Cllr W Lowdon and seconded by Cllr G Tomlins to purchase a King Charles III Commemorative Bench in purple as advertised which would be placed on the village Green.

62/2023 **BASCHURCH JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB**

Cllr M Feline stated the Football Club had some of its Officer's leave and new ones were being put in post. The tenancy agreement between Baschurch Parish Council and the Baschurch Junior Football Club had been circulated to members of Parish Council after being agreed by Junior Football Club. It was proposed by Cllr A Woodthorpe and seconded by Cllr Mrs G Tomlins to accept this and passed with one abstention.

63/2023 **BADGERS WAY PLAY /WHEATLANDS PLAY AREA**

There was nothing to report as work had been agreed to be carried out.

64/2023 **FINANCES**

- (a) **Cheques for Approval** – The following cheques totalling £2815.48 (which includes VAT) were put forward for approval. These were proposed by Cllr J H Lloyd and seconded by Cllr R Jones and agreed by all. **Resolved:** Payment of the cheques was approved.

003411	Information Commissioner – Data Protection Subs	40.00
003412	P. Birch Contracting Ltd (General Maintenance)	674.46
003413	P. Birch Contracting Ltd (Cemetery)	264.30
003414	A Howls Salary-March	1218.20
003415	Inland Revenue-March	425.04
003416	PG Skips Ltd	44.68
003417	Highline Electrical	118.80
003418	SALC- Cllr Lowdon Course	30.00

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(b) Other items of expenditure for consideration

Fencing Repairs at Wheatlands and Kings Drive Play areas.

After some discussion it was proposed by Cllr R Jones and seconded by Cllr J H Lloyd to accept a quote from Fencetree to carry out the work at these locations. This was voted on and agreed by all present.

Baschurch Junior Football Club.

An e mail had been received from the Secretary of the Baschurch Football Club writing to ask if the Parish Council would consider helping towards the cost of their annual presentation day, to be held in June in the Village Hall. The cost of trophies for the players will be in the region of £900 with additional costs such as the hire of the village hall etc taking it to over £1000 and anything towards these expenses would be much appreciated. Councillors discussed this and they agreed that they would not give a donation to this as it did not feel appropriate to give funding to the purchase of trophies. The Parish Council were already assisting the club with their amount of rent paid for the use of the football field.

65/2023 CORRESPONDENCE

An e mail had been received from a local resident who gave concern regarding the noise and other points in relation to the possible re opening of the railway station. The Vice Chairman had addressed the points in an e mail to them.

66/2023 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.45pm. The next regular Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7.30pm at Weston Lullingfields Village Hall.

Signed.....

Dated 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023