

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5th JUNE 2023
AT BASCHURCH VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors A Woodthorpe (Chair)
Mrs A P R Budgen
Mrs G Tomlins
Mrs W Lowdon
R Thomas
M Feline
R Jones
D Sharpe
B Welti
N Hancocks
Mrs A Howls Clerk.

Cllr N Bardsley Shropshire Council
No members of the public

The Parish Council Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

87/2023 Apologies - Cllrs J H Lloyd & Mrs C Weller

88/2023 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.

89/2023 COMMUNITY REPORT& PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There was no report

90/2023 REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL

Councillor Nick Bardsley gave the following report:

Railway station for Baschurch

I will contribute to the discussion on item 10 of this evening's agenda.

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

Your chair has suggested that there might be a productive discussion (informal) between him and Planning Officers, ideally Tracey Darke herself over the application (and crucially the enforcement) of conditions attached to the grant of planning applications.

I strongly support this initiative. Tracey attended recently, the Annual Parish Meeting in Ruyton XI Towns. She accepted that mistakes had been made in decisions made by her staff over an issue of enforcement in that Parish. She had reviewed the matter and effectively reversed the earlier decisions.

Parish Councillors present were very pleased with this constructive approach. A compromise has been reached. I'm hopeful that a retrospective planning application may go some way to mitigating the damage resulting from unauthorised development.

Infrastructure Levy. Item 8 on your Agenda

I believe that these proposals from Central Government will have a significant impact on Town and Parish Councils throughout Shropshire.

It might help for the Parish Council to see the proposed response by Shropshire Council. This is on the Agenda for Cabinet on Wednesday (8th) this week.

[Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Technical Consultation on the Proposed Infrastructure Levy. - Shropshire Council response PDF 422KB](#)

shropshiregov.uk/committee-services/documents/s34885/Appendix_1-Shropshire_Council_Response_Technical_Consultation_on_the_proposed_Infrastructure_Levy.pdf

There is much in the proposed response from SC with which the Parish Council might agree but some matters where I personally have considerable misgivings
It may be too late for the Council to formulate its own separate response, but this is certainly a set of proposals worth regular updates.

New Medical Centre

It is proving difficult to arrange a meeting with partners in the Group Practice. It may be that this will not take place until a lot later this month.

91/2023 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9th MAY 2023

Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen proposed and Cllr Mrs G Tomlins seconded that the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 9th May 2023. This was confirmed as a true and correct record and agreed and signed by the Chairman with two abstentions.

92/2023 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9th MAY 2023, NOT ITEMISED ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

93/2023 PLANNING

(a) 23/01909/FUL – Conversion of Office and agricultural buildings into one dwelling with associated access, parking, amenity area and connection to existing treatment plant drainage at Fenemere Manor, Fenemere, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Cllr M Feline outlined the application and after some discussion he proposed to give a neutral response to the proposal. The proposed dwelling will largely remain unaltered from an external perspective and converts largely storage-based space into practical living space. The proposed dwelling is in a fairly remote location where it is very unlikely the development would cause conflict with any neighbouring properties. The development is unlikely to cause any major significant additional traffic to access the property which could have also impacted the validity of the application as the roads to access the property are modest. The existing amenities can be used from the main property therefore no significant work is required to make the dwelling self-sufficient. The building materials should be sympathetic to the local area.

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Whilst the impact of the development is minimal it is largely unclear from the documentation what the purpose of the dwelling is to be which leads to some unanswered questions. Baschurch Parish Council cannot

support this application without fully understanding the direction of travel for this development to what seems like a stealth approach to getting a final desired state. This was seconded by Cllr A Woodthorpe and passed with one abstention. Shropshire Council to be informed.

Planning Permission Granted

- 23/00706/FUL- Erection of a rear and side extension to provide ground and first floor accommodation at 2 Lullas Way, Weston Lullingfields, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Planning Permission Refused

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

Any planning applications received since 29th May 2023 or any other planning issues.

Place Plan.

Mathew Mead, Shropshire Council Place Plan Officer, had agreed to meet Parish Councillors on Monday 12th June 2023 to discuss the addition of the proposal of the Railway Station and the Doctors Surgery. This was to be confirmed and the Finance & General Purposes subcommittee to attend to discuss this further and report back to Parish Council.

94/2023 INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

Cllr N Bardsley had mentioned this in his report and it was agreed by Councillors that CIL monies should stay locally and be of benefit to their residents. This was to be discussed further with Mathew Mead.

95/2023 HIGHWAYS AND STREET LIGHTING

- (a) Temporary Road Closure- Eyton Lane Level Crossing Baschurch between 23.00hrs on Friday 29th September 2023 and 0900hrs on Saturday 30th September 2023 for white lining works by Network Rail
- (b) Temporary Road Closure- Prescott Junction to Yeaton Junction Ivy Cottage on Saturday 8th August 2023 to replace decayed poles by Openreach.
- (c) Temporary Road Closure- Church Road, Baschurch, on Monday 10th July 2023 until Thursday 20th July 2023 for sewer connections by Shropshire Council
- (d) West Mercia PCC Funding for Safer Road Projects- The Chairman reported he had placed this item on Facebook a couple of weeks ago for responses. He had received several suggestions including speed reductions in some areas extra vehicle activated signs in hot spot areas. Signage around the pedestrian crossing in relation to the yellow box. Councillors discussed these and it was agreed to bear them in mind for any future projects.
- (e) Traffic and Coaches travelling along Stanwardine Road, - Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen reported she had received reports that traffic especially from PGL Boreatton was travelling along the narrow roads at speed and residents were very concerned that it was becoming a danger to the public especially residents who were using disabled travel vehicles. The coaches had a specified route which were proposed and agreed by PGL. **Resolved:** Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen to follow up and make further enquiries with PGL.

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- (f) Sensors on Ruyton Road, Baschurch to be requested to assist with speed data at this location. Clerk to contact Shropshire Council Highways Department.

96/2023 BASCHURCH STATION GROUP-UPDATE

No meeting had taken place recently.

97/2023 ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SUB COMMITTEES 2023/24

Councillors discussed all sub committees and representatives

- a) Finance and General Purposes Committee (combining Community Infrastructure Levy Sub Committee) – Cllrs A Woodthorpe, B Welti, M Feline, Mrs W Lowden, J H Lloyd, Mrs C Weller and the Clerk (To meet quarterly)
- b) Cemetery Management- Cllrs J H Lloyd – B Welti, & Mrs A P R Budgen & Clerk (To meet six monthly)
- c) Amenity Green Spaces – (combining Cemetery planting, Toddlers Playground, & Recreation Ground)- Cllrs Mrs. A P R Budgen, Mrs. G Tomlins, J H Lloyd, M Feline, & N Hancocks (To meet monthly)
- d) Rights of Way – (combining Highways & Street Lighting)-Cllrs A Woodthorpe, Mrs. G Tomlins, R Jones, M Feline & D Sharpe (To meet quarterly)
- e) Neighbourhood Planning Task & Finish Group –Cllrs A Woodthorpe, B Welti, D Sharpe, Mrs. W Lowdon, Mrs. A P R Budgen, Mrs. C Weller & the Clerk (To meet as and when)
- f) Planning Committee Cllrs A Woodthorpe, D Sharpe, Mrs. A P R Budgen & Mrs. G Tomlins & R Jones

Election of Other Representatives

- a) Tree Warden/Snow Warden – Cllr J H Lloyd & M Hancocks
- b) SALC Representatives – Cllrs Mrs. A P R Budgen, Mrs. W Lowden & A Woodthorpe
- c) Baschurch Village Hall Representative – Cllr R Thomas
- d) Baschurch Allotments Association – Cllr A Woodthorpe
- e) Baschurch Multi Agency Group – Cllrs B Welti, Mrs. A P R Budgen, Mrs. W Lowden, N Hancocks & Mrs. G Tomlins
- f) Prescott Surgery Development Group – Cllrs B Welti, Mrs. C Weller, Mrs. W Lowden, & M Feline
- g) Helicopter Liaison Group – Cllr R Thomas
- h) Railway Station Re-opening –Cllrs A Woodthorpe, B Welti, Mrs. W Lowden, Mrs. A P R Budgen, M Feline, R Jones, & Mrs. C Weller
- i) Safety, Security & Technology (inc VAS & CCTV) –Cllrs A Woodthorpe, B Welti, M Feline R Thomas, N Hancocks & Mrs. C Weller

98/2023 BADGERS WAY PLAY /WHEATLANDS PLAY AREA

There was nothing to report.

99/2023 TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT OF BASCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023.

The Clerk submitted the accounts for Baschurch Parish Council for the year ending 31st March 2023. 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.

100/2023 TO ADOPT THE AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023.

The Clerk submitted the statement of accounts and balance sheet for the year ending 31st March 2023. 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

101/2023 FINANCES

- (a) Cheques for Approval – The following cheques totalling £4354.91 (which includes VAT) were put forward for approval. These were proposed by Cllr B Welti and seconded by Cllr M. Feline and agreed by all. *Resolved:* Payment of the cheques was approved.

003435	P. Birch Contracting Ltd (General Maintenance)	674.46
003436	P. Birch Contracting Ltd (Cemetery)	264.30
003437	A Howls Salary-May	1299.60
003438	Inland Revenue-May	473.38
003439	PG Skips Ltd	58.70
003440	Weston Village Hall- Hire of Room July Meeting.	70.00
003441	SALC Subs	1,196.00
003442	Internal Auditor	150.00
003443	A Howls Expenses Jan-April	168.47

Appointment of Internal Auditor.

The Chairman proposed Mr B Townson be re-appointed as Internal Auditor for Baschurch Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen and agreed by all

- (b) Other items of expenditure for consideration

Stanwardine Pool, Stanwardine A report had been received that the grass needs to be cut and area tidied up. *Resolved: Work* to be done by Parish Council Contractor.

102/2023 CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence received had been dealt with under their respective headings.

103/2023 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 3rd July 2023 at 7.30pm at Weston Lullingfields Village Hall.

Signed.....

Dated 3rd July 2023