

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4th DECEMBER 2023
AT WESTON LULLINGFIELDS VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors A Woodthorpe (Chair)
M Feline
Mrs G Tomlins
R Thomas
J H Lloyd
Mrs W Lowdon
Mrs A P R Budgen
Mrs C Weller
N Hancocks
S Hey
Cllr N Bardsley Shropshire Council
Mrs A Howls Clerk.

Four members of the public

The Parish Council Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

173/2023 **Apologies** – Cllrs. D Sharpe & R Jones

174/2023 **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 were none.

175/2023 **REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL**

Mark Wootton, Highways Planning Engineer was then welcomed to the meeting. The Chairman and Councillors discussed many matters which were and had been outstanding for many months in the Parish relating to highway issues concerning Dove Court, passing places at Weston Lullingfields, planning matters relating to new housing development and flooding in Weston Lullingfields which were but a few. He informed the Parish Council that he would look into these matters and report back by the end of March 2024.

Councillor Nick Bardsley the gave the following report:

Highways Matters

Mark Wootton has confirmed that he will attend this meeting to update the Parish Council on the various matters in his report to your Council meeting.

T C Homes

You will recall that the Chair and I met John Eastwood of WSP on site on Friday 27th October. We understood that a draft Traffic Regulation Order Proposal would be available for your December meeting. I wrote to Jon Eastwood twice this last week and telephoned as well. I have had no response and I fear that ta draft order will not be supplied in time for the meeting on Monday evening. I'm personally very disappointed I will try again to discover what has gone wrong on Monday.

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Medical Centre

Despite there being a firm appointment for a Teams meeting on November 24th between local NHS Managers, Shropshire Council and the Partners, the meeting did not take place. It had to be cancelled/postponed at the last minute (less than 24hrs beforehand) because the key local manager in the NHS team was unavailable.

Railway Station.

Members of the Parish Council and of the local campaign group received a copy of the formal proposal from SLC Rail consultants at the end of last week.

It is a matter entirely for Parish Councillors whether or not to accept the proposal but it does seem to be very much on the lines and at the cost we were expecting.

Planning

The Chair, other Councillors, the Clerk and I attended the planned meeting with PGL on 22nd November. There were many local residents mainly from Stanwardine in the Fields as well as the Chair and other Parish Councillors from Ruyton XI Towns.

My firm feeling is that PGL managers now fully recognise that close consultation with the local community would be productive for local people and for PGL. I hope very much that there will be further meetings, perhaps through a local Liaison Committee before the current development proposals are finalised.

176/2023 COMMUNITY REPORT & PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

PGL Boreatton

The Chairman discussed the detailed report from Councillor Bardsley as above.

Royal British Legion (Baschurch Branch)

Two members of the Royal British Legion attended (one of which was the Secretary) the RBL did no longer insure parades. They now only take place if the Parish Council support them. He thanked the Parish Council for insuring and arranging aspects of the parade. He stated the Remembrance is for remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice in war for the country. The RBL encourages local and regional communities to produce remembrance commemorations of their own. At the core of these events is the Act of Remembrance.

The Remembrance Parade should include as many members of the community as reasonable, both in parade and crowd. At Baschurch there has been a parade since before Worlds War II and from photo's routes of the parade have varied many times.

The Parish Council are now responsible for disruption to others, risk assessments, insurance, road closures etc and therefore it must be the Parish Council's decision on the route as the Councillors are elected representatives of the community. The RBL supports having the parade and wish to work collaboratively with the Parish Council on what route is chosen. The Chairman thanked him and looked forward to working with him in the future.

177/2023 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2023

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

178/2023 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2023, NOT ITEMISED ON THE AGENDA

Footpath at rear of the Village Hall- (169/2023(d)) The Clerk reported that quotes were still awaited in relation to the work on the footpath.

179/2023 PLANNING

8.40pm The Chairman handed over the meeting to Cllr M Feline, the Vice Chair to deal with planning.

- (a) 23/0481/FUL- Change of use from agricultural to a mixed use, agricultural and equestrian for personal use only. Erection of new stables and construct stable fronts to existing open fronted agricultural outbuildings at Old Russett Barn, Stanwardine Park Farm, Stanwardine in the Fields, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Cllr M Feline outlined the application which Councillors then discussed and he then proposed to support the application with the following comments The Council support the transformation of the property from agricultural to a mixed use, incorporating agricultural and equestrian elements for personal use only, aligns with the spirit of responsible land management and rural development.

The enhancement of stables and the construction of stable fronts to existing open-fronted agricultural outbuildings will enhance the functionality of the property. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen and agreed by all. Shropshire Council to be informed.

- (b) 23/04998/FUL- Erection of ground floor side extension at 23 All Saints Way, Prescott Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Cllr M Feline outlined the application and Councillors discussed details. Cllr J H Lloyd proposed to support the planning application, the addition of a ground floor side extension was a practical and thoughtful way to enhance the living space of the property. In considering the current needs of the homeowners and the evolving dynamics of modern living, the proposed extension appears to be a well-considered solution to create additional functional space while maintaining the integrity of the existing structure. This was seconded by Cllr M Feline and agreed by all. Shropshire Council to be informed

- (c) 23/04972/VAR-Variation of Condition No 2 (approved plans) attached to Planning Application Reference 10/5075/FUL. Date of Decision 14/01/2011 at barn conversion adjacent to Yeaton Manor, Yeaton, Baschurch, Shrewsbury. Shropshire.

Cllr M Feline outlined the application and after some discussion Cllr A Woodthorpe proposed to support the application to extend the living accommodation into the western end of the building. The extension is contained within the property therefore will not impact on the surrounding area. The proposed extension is sympathetic in design to the original application and is also in keeping with the local area. This should be for family use only. This was seconded by Cllr J H Lloyd and agreed by all. Shropshire Council to be informed.

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Planning Permission Granted

- 23/04299/FUL- Erection of a log store with attached secure store at Jessamine Cottage, Yeaton, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

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

9.10pm The Vice Chairman handed back the meeting to Cllr A Woodthorpe, the Chairman to deal with other issues.

180/2023 HIGHWAYS AND STREET LIGHTING

- (a) Temporary Road Closure- Weston Road Baschurch from Monday 26th February to Wednesday 28th February 2024 for Severn Trent Works, with access to residential commercial and pedestrians at all times.
- (b) Temporary Road Closure unnamed road between Petton and Weston Lullingfields from Monday 5th February & Tuesday 6th February 2024 by Severn Trent Water for boundary box installation.
- (d) Temporary Road Closure Eyton Lane Railway Crossing from Saturday 17th February & Sunday 18th February 2024 for inspection of level crossing between 11.30pm and 10.00am.
- (e) A meeting was held with Derek Buchanan, Highways Dept. The Chairman, Councillors and the Clerk attended along with Cllr N Bardsley on Friday 10th November 2023 at 3.30pm by Teams to discuss issues with road safety measures in Nobold, Station Road and other roads in Baschurch. Enquiries were continuing with Shropshire Council.
- (f) Traffic Regulation Order- Ruyton Road, Baschurch. The Chairman reported that Mr Jon Eastwood, Shropshire Council Engineer had looked into the proposed speed limit extension. He explained to Councillors that before the TRO could be advertised there was a need for evidence from an Automatic Traffic County survey. Shropshire Council requested permission from the Parish Council to instruct two surveys along the B4397 to cover the lengths subject to the proposal. Jon Eastwood had informed the Chairman that the financing of the survey would be from the developers 106 agreement and not by the Parish. All Councillors had been forwarded details of the proposed TRO before the meeting. After much discussion it was proposed by Cllr M Feline to proceed with the data gathering exercise as mentioned above and seconded by Cllr A Woodthorpe and agreed by all.

181/2023 RIGHTS OF WAY

The Clerk stated that information had been received from Shropshire Council to inform Councillors that SC (Footpath 46 (part), Parish of Baschurch) Public Path Diversion Order 2023 had been made on 16th November 2023 by Shropshire Council under section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 and section 53A (2) of the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981.

Allotments

The Clerk stated she had received an e mail from Berry's of Shrewsbury in relation to the hedge along Station Road at the side of the allotments which needed to have the vegetation cut back in the bottom of the hedge and the 30mph sign was not visible due to vegetation growing over the sign. The Chairman reported that the vegetation had been removed from the sign and the Allotments Group were looking into cutting back the bottom of the hedge in the near future. **Resolved:** Clerk to inform Berry's.

Coffin Stone

The Clerk stated there needed to be an information board at the Coffin Stone in Nobold. Cllrs had already been forwarded the information which would be printed upon it. It had already been agreed to purchase the board. Clerk to look into this and order one.

182/2023 BADGERS WAY PLAY /WHEATLANDS PLAY AREA

Cllr J H Lloyd and the Clerk were looking into the report from ROSPA re Play areas and would report back to Parish Council as to work which needed to be done.

183/2023 ANY COUNCILLORS REPORTS

There were none.

184/2023 FINANCES

- (a) **Cheques for Approval** – The following cheques totalling £5,300.86 (which includes VAT) were put forward for approval. These were proposed by Cllr M.Feline and seconded by Cllr J H Lloyd and agreed by all.

003491	Scottish Power	345.90
003492	A Howls Salary October (Re issue of cheque)	1299.60
003493	P. Birch Contracting Ltd (General Maintenance)	674.46
003494	P. Birch Contracting Ltd (Cemetery)	264.30
003495	A Howls Salary November	1299.60
003496	Inland Revenue-November	473.38
003497	PG Skips Ltd	58.70
003498	Cancelled	
003499	Royal British Legion –Baschurch Branch Wreath & Donation	50.00
003500	Scottish Power	334.92
003501	All Saints Church (Porch Pantry)	500.00

Resolved: Payment of the cheques was approved.

b) Other items of expenditure for consideration

Cemetery Planting – The Clerk stated she had received three quotes for bark/soil improver for use by Derwen students to enable them to re plant an area in the Cemetery. The three quotes were discussed by the Councillors and Cllr Mrs G Tomlins proposed quote no 2 be accepted. The quote was from Tafs Garden Co, Donnington, Telford for £615.00. This was seconded by Cllr M Feline and passed with one abstention.

Resolved: Ruth Braddick at Derwen College to be informed.

- c) Porch Pantry, Baschurch- The Clerk stated she had received a request from the Treasurer for a donation. This was discussed and it was proposed by Cllr M Feline and seconded by Cllr C Weller and agreed by all to give a donation of £500.00.
- d) Railway Station- Cllr A Woodthorpe explained to Councillors that an Opinion Piece on the potential Railway Station at Baschurch now needed to be undertaken. SLC Rail had been looked into by consultants who were assisting the Baschurch Railway Group and it was proposed by Cllr M Feline and seconded by Cllr Mrs C Weller to undertake the work. The Parish Council would fund the work to be done. This was passed with one abstention.

185/2023 CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Letter from Treasurer of Porch Pantry (All Saints Church) requesting consideration for donation. (As dealt with at 170/2023)
- (b) A number of e mail and letter complaining of starting point for Royal British Legion Parade.

186/2023 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 10.10pm. The next regular Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 8th January 2024 at 7.30pm at Baschurch Village Hall.

Signed.....
Dated 8th January 2024