

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8th JANUARY 2024
AT BASCHURCH VILLAGE HALL

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

One member of the public

The Parish Council Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

1/2024 Apologies – Cllrs. D Sharpe & J H Lloyd

2/2024 **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.

3/2024 **REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL**

Councillor Nick Bardsley then gave the following report:

T C Homes

The collection of data from ATC's referred to at your December 2023 meeting will hopefully begin shortly, with local schools reopened/reopening this week.

Medical Centre

The much delayed meeting with local NHS managers, SC Officers, Prescott Surgery partners, Cllr Lezley Picton, your chair and me took place on Friday afternoon last week (January 5th)

There was extensive discussion over a variety of options. It was recognised that the existing building is too small and that the Group Practice needs additional space- but how this might be achieved is far from clear. Further meetings will be taking place.

Railway Station.

The Chair and I are pursuing additional support for the project –and we have a meeting scheduled for January 19th with the head of Walford College

Planning

The Planning Application by PGL referred to at your December meeting (23/03162/FUL) has now been approved by officers subject to conditions.

Community Governance Review

Shropshire Council at its last full meeting on December 14th decided to resume the review of Town and Parish Councils suspended when the local Government Boundary Commission Began its review of Electoral Divisions in the Shropshire Council area some time ago. That review was concluded only late last year. Baschurch Parish is one of only a small number to be reviewed by SC because the entire process has to be finished very quickly this year so that *both the election and elections to the new parishes can take place on the revised boundaries in May 2025.*

Parish Councillors may recall that the LGBC review has changed the boundary of the SC ED For Ruyton and Baschurch by including areas now in Pimhill/Bomere Heath Parish. You supported the principle of this change (as did Bomere Heath Parish Council) so that the existing anomalies in Walford Heath should be removed. Effectively the whole of the settlement will in future be included within Baschurch Parish.

The deadline for both Parishes to submit “initial submissions” is January 26th. This is unfortunately a very tight timetable, bearing in mind the time lost unavoidably over the Christmas and New Year holiday period.

4/2024 COMMUNITY REPORT & PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

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

5/2024 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4th DECEMBER 2023

Cllr R Thomas proposed and Cllr Mrs C Weller seconded that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4th December 2023. This was confirmed as a true and correct record and agreed and signed by the Chairman.

6/2024 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4th DECEMBER 2023, NOT ITEMISED ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

7/2024 PLANNING

8.20pm The Chairman handed over the meeting to Cllr M Feline, the Vice Chair to deal with planning.

(a) 23/05245/FUL- Erection of domestic extension at Haughton House, Merrington, Bomere Heath, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Cllr M Feline outlined the application which Councillors then discussed and Cllr R Thomas proposed to support the planning application to extend the house. The additional double garage and extra bedroom were in keeping with the character of the area and are not expected to have a detrimental impact on the surrounding environment. The design of the extension was aesthetically pleasing and complements the existing architecture of Haughton House and the surrounding neighbourhood. He believed that the extension would have minimal impact on neighbouring properties in terms of overshadowing, loss of privacy, and visual amenity. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs C Weller and passed with one abstention. Shropshire Council to be informed.

Planning Permission Granted

- 23/04322/FUL- Variation of Condition No. 2 attached to Planning Permission 21/03108/FUL dated 21 November 2022 to add solar panel to the roofs at Land North of B4397, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

7/2024(Cont'd)

- 23/03162/FUL- Application under Section 73A of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 for the replacement of 35 camping pitches to the siting of thirty five wooden cabins along with the enlargement of hardstanding(part-retrospective) at PGL Young Adventure, Boreatton Park Holiday Centre, Boreatton Park, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire,

Any planning applications received since 28th December 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.

8/2024 HIGHWAYS AND STREET LIGHTING

Temporary Road Closure- The Rise, Weston Lullingfields from Monday 5th February 2024 until Tuesday 6th February 2024 for Severn Trent Works.

The Chairman stated he had met with Mr Philip Lloyd Traffic Engineer of Shropshire Council and had discussed several highway issues in the village. Enquiries were on going.

9/2024 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Councillor N Bardsley had already outlined the details of the review. The Clerk to send in a comments from Baschurch Parish Council in respect of an addition to the Parish of Walford Heath. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs W Lowden that if a Councillor from Bomere Heath Parish lived in the newly proposed ward they may wish to transfer to Baschurch Parish Council to represent Walford Heath. This was seconded by Cllr M Feline. The Clerk to contact Bomere heath Parish Council.

10/2024 ANY COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Mrs Tomlins reported that Shropshire Council (Rights of Way) had recently put in place kissing gates in Milford and Prescott area.

11/2024 BADGERS WAY PLAY /WHEATLANDS PLAY AREA

The Clerk stated she had met Mr Parry, Consultant for Children's Playing areas on both sites and had discussed both ROSPRA reports for the Play areas with him and looked into the repairs that needed to be made and also to look at the cost of a roundabout for use by disabled children at the Wheatland's Play area. Councillor A Woodthorpe proposed a sum of £25,000.00 to be put aside for the repairs and new roundabout. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen and agreed by all.

12/2024 FINANCES

- (a) Cheques for Approval – The following cheques totalling £4087.61 (which includes VAT) were put forward for approval. These were proposed by Cllr M.Feline and seconded by Cllr Mrs W Lowden and agreed by all.

003502	A Howls Salary- December	1299.60
003503	Inland Revenue-December	473.38
003504	P. Birch Contracting Ltd (General Maintenance)	674.46
003505	P. Birch Contracting Ltd (Cemetery)	264.30
003506	PG Skips Ltd	46.96
003507	P. Birch Contracting Ltd (Erect seat on Village Green.)	796.00
003508	Society of Local Clerks Subs	188.00
003509	Scottish Power	344.91

Resolved: Payment of the cheques was approved.

12/2024 (Cont'd)

b) Other items of expenditure for consideration

Footpath Eyton Lane – The Clerk stated she had received three quotes for work to put in a footpath along the football field at Eyton Lane, Baschurch. The three quotes were discussed by Councillors and Cllr Mrs C Weller proposed quote A be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr M Feline and agreed by all. Clerk to contact A Lewis Construction Ltd to inform them their quote had been accepted and to carry out work as soon as possible.

c) Precept & Budget 2024/25

The Clerk and Councillors discussed the Council’s finances for 2024/25. The Clerk and Finance & General Purposes Committee had produced a draft budget for the coming financial year. After much discussion the draft budget was proposed by Cllr R Thomas and seconded by Cllr. M Feline and was agreed by all present. *Details of the precept to be forwarded to Shropshire Council.*

Receipts	
Precept	53406
Neighbourhood Fund	10000
Interest	200
VAT Refund	4000
Cemetery	4000
Football Club	1200
Allotments	800
Grants & Donations	0
Miscellaneous	0
Parish Council Reserves	
Neighbourhood Fund (Reserves)	
Total	73606

Budget 2024/25
53406
10000
200
4000
4000
1200
800
0
0
73606

Payments	
Grass Cutting	8000
Badgers Way	5000
Recreation Ground	6000
Village Green/Roundabout	5000
Stanwardine Pool	500
Cemetery	5500
Street Lights	5000
Allotments	800
Bridleway & Footpaths	3000
Office & Subscriptions	3000
Staff Costs & Inland Revenue	22000
VAT	4000
Doctors Surgery	15000
Railway Station	40000
Playground Trust	25000
Website	1000
Donations	4000
Hall Hire	500
Insurance	2000
Data Protection	50
Auditors	500
Training	200
Local Support Fund	1000
Elections/Legal Fees	3000
Neighbourhood Plan	5000
Total	165050

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£30,000 for Highways

13/2024 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

14/2024 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 5th February 2024 at 7.30pm at Baschurch Village Hall.

Signed.....

Dated 5th February 2024

Baschurch Parish Council

8th January 2024