

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4th MARCH 2024
AT BASCHURCH VILLAGE HALL

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

Four members of the public

The Parish Council Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

31/2024 **Apologies** – Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen

32/2024 **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]

Cllr D Sharpe declared an interest in item 42/2024 – Shrewsbury Movement & Public Space Strategy.

Cllr S Hey declared an interest in item 45/2024 (b) – Request for funding for Weston Lullingfields Village Hall.

33/2024 **COMMUNITY REPORT & PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There was no community reports.

34/2024 **REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL**

Councillor Nick Bardsley then gave the following report:

Medical Centre

No progress as far as I am aware in establishing whether or not the deadline December 2025 for the firm commitment (from Shropshire Council) may be extended.
Both your Chair and I have sent reminders to Shropshire Council Officers. Time is not on our side!

Railway Station.

The Statement of Opinion from SLC Rail has now been received, *in draft*. It was presented to a meeting of Action Group members, including a number of Parish Councillors at a meeting in Weston Lullingfields Village hall on Tuesday evening last week, February 27th.

The draft Opinion is not particularly encouraging – *but the challenges it presents* can I believe be tackled successfully. There is much each of us can do to move the project forward. We shall, I am sure discuss these at the meeting on Monday evening.

Planning/Highways

This was part of my Report to your February meeting:

“A wide ranging consultation is now being undertaken by Shropshire Council on a Movement Strategy for Shrewsbury. Whilst this primarily affects the town itself it will likely impact on the whole of the County.

shropshire.gov.uk/2024/01/public-consultation-into-shrewsbury-moves-strategy-to-launch-this-friday/

Some of the proposals, if developed in the way envisaged, are in my view very significant. I believe other cities and towns in England have embarked on similar projects which have been highly controversial.

The consultation began on January 26th and continues until March 22nd-so there is no time for the Parish Council to consider its views at its March meeting. “

I hope the Council will be able to formulate a response to the consultation at the meeting on March 4th.

The much delayed work at **Dove Court** was finally undertaken last month.

No date has yet been announced for the construction of the **passing place on the lane from Weston Lullingfields to Cockshutt**.

It has not been possible to move forward with the **much needed Traffic Regulation Order along Ruyton Road** because of the **lengthy road works in recent weeks**. These works with traffic lights effectively prevent the gathering of any meaningful data on traffic volumes, speeds etc.

Village Hall Baschurch

I have some additional information received from Shropshire Council estates officers which may assist discussions with the Village hall Committee.

Community Governance Review

There was a productive discussion at the Shropshire Council Working Group meeting on February 7th

There were no submissions from Bomere/Pimhill Parish Council. I explained the thinking behind the Proposals from Baschurch Parish Council which I'm pleased to say were accepted.

Officers will now work on the detail required for the proposed new Ward which will include the whole of Walford Heath and the other areas transferred from Pimhill Parish – but also the existing Walford settlement.

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The plan is to get this detail circulated in advance of Shropshire Council Meeting on March 21st.

It was agreed to invite Cllr Mark Barrow who was leading the Shrewsbury Movement & Public Space Strategy to come to the next Parish Council Meeting and join in an informative discussion with Councillors. Cllr Mrs W Lowdon will look into the strategy on the website and to report back to Parish Council. Councillors to be sent links to view the strategy.

35/2024 UPDATE RAILWAY STATION

Cllr A Woodthorpe gave Councillors an update in respect of the Draft of Opinion Piece which had been presented to the Station Group at a meeting a few days earlier once it had been put together in a draft. It was found that there needed to be more information sought in relation to the number of persons who were in the catchment area. A passenger number study needed to be done.

The Councillors would be kept up to date when this information was added to the Opinion Piece and hopefully would make the submission more viable.

36/2024 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2024

Cllr J H Lloyd proposed and Cllr Mrs C Weller seconded that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th February 2024. This was confirmed as a true and correct record with one abstention, and signed by the Chairman.

37/2024 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2024, NOT ITEMISED ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

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

38/2024 PLANNING

(a) 24/00582/FUL- Renovation of bungalow to include new rear extension at Borrowdale Church Road, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

8.30pm Standing Orders were proposed to be suspended by Cllr J H Lloyd and seconded by Cllr R Thomas.
The applicants were in attendance and gave clarification of the application to Councillors.

8.55pm Cllr J H Lloyd proposed to reinstate Standing Orders which was seconded by Cllr Mrs C Weller.

Councillors then discussed the application and Cllr Mrs W Lowdon proposed to support the application to extend the property making greater use of the space available with limited changes to the existing footprint of the property. The development is in keeping with the rest of the property. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs G Tomlins and agreed by all. Shropshire Council to be informed.

- (b) 24/00558/FUL- Enlarged single storey side extension following demolition of existing garage at 12 Eleanor Harris Road, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

The Vice Chairman outlined the application which Councillors then discussed and Cllr J H Lloyd proposed to support the application of the enhancement of the garage on the property. The planning appears to be in keeping with the property and makes good use of the space available to enhance the living space whilst maintaining a garage on the property. The Parish Council recommends that the hardstanding at the front should factor in permeable materials to assist with the flood management. This was seconded by Cllr D Sharpe and agreed by all. Shropshire Council to be informed

- (c) 24/00567/FUL- Erection of a first floor extension over existing double garage with terrace and conversion of double garage with terrace and conversion of double garage into games room at Nobold House, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

The Vice Chairman outlined the application which Councillors then discussed and he proposed to support the application to extend above the double garage. The development does not alter the footprint and the extension doesn't significantly impact on the neighbouring property. This was seconded by Cllr D Sharpe and agreed by all. Shropshire Council to be informed

- (d) 24/00685/FUL- Single storey detached gym unit at Fire Station, Station Road, Baschurch Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

The Vice Chairman outlined the application which Councillors then discussed and Cllr J H Lloyd proposed to strongly support the application to install a single storey detached gym, the unit is moderate in scale, doesn't impact on any neighbouring properties and will support the training of the firefighters so therefore is supporting an excellent cause. This was seconded by Cllr M Feline and agreed by all. Shropshire Council to be informed.

Planning Permission Refused

- 23/04380/OUT- Outline application (all matters reserved) for residential development (up to 10 dwellings) at Land adjacent to 2 Moorland Cottages, Marton Road, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.
- 23/05364/FUL- Erection of two storey rear extension and part single storey, single storey extension to the front and small external chimney breast to the side at 9 Robert Jones Close, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

39/2024 HIGHWAYS AND STREET LIGHTING

Temporary Road Closure- Unnamed road through Stanwardine in the Woods for remedial works on Friday 31st May 2024 by Severn Trent Water.

40/2024 FUTURE VENUES FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS

Councillors discussed holding the Parish Council Meetings at Weston Lullingfields Village Hall on more frequent occasions. After some discussion Cllr M Feline proposed that the meetings be held there during the months of February, July, October and December and the others with the exception of August, be held at Baschurch Village Hall. Cllr J H Lloyd seconded the proposal and all were in agreement.

41/2024 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Councillor N Bardsley had already reported on this in his report.

42/2024 ANY COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Shrewsbury Movement & Public Space Strategy

It was agreed to invite Cllr Mark Barrow who was leading the Shrewsbury Movement & Public Space Strategy to come to the next Parish Council Meeting and join in an informative discussion with Councillors. Cllr Mrs W Lowdon will look into the strategy on the website and to report back to Parish Council. Councillors to be sent links to view the strategy.

43/2024 CEMETERY

Cllr J H Lloyd reported that the rear gate at the Cemetery would be fitted within the next month. He would also look into having the gates and railings painted. It was agreed that Paul Birch would spray the car park.

Cllr J H Lloyd complained that although there was a sign on the gate to keep it closed. Visitors to the Cemetery were still leaving it open.

44/2024 BADGERS WAY PLAY /WHEATLANDS PLAY AREA

The work on the equipment would take place as soon as possible but had been held up due to the weather.

45/2024 FINANCES

- (a) Cheques for Approval – The following cheques totalling £30,497.11 (which includes VAT) were to be paid over the month of March These were proposed by Cllr J H Lloyd and seconded by Cllr M Feline and agreed by all.

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| 003520 | Tafs Garden Centre –Cemetery planting | 507.00 |
| 003521 | Scottish Power | 322.46 |
| 003522 | P. Birch Contracting Ltd (General Maintenance) | 674.46 |
| 003523 | P. Birch Contracting Ltd (Cemetery) | 264.30 |
| 003524 | A Howls Salary- February | 1299.60 |
| 003525 | Inland Revenue-February | 473.38 |
| 003526 | PG Skips Ltd | 46.96 |
| 003527 | Berrys – Allotments Rent | 748.12 |
| 003528 | Baschurch V Hall – Hire of Room January | 47.50 |
| 003529 | Weston Lullingfields – Hire of Room (Railway Meeting) | 70.00 |
| 003530 | R B Legion –Baschurch/Bomere branch -Donation D day | 100.00 |
| 003531 | Weston V Hall Donation -WiFi for Community | 2,345.52 |
| 003532 | SC Kings Drive Play Area -Annual Inspection | 465.60 |
| 003533 | SLC Rail (NHFund) Opinion Piece Bas Railway Station | 12,228.00 |
| 003534 | Scottish Power | 178.61 |
| 003535 | Playground Trust Donation –Annual Inspection | 465.60 |
| 003536 | A Lewis Construction Ltd – Footpath Football Field (NH Fund) | 10,260.00 |
| 003537 | Cancelled | |
| 003538 | Fencetree- Kings Drive Play area | 1700.86 |

Resolved: Payment of the cheques was approved.

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b) Other items of expenditure for consideration

Baschurch Village Hall Car Park- Details had been received by the Parish Council but further information was needed.

Weston Lullingfields Village Hall- The Treasurer had forwarded details of accounts etc. and requested consideration be given to a donation towards the provision of Wi-Fi at the Hall. Councillors discussed the request and gave a donation of £2345.52.

A Finance & General Purposes Sub Committee meeting was to be held on Monday 18th March 2024

46/2024 CORRESPONDENCE

Baschurch Women’s Institute – An e Mail had been received from the President of the Institute. They had celebrated their 90th Anniversary in last November and wished to plant a fruit tree in the village to commemorate this. The tree would be planted in October 2024 and they asked the Council for a preferred site to plant. After some discussion it was agreed for them to plant the tree on the Village green and for a self-pollinating apple, pear or cherry tree to be planted.

The Parish Council did not wish a plum tree to be planted as they attracted wasps.

Church Fete -An e mail had been received from a representative from All Saints Church, Baschurch asking permission to hold the Annual Church Fete on the Village Green this year on Saturday 6th July 2024. This was agreed by Parish Councillors.

D Day Celebrations -An e mail had been received from a representative from Royal British Legion Baschurch & Bomere Heath Branch asking permission to hold the celebrations on the Village Green and requested consideration for a donation of £100.00 towards the event. Cllr Mrs G Tomlins proposed the donation as requested and this was seconded by Cllr J H Lloyd and agreed by all.

New Public Space Protection Order- Details had been received of the proposed Order relating to the presence of dogs on play and sports areas. Councillors discussed the document and forwarded a response to Shropshire Council.

47/2024 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 10.30pm. The next regular Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 8th April 2024 at 7.30pm at Baschurch Village Hall.

Signed.....

Dated 8th April 2024