

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

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

Two members of the public

The Parish Council Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

48/2024 Apologies – Cllr J H Lloyd, R Thomas & Mrs C Weller

49/2024 **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 51/2024 – Shrewsbury Movement & Public Space Strategy.

50/2024 **COMMUNITY REPORT & PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Baschurch Village Hall – The Chairman and the Treasurer of the Village Hall discussed Plans for the Village Hall in respect of the car park which needed attention and to be re lined. The car park also needed to be extended at some time in the future. They also discussed solar panels and to upgrade the boiler and heat pump at the hall.

They had sought funding from other sources and requested the Parish Council consider giving them some funding. Quotes for the work had been received by the Village Hall Committee and presented to the Council. After a long discussion Cllr Mrs Wendy Lowdon proposed that the Parish Council give a donation of £4,500.00 towards the urgent work needed on the car park and to look into further funding towards car park upgrade of up to £16,000.00. This was seconded by Cllr D Sharpe and agreed by all. It was agreed by all present that the Clerk forward the donation of £4,500.00 after this meeting

In respect to the boiler and solar panels Cllr D Sharpe gave a commitment to the Village Hall that they would give a donation of £14,500.00 towards the work at some future date. This was seconded by Cllr M Feline and agreed by all present.

51/2024 SHREWSBURY MOVEMENT & PUBLIC SPACE STRATEGY CONSULTATION

Councillors had read through the consultation and put forward their concerns. They had invited a representative from Shropshire Council to discuss the strategy with them. Unfortunately they could not attend at the last moment but would receive the Parish Council's comments from the Clerk.

52/2024 REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL

Councillor Nick Bardsley then gave the following report:

Medical Centre

I have again sent reminders to SC Officers. I hope to have more information at the meeting on Monday evening.

Railway Station.

You're Chair, Cllr Simon Hey and I have responded to the Draft Opinion Report with, I believe, constructive suggestions that will hopefully strengthen the case for the station proposals.

Essentially, we have put forward real numbers of potential station users not referred to in the draft report. If these are incorporated into the cost benefit analysis there should be a significant uplift in the value for money assessment of the proposal

Planning/Highways

No date has yet been announced for the construction of the **passing places on the lane from Weston Lullingfields to Cockshutt**. This is really a very minor project which should have been undertaken many years ago.

To the best of my knowledge, it has again not been possible to move forward with the **much Needed TRO along Ruyton Road because of lengthy road works in recent weeks**. These works, with traffic lights effectively prevent the gathering of any meaningful data on traffic volumes, speeds etc.

I have received a complaint from a local resident about the failure to adopt Perryfields Road in Baschurch, which has personally damaging financial consequences for him. I have been unable to persuade Officers, so far, to supply a date for this issue to be resolved.

Community Governance Review

The scheme for re-warding the Parish Council (to include the extended areas now in Pimhill/Bomere Parish) was approved by Shropshire Council last month for *further detailed consultation*.

There remains an important difference of opinion as between the SC Officer proposal and the views of the Parish Council re the distribution of Parish Councillors over the existing and new wards

Parish Councillors will, I feel sure, wish to reiterate their views in responding to the current consultation.

53/2024 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5th MARCH 2024

Cllr Mrs Tomlins proposed and Cllr M Feline seconded that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th March 2024. This was confirmed as a true and correct record with one abstention, and signed by the Chairman.

54/2024 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5th MARCH 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.

55/2024 PLANNING

- (a) 24/001136/PAAFC- Prior approval application for the change of use of an agricultural building to a flexible use falling with Class B8 (storage and distribution) at The Piggery, Baschurch, Shropshire.

Councillor M Feline discussed the application with Councillors and proposed to support the application to diversify from agricultural use of the building to flexible use. After reviewing the application details and the potential benefits it brings to our local community, we believe that this change of use will contribute positively to the local economy without adversely impacting the rural character of the area. The proposed development is in line with our parish's development plan and supports the sustainable growth of Baschurch. The Piggery's transformation will provide necessary infrastructure for local businesses, fostering economic activity and creating job opportunities. We would suggest there would be no fixed lighting between 7am and 8pm with the use PIR lighting to help with security. The entrance to the area should be widened to assist with access. It is also requested that no flammable materials are stored as this could pose a potential risk to the surrounding area. Cllr N Hancocks seconded the proposal which was passed with one abstention. Shropshire Council to be informed.

Planning Permission Granted

- 23/00131/FUL- Proposed Garage at Wycherley Cottage, Bagley, Ellesmere, Shropshire
- 24/00685/FUL- Single storey detached gym unit at Fire Station, Station Road, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Planning Permission Refused.

- 23/05435/OUT- Outline application for the erection of up to six 3-bedroom dwellings to include means of access at White House Farm, Weston Lullingfields, Shropshire

8.55pm Cllr M Feline handed back the meeting to the Chairman.

56/2024 HIGHWAYS AND STREET LIGHTING

1. Temporary Road Closure- Weston Road, Weston Lullingfields on Sunday 9th June 2024 for work to dig out patches and redo by Severn Trent Water.
2. Temporary Road Closure- Un named road near Stanwardine, Baschurch on Thursday 4th July 2024 until Saturday 6th July 2024 to install B Box Installation by Severn Trent Water.
3. S C Environmental Maintenance Grants-. After some discussion it was decided to decline a grant at this time.

57/2024 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Councillor N Bardsley had covered and discussed this in his report. The Clerk had already written to complain of the reduction put forward of a Parish Councillor for the Weston Lullingfields Ward but would write again.

58/2024 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – Monday 29th April 2024 at 7.30pm starting with the Playground Trust Agenda and then immediately after the Parish Meeting. Agendas sent to Councillors and displayed on notice boards in village and on Web site.

59/2024 UPDATE- RAILWAY STATION

Cllr A Woodthorpe informed Councillors that the Station group were still looking into Further information to put forward in respect of the additions needed in the Draft of Opinion Piece.

Cllr A Woodthorpe also informed the meeting that an e mail had been received from Elly White, Level Crossing Manager Shrewsbury Central who was assessing the Level Crossing at Baschurch and asked for any concerns or comments the Parish Council had. The Clerk had replied that due to the housing development nearby level crossing usage had increased tremendously especially with pedestrians using the crossing and therefore strongly advised them to consider the implementation of full barriers at the crossing on safety grounds.

The Clerk had received a reply from Elly White stating they were going to analyse current safety measures with the information and assess whether they still provide adequate risk mitigation measures.

60/2024 ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES OF COUNCILLORS

This was deferred until the next Meeting.

61/2024 CEMETERY

Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen reported that the planting in the Cemetery was being progressed slowly with the students from the Derwen College.

The Clerk stated she had received a quote for the painting of the gates and rails at the Cemetery. There would be a cost of approx. £900.00. This was proposed by Cllr A Woodthorpe and seconded by Cllr Mrs W Lowdon. Clerk to arrange for the work to be done.

62/2024 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.

63/2024 FINANCES

- (a) Cheques for Approval – The following cheques totalling £3,121.16 (which includes VAT) were to be paid over the month of March These were proposed by Cllr Mrs G Tomlins and seconded by Cllr M Feline and agreed by all.

003540	P. Birch Contracting Ltd (General Maintenance)	674.46
003541	P. Birch Contracting Ltd (Cemetery)	264.30
003542	A Howls Salary- March	1299.60
003543	Inland Revenue-March	473.38
003544	PG Skips Ltd	46.96
003545	Information Commissioner Data Protection Renewal	40.00
003546	Scottish Power	322.46

Resolved: Payment of the cheques was approved.

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b) Other items of expenditure for consideration

Baschurch Village Hall Car Park- Further details had been received by the Parish Council and this had been dealt with at minute 52/2024

(c) Financial Risk Assessment 2023/24

The Clerk discussed the Financial Risk Assessment with Councillors and also the Annual Governance Statement for End of Year Accounts 2023/24. The Risk Assessment was proposed by Cllr N Hancocks and seconded by Cllr M Feline and agreed by all present.

(d) Standing Orders

The Standing Orders had been reviewed and an addition had been made in respect of future meetings which were additions to meetings held at Weston Lullingfields. Cllr A Woodthorpe proposed the alteration and Cllr M Feline seconded this. Councillors to be forwarded updated copy of Standing Orders.

64/2024 CORRESPONDENCE

Royal British Legion- A letter had been received by the Chairman of the Royal British Legion thanking the Parish Council for the donation towards the D Day Celebrations.

Weston Lullingfields Village Hall- A letter had been received from the Treasurer thanking Councillors for their kind donation towards WiFi at the Village Hall.

65/2024 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 10.20pm. The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 13th May 2024 at 7.30pm at Baschurch Village Hall.

Signed.....

Dated 13th May 2024