

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3rd JUNE 2024
AT BASCHURCH VILLAGE HALL

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

Five members of the public

The Parish Council Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

85/2024 Apologies – Cllr Mrs W Lowdon, & D Sharpe

86/2024 **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 no declarations.

87/2024 **POLICE REPORT**

There was no police report

88/2024 **COMMUNITY REPORT & PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

The Chair of the Baschurch Village Hall Trust was in attendance and thanked Councillors for their financial support for the work on the car park recently carried out.

There were no items to discuss.

89/2024 **REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL**

Councillor Nick Bardsley then gave the following report:

Planning/Highways

No communication. I regret to report from Council Officers over a number of issues of importance to the Parish Council:

- adoption of Perryfield Road
- Construction of passing place on lands from Weston Lullingfields to Cockshutt
- Traffic Regulation Order on the Ruyton Road.

The Chair, Vice Chair and I met on 22nd May, a representative of the Housing Association that now has responsibility for the “completed development” handed over from T C Homes

We were concerned to hear from her that her information was that all the planning and Highway conditions attached to the grant of Planning permission had been discharged.

We pointed out numerous failures to satisfy conditions, particularly:

- the construction of a new footpath along the full length of the road frontage
- the drafting of a TRO to extend speed limits (both 30mph and 40mph)

As a number of the new dwellings are now occupied there is a real risk of danger to the road user- car drivers, cyclists and pedestrians attempting to walk along the safe footpath, cross the road or turn from the service road onto Ruyton Road. Traffic along the Ruyton road proceeds, sometimes within but more often above the existing speed limits.

The occupiers of existing dwellings on the opposite side of Ruyton Road area now forced to navigate a length of narrow and overgrown footpath if they wish to walk towards the crossroads. This is particularly hazardous for a wheel chair user.

The Chair has written to SC Officers but there has been no response.

Local Plan- Further public consultation

An extract from my May report

Parish Councillors may be aware of a new consultation on the review of the draft Local Plan. The consultation runs until 11th June, so there is time for this matter to be discussed at your next (June) meeting.

One of the more significant matters is the proposal to include elements of “overspill” housing from Birmingham and the Black Country. This of course impacts on the overall requirement for additional housing land in Shropshire.

Whilst much of this additional land will be found in the market towns, and in the East of Shropshire, there will be increasing pressure on rural villages (see pages 78-82 in the Housing and Employment land topic paper) and in open countryside via the exception site policies in the draft plan.

I'm sure Parish Councillors appreciate that once policies are enshrined in the Local Plan, subsequent applications which are said to meet policy requirements can be very hard to resist.

Community Governance Review

There is a meeting of the SC Working Group (of which I am a member) on 12th June 2024. I shall of course be pressing for the Parish Council's view on the number of Councillors in each of the new wards to be adopted.

Access by the Parish Council to CIL Local Fund etc.

Since my detailed report to your May meeting there has been no communication from Eddies West.

Baschurch Railway Station Proposals

Since your May meeting a meeting with SLR rail via Teams has been scheduled for Monday 17th June.

90/2024 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13th MAY 2024

Cllr N Hancocks proposed and Cllr R Thomas seconded that the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th May 2024. This was confirmed as a true and correct record with one abstention, and signed by the Chairman.

91/2024 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13th MAY 2024, NOT ITEMISED ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

7.40pm The Chairman handed over the meeting to Cllr M Feline, the Vice Chair to deal with planning.

92/2024 PLANNING

(a) 24/01365/OUT- Proposed outline planning for the erection of three dwellings to include access and layout and the removal of modern agricultural buildings at White House Farm, Weston Lullingfields, Nr Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire,

7.50pm Standing Orders were proposed to be suspended by Cllr M Feline and seconded by Cllr R Thomas.

The applicants were in attendance and gave clarification of the application to Councillors.

8.10pm Cllr J H Lloyd proposed to reinstate Standing Orders which was seconded by Cllr Mrs G Tomlins.

Cllr S Hey stated he did not wish to participate in the discussions of this application and Abstained from voting.

Councillor M Feline discussed the application with Councillors and Cllr R Jones proposed to give a neutral comment to the planning application as follows: Baschurch Parish Council accept that the application is much closer to something we are able to support and extra amenity space. The proposal is for three less houses than the previous application but the development land has also been reduced meaning that all previous comments still stand.

The following points were raised previously and are not resolved in the latest application:

- The density of the housing units could lead to congestion which would have a negative impact on access to the properties.
- The proposed development allocates up to seven car parking spaces(assuming two cars for two properties and three spaces for one) this is a significant volume of traffic for a modest access routes into the development. If any of the dwellings has guests parking on the road then this could cause significant access issues.
- This has the potential to compromise the character of the area and diminish the quality of life for existing residents.

This was seconded by Cllr J H Lloyd and passed with two against and one abstention. Shropshire Council to be informed.

- (b) 24/01802/FUL- Erection of new stables at Old Russett Barn, Stanwardine Park Farm, Stanwardine in the Fields, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Cllr M Feline outlined the application and after some discussion he proposed to object to the application on the following grounds of over development. The Parish Council recently supported the recent application to change of use from agricultural to a mixed use, agricultural and equestrian for the personal use only (23/04811/FUL) and this latest application comes shortly after. Baschurch Parish Council cannot support six stables on a property that only owns 1.4 hectares for personal use and feel this would be over development. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen.

Any planning applications received since 25th May 2024 or any other planning issues

- (c) 24/01923/VAR- Removal of Condition No. 11 (agricultural occupancy) attached to planning permission N/92/313/BA/559 OUTLINE dated 12 July 1994 at Borrowdale, Church Road, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

This application was discussed by Parish Councillors and Cllr R Thomas proposed to support the removal of Condition 11 (agricultural occupancy) and Cllr R Jones seconded the proposal. This was passed with one abstention. Shropshire Council to be informed.

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

93/2024 HIGHWAYS AND STREET LIGHTING

Temporary Road Closure- Carriageway B5027 Prescott to Walford Heath, Nr. Baschurch on Monday 1st July 2024 between 09.30hrs and 1600hrs for road dressing by Shropshire

94/2024 SHROPSHIRE LOCAL PLAN

Councillors discussed details of the Local Plan with Cllr N Bardsley, Shropshire in particular the Housing and Employment land topic paper pages 78-82 and in open countryside via the exception site policies in the draft plan. **Resolved:** Clerk to put together comments from Parish Council to the consultation which ends in late June.

95/2024 ANY COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Smartwater- Cllr Mrs G Tomlins reported that her supply of kits had nearly run out.

Mowing of the Roundabout- Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen complained of the state of grass cutting which had been done that day on the roundabout at Prescott Island. The Clerk stated it had been cut by Shropshire Council.

Pollution of River Perry- Cllr R Jones raised concerns as to the pollution which was occurring in the River Perry and many other areas of the river in Shropshire. He was looking to hold a public meeting along with Cllr Mrs W Lowdon in the Baschurch Village Hall in the future.

96/2024 CEMETERY

Cllr J H Lloyd stated Paul Birch was to spray the cemetery car park again and tidy the shrubs along the car park.

The Chairman stated that the Clerk had received an anonymous letter in respect of the cemetery but stated that if letters are not signed then they will be ignored and treated as malicious.

97/2024 BADGERS WAY PLAY /WHEATLANDS PLAY AREA

The work on the equipment would take place after the half term holidays.

98/2024 TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT OF BASCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024.

The Clerk submitted the accounts for Baschurch Parish Council for the year ending 31st March 2024. 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.

99/2024 TO ADOPT THE AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024.

The Clerk submitted the statement of accounts and balance sheet for the year ending 31st March 2024. The adoption of the Accounts was agreed and proposed by Cllr M Feline and seconded by Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen and passed by all present. The Chairman and Clerk then both signed the Annual Return

100/2024 FINANCES

- (a) Cheques for Approval – The following cheques totalling £3,326.18 (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.

003562	Morelock Speed Visors	136.80
003563	P. Birch Contracting Ltd (General Maintenance)	674.46
003564	P. Birch Contracting Ltd (Cemetery)	264.30
003565	A Howls Salary- May	1403.60
003566	Inland Revenue-May	517.32
003567	PG Skips Ltd	62.20
003568	Baschurch Village Hall –Hire of Room	47.50
003569	Weston Lullingfields V Hall – July Meeting.	70.00
003570	Mr B Townson -Internal Auditor	150.00

Resolved: Payment of the cheques was approved.

- b) Other items of expenditure for consideration

There were none.

- (c) Review of Financial Regulations.

The Financial Regulations of the Parish Council were reviewed A Woodthorpe proposed that all was in order and Cllr J.H.lloyd seconded this.

101/2024 CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

102/2024 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.40pm. The next regular Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 1st July 2024 at 7.30pm at Weston Lullingfields Village Hall.

Signed.....

Dated 1st July 2024