

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JULY 2024**  
**AT WESTON LULLINGFIELDS VILLAGE HALL**

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

Two members of the public

The Parish Council Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

103/2024 **Apologies** – Cllr N Hancocks, S Hey, & R Jones

104/2024 **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.

105/2024 **COMMUNITY REPORT & PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Remembrance Parade. Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024 Two representatives of the Royal British Legion were present when the Chair reported that it was felt by the Parish Council that the parade take the same route as the previous year. The Clerk would apply for a Road Closure on that date and the Secretary of the Royal British Legion stated they would assist with stewards on the day. A meeting would be held with the members of the Royal British Legion early in November to discuss final arrangements and signage. Both persons were thanked for their attendance.

106/2024 **REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL**

Councillor Nick Bardsley then gave the following report:

**Baschurch Railway Station proposals**

The Chair and I (together with Steve Boulding) met representatives of SLC Rail via Teams on June 12<sup>th</sup>. It was a productive meeting.

SLC plan to talk directly to some of the local institutions where the Chair and/or I have been in touch. They wish also to talk to SC officers responsible for local bus services. Our view is that the opening of the railway station will *increase bus usage*. SLC seem to believe that the station opening will do the opposite! T

The Chair and I will have a short briefing session with Officers on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

**New Medical Centre: Prescott Surgery**

The Parish Council and I have been trying very hard, over many years to get some momentum into discussions - with only limited success.

The Chair and I met the Group Practice Manager on June 21st, in an attempt to take stock. We agreed that the first priority is to gain access to the Primary Care Network Estates Strategy. Hopefully a formal request from the Parish Council will loosen the log jam. I am very happy to support the request.

**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 lane from Weston Lullingfields to Cockshutt

I was led to believe that a draft TRO relating to speed limits along Ruyton Road would be available for you to consider ahead of your July 1st meeting. As of today nothing has appeared and there is no indication as to when a draft might be ready for you, or the other statutory consultees.

This is not a matter that can be left until your September meeting. The process of approving a TRO is not something that can be dealt with overnight. Our experience locally, e.g. the Eyton Lane TRO is that it can be many months before it can be enforced. This will take us well into the winter months. Occupants of the new dwellings will be trying to cross a busy road in the evening in the dark. Until the new speed limits are in place this stretch of highway will nominally be within the 40mph zone. As we know, whilst some vehicles will observe this limit, many will not. The road is and will remain dangerous.

Both the Chair and I have been in touch directly with Tracy Drake today. We may have more information this evening.

I'm pleased to report (following the brief discussion at your June meeting) that the length of the Shrewsbury Road (B5067) between the Prescott roundabout and The Wheatland's is scheduled for repair/resurfacing later this year: October 28th to November 1st.

**Community Governance Review** I was successful, on June 12th, in persuading the Working Group to support the Parish Council's view that the new PC wards should have the following allocations of councillors:

- Baschurch ward 9
- Weston Lullingfields ward 3
- Walford ward 1

The next meeting of Shropshire Council, on July 18th, will have an Officer Report on this issue. I shall of course be present to press for support of the Parish Council view.

**107/2024 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2024**

Cllr R Thomas proposed and Cllr J H Lloyd seconded that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024. This was confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**108/2024 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2024, NOT ITEMISED ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

8.30pm The Chairman handed over the meeting to Cllr M Feline, the Vice Chair to deal with planning.

#### 109/2024 PLANNING

- (a) 24/02429/TCA- Remove lateral branches to clear telephone cables of four Beech, fell one apple, four conifer and one cherry and crown and raise by four foot one conifer within Prescott Conservation Area at Stonewalls, Prescott Road, Prescott, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Councillor M Feline discussed the application with Councillors and he proposed that the Parish Council finds the proposed tree works to be justified and necessary. While we acknowledge that the work will take place in a Conservation Area the proposed tree works are deemed necessary for the proper management and maintenance of the tree population within the area. This was seconded by Cllr J H Lloyd and agreed by all. Shropshire Council to be informed.

#### **Planning Permission Granted**

- 23/01802/FUL- Erection of new stables at Old Russett Barn, Stanwardine in the Fields Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

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

#### 110/2024 HIGHWAYS AND STREET LIGHTING

Temporary Road Closure- unnamed road between Stanwardine and Petton from Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024 and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024 for short pipe review by Severn Trent.

Temporary Road Closure- Road through Stanwardine in the Fields, Baschurch from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 until Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024 for Air Valve renewal by Severn Trent

Temporary Road Closure- B5067 Prescott to Walford Heath between Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July until Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024 (9.30am-4.00pm) for surface Dressing by Shropshire Council.

#### 111/2024 ANY COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Hedges- Councillors reported hedges along Station Road and Ruyton Road needed cutting back especially in the bottom with the vegetation removed. Cllr J Lloyd to look into and obtain a quotes.

SALC Meeting – The Minutes of the North Shropshire Area Committee held at Wem Town Hall Committee Meeting Room on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024 had been circulated to Councillors. Cllr A Woodthorpe had attended on behalf of Baschurch Parish Council. The date of the next meeting is Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7pm Wem Town Council Offices, Wem Library

Neighbourhood Planning- Cllr D Sharpe stated he would be prepared to lead this as long as he had support.

Boreatton Park- Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen stated staff at Boreatton Park were going to cut the grass and verges at Stanwardine Pool and keep it tidy s a token of community spirit.

111/2024 (Cont'd)

Bus Shelters- Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen stated both bus shelters needed cleaning out and putting tidy. Clerk to find someone to carry out the work.

112/2024 CEMETERY

Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen stated she would give a full report on the Cemetery at the September meeting as there were maintenance issues which were to be sorted out.

113/2024 BADGERS WAY PLAY /WHEATLANDS PLAY AREA

Cllr J H Lloyd reported that the new children’s equipment had been put in place at both sites and works with repairs had been completed by Ray Parry, Playground Consultant. The Clerk stated she had once again contacted Canvas re the skate park issues but she had received no reply as yet.

114/2024 FINANCES

- (a) Cheques & Bacs Payments for Approval – The following payments totalling £31,769.65 (which includes VAT) were to be paid over the month of July These were proposed by Cllr Mrs G Tomlins and seconded by Cllr M Feline and agreed by all.

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| 003572 | Scottish Power                                       | 344.91    |
| BACS 1 | P. Birch Contracting Ltd (General Maintenance)       | 674.46    |
| BACS 1 | P. Birch Contracting Ltd (Cemetery)                  | 264.30    |
| BACS 3 | A Howls Salary- June                                 | 1403.60   |
| BACS 5 | Inland Revenue-June                                  | 517.32    |
| BACS 2 | PG Skips Ltd   | 49.76     |
| BACS 7 | Baschurch Village Hall -Hire of Room x2              | 95.00     |
| BACS 6 | Ray Parry- New Playground Equipment & Repairs        | 28,190.40 |
| BACS 4 | Highline Electrical – Maintenance Charge March/April | 229.90    |

*Resolved:* Payment of the cheques & Bacs was approved.

- b) Other items of expenditure for consideration

There were none.

115/2024 CORRESPONDENCE

E mail from Porch Pantry – This was adjourned until the next meeting.

116/2024 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.35pm. The next regular Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 at 7.30pm at Baschurch Village Hall.

Signed.....

Dated 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024