

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3rd MARCH 2025
AT BASCHURCH VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors A Woodbourne (Chairman)
 Mrs G Tomlins
 R Thomas
 M Feline
 S Hey
 Mrs A Howls Clerk.
 Cllr N Bardsley Shropshire Council

Two members of the public

The Parish Council Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

32/2025 **Apologies** – Cllrs. D Sharpe, Mrs A P R Budgen, Mrs W Lowdon, N Hancock & J H Lloyd

33/2025 **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 made.

34/2025 **Local Government Act 1972-** Members to consider a resolution under sec 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972 that the public be excluded from the meeting for item 15 (ii)(iii) on the agenda on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by provisions of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) to the Act (as amended) by virtue of the paragraph specified against them. This was proposed by Cllr Mrs G Tomlins and seconded by Cllr M Feline and agreed by all.

35/2025 **COMMUNITY REPORT & PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Mr S Boulding attended the meeting and updated Councillors on other railways that were applying for status namely the Wrexham to London line. He agreed to attend the SCARP AGM which was taking place at Chirk Public Hall at 7.00pm on 4th June 2025 on behalf of the Baschurch Railway Group.

The applicant for planning application at The Old Smithy, Yeaton, Baschurch, Shrewsbury was in attendance and would and would answer any questions the Councillors wished otherwise he was just attending to hear the decision of the Parish Council.

36/2025 **REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL**

Cllr Bardsley gave the following report:

T C Homes Development Ruyton Road Baschurch: 21/03108/FUL and Application 25/00049/OUT

Neither I nor the Parish Council has heard further following earlier correspondence about failure to enforce conditions attached to the 2021 Planning Permission.

My request for the 2025 Application to be “called in” has been acknowledged by the Case Officer.

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Railway Station Project

Revisions to both the Supplementary Note attached to the Statement of Opinion and the submission to Shropshire Council in relation to the LTP 4 Consultations have very recently been received.

The action group has not been able to consider, in the very short time available, its views on the revisions.

Prescott Surgery

The Chair and I had a meeting on Friday afternoon last week (February 28th) with one of the Partners in the Group Practice and the Practice Manager.

I think we both felt that the discussions had been constructive and that some progress was being made.

37/2025 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2025

Cllr M Feline proposed and Cllr R Thomas seconded that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6th February 2025 This was confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

38/2025 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2025 NOT ITEMISED ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

7.45pm The Chairman handed over the meeting to Cllr M Feline, the Vice Chair to deal with planning.

39/2025 PLANNING

- (a)** 25/00292/FUL- Alterations and extension to garage outbuilding to form residential annexe, erection of new workshop shed (resubmission) at The Old Smithy, Yeaton, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Councillors discussed the application and Cllr A Woodthorpe proposed to opposes the planning application, the stance remains the same as the previous application made in September 2023. The reason for the stance is due to the continued development and conversion of the purpose of the garage beyond the original set up of the property. The double garage was an additional development taken place in NS/74/0256/FU and this application plans to further develop on this. This proposed development significantly alters the dynamics of the property and seems to be overdevelopment of the property.

Baschurch Parish council appreciates and sympathises with the applicant's situation whereby they need to create additional space for a dependant, the applicant attended the meeting and represented the application very well. This was seconded by Cllr R Thomas with one abstention. Shropshire Council to be informed.

- (b)** 25/00680/LBC- Change of use of converted barn into residential dwelling at Walford Barns, Walford, Shrewsbury, Shropshire

39/2025 (Cont'd)

Cllr M Feline outlined the application and Councillors discussed the plans. Cllr A Woodthorpe proposed that the Parish Council support the application and the proposed residential conversion of the barn at Walford Barns. The development is in keeping with the character of the surrounding barn conversions and aligns with the established aesthetic and usage of the area. We believe this proposal will contribute positively to the local setting by preserving the existing structure while providing additional residential accommodation.

However, we would like to note a concern regarding parking and vehicle movement within the development. The additional parking required for the new conversion may reduce the available space for vehicles associated with the surrounding barns, potentially impacting access and manoeuvrability. We recommend that provisions be considered to ensure adequate vehicle circulation and minimise any disruption to current residents.

It is also noted that there is a lack of access to the properties via foot therefore if the development were to include enhancement/creation of a footpath then this would also be looked upon favourably. Cllr S Hey seconded the proposal which was agreed by all. Shropshire Council to be informed.

Planning Permission Granted

- 24/04780/FUL- Variation of condition no.2 (approved drawings) attached to 2/04728/FUL at Fenemere Lane Farm, Fenemere, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Any planning applications received since 24th February 2025 or any other planning Issues.

Notice of an Application for registration of a person in adverse possession- B149. This application to the land registry is by the Baschurch Tennis Club and relates to the “Mens Club” in Church Road Baschurch. Cllr A Woodthorpe explained the details of the application and he proposed to consent to the application. This was seconded by Cllr Thomas. There was one objection. This was passed and a letter to be forwarded by the Parish Council to the Land Registry.

8.15pm The Vice Chairman handed back the meeting to the Chairman

40/2025 HIGHWAYS AND STREET LIGHTING

- Temporary Road Closure-Weston Road from Baschurch to Weston Lullingfields from Monday 17th February 2025 until 7th March 2025 for Test, rod and rope, cabling and subduct works if required by Freedom Fibre work.
- Temporary Road Closure- Yeaton Junction Mission Cottage to Walford Heath, Nr Baschurch from Monday 27th January 2025 to Friday 7th February 2025 between 8am to 5.00pm for re surfacing works by Shropshire Council.
- Temporary Road Closure-Unnamed Road through Stanwardine in the Wood from Monday 24th March 2025 to Sunday 30th March 2025 for Test, rod and rope, cabling and subduct works if required by Freedom Fibre work.
- Temporary Road Closure-Unnamed Road Petton to Weston Lullingfields on Monday 28th April 2025 to replace defective manhole frame and cover by Severn Trent.
- Temporary Road Closure-Unnamed Road Stanwardine in the Wood on Friday 23rd May 2025 to replace one pole in the verge by Open Reach.

41/2025 BADGERS WAY PLAY /WHEATLANDS PLAY AREA

There was nothing to report.

42/2025 ANY COUNCILLORS REPORTS

There were no Councillors reports

43/2025 VILLAGE GREEN - TREES

The Clerk stated that the Womens Institute had now planted the damson tree on the Village Green.

44/2025 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

A meeting had taken place in February with a good attendance from both Parish Councillors and members of the public. Another meeting was arranged for Monday 17th March 2025.

45/2025 BASCHURCH RAILWAY STATION

Work was still going on in respect of the report which had been altered.

46/2025 ELECTION BRIEF

The Clerk gave Councillors updates of filling in the application for a Parish Councillor. These have to be handed in to The Guildhall or other locations before 5.00pm Wednesday 2nd April 2025

47/2025 FINANCES

- (a) **Bacs Payments for Approval** – The following payments totalling £4450.13 (which includes VAT) were to be paid over the month of February These were proposed by Cllr M Feline and seconded by Cllr Mrs G Tomlins and agreed by all.

BACS 59	P. Birch Contracting Ltd (General Maintenance)	674.46
BACS 59	P. Birch Contracting Ltd (Cemetery)	264.30
BACS 60	A Howls Salary- February	1403.60
BACS 61	Inland Revenue-February	517.32
BACS 62	PG Skips Ltd	49.76
BACS 63	Berry & Co Ltd Allotments	748.12
BASC 64	A Howls Expenses x2 (July- Sept) (Oct- Dec)	312.50
BASC 65	Weston Lullingfields V Hall – Hire of Room Neigh Planning	70.00
BACS 66	Scottish Power	297.58
BACS 67	SALC Training	35.00
BACS 68	Baschurch V Hall – Hire of Room	47.50
BASC 69	Cllr M Feline -Cleaning Fluid for street sign cleaning	29.99

Resolved: Payment of the BACS were approved.

c) **Other items of expenditure for consideration**

Trees on Village green.

The Clerk stated she had quote for removing and trimming a tree on the village green of £200.00 from a local tree surgeon. This was proposed by Cllr R Thomas and seconded by Cllr M Feline and agreed by all. ***Resolved:*** Clerk to inform Tree Surgeon.

- (d) Roundabout-The Clerk stated that the Derwen College had sent in details of plants to be placed on the roundabout with a price for plants to be agreed by Parish Council. These were discussed by Councillors and it was agreed to have plants and also lavender plants which was at a cost of £268.75 without VAT and with a 10% discount. Cllr R Thomas proposed to accept the costing and Cllr M Feline seconded the proposal which was agreed by all.

- (d) Tenders -Discussed under exempt Minutes 50/2025

48/2025 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no other correspondence which had not been covered by the above items.

49/2025 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.00pm. The next regular Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 7th April 2025 at Baschurch Village Hall

Signed.....

Dated 7th April 2025