

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2nd JUNE 2025
AT BASCHURCH VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors M Feline (Chairman)
Mrs G Tomlins
R Thomas
Mrs A P R Budgen
R Jones
Mrs C Weller
J H Lloyd
N Hancock
F Purell
N Bardsley
Mrs A Howls Clerk.
Cllr R Jones Shropshire Council

One member of the public
The Parish Council Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Cllrs Mrs C Weller and J H Lloyd signed their declarations

88/2025 Apologies – Cllrs A Woodthorpe, S Hey, Mrs W Lowdon,

89/2025 **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]

- a) Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen declared an interest in 24/01778/VAR- Variation of Conditions 1 & 2 attached to application Reference Number 24/03573/PAAFC. Date of Decision 18/9/2024 at Proposed Conversion of Agricultural building north of B4297, Buildings Bank, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

90/2025 **COMMUNITY REPORT & PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

One member of the public gave comments in relation to the proposed opening of the railway. Station.

91/2025 **REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL**

Cllr Jones gave the following report:

Highways

Improving maintenance of our road network is a priority for the new council. At present there is a 2-year backlog for adopting new roads and for Traffic Regulation Orders. Channels of communication internally and externally are now very poor. The new administration is determined to improve this, as well as general transparency and working with partners.

We are considering shifting the prioritisation of pothole repairs and maintenance to the most important and heavily used roads under our responsibility. I have been making the case that this should include well-used unclassified roads and not just A and B roads. In the meantime, the Council will be adding a third in-house team dedicated to filling potholes.

I have written to officers at the Highways department, and I have spoken with the new Cabinet member for Highways, Cllr David Vasmer, about issues in Baschurch including the outstanding and urgent need for a TRO on Ruyton Road, all of the roads which are awaiting adoption in the village, and ongoing two year wait for repair work on Marton Road. The possibility was also raised that the work on Marton Road could be passed to another contractor.

Town and Parish Council Consultation

Another key priority for the new administration of Shropshire Council is to reset the relationship with Town and Parish Councils in order to empower communities, deliver services better and more locally, and rebuild trust in the Council amongst the public. The precise timescale and program for delivering this is to be determined, but we aim to propose proposals to cabinet and full council in December 2025. Some pilot areas could move ahead earlier than this. The Transformation and Improvement Overview and Scrutiny Committee will put out a 'Call for Information' (possibly as soon as June 9th) which will invite Town and Parish Councils, individually, through SALC or in clusters, as well as other organisations and partners, to offer their views and ideas. Policy will be formulated based on responses from councils.

Doctor's Surgery

I have been in contact with Jackie Jones of the Prescott Surgery Patient Group and have arranged for a meeting a little later this month with her and the surgery Business Manager in order to bring myself up to date and learn how I can support the continued effort to deliver a new medical centre for Baschurch.

Baschurch Station

The Chief Executive received a letter from Helen Morgan MP, dated May 29th, urging the Council to incorporate the Station into the Local Transport Plan, and to work with Baschurch Parish Council on the development of a formal Business Case. A reply was being drafted by the Cabinet Member for Transport and Economic Growth and the Liberal Democrat's manifesto commitment to supporting Baschurch Station was emphasised to the Chief Executive.

Having been offered a Deputy Cabinet role in support of the Transport and Economic Growth portfolio, over the coming years I will be in a good position to advance the project, alongside other Council priorities relating to public transport.

92/2025 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12th MAY 2025

Cllr M Feline proposed and Cllr R Thomas seconded that the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12h May 2025 This was confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Acting Chairman.

93/2025 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12th MAY 2025 NOT ITEMISED ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

94/2025 CIVILITY & RESPECT PLEDGE

To pass a resolution to sign up to a Civility & Respect Pledge. The Clerk explained that the National Association of Local Councils and the Society of Local Council Clerks believe that now is the time to put civility and respect at the top of our Agenda and start a culture change for the local council sector. By signing up to the pledge we are demonstrating that our

Council is committed to treating Councillors, Clerks, employees, members of the public, representatives of partner organisations and volunteers with civility and respect in their role.

The Clerk then read the eight statements to Councillors which they agreed to and the Clerk stated she would register the Baschurch Parish Council as signing up to the Pledge.

95/2025 PLANNING

- b) 24/01778/VAR- Variation of Conditions 1 & 2 attached to application Reference Number 24/03573/PAAFC. Date of Decision 18/9/2024 at Proposed Conversion of Agricultural building north of B4297, Buildings Bank, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Cllr M Feline outlined the application to Councillors and Cllr J H Lloyd proposed to support the application as below

The Parish Council has reviewed the proposed variation of conditions submitted under application reference 24/01778/VAR, relating to the approved highway design associated with the prior approval for the conversion of an agricultural building north of the B4397, Buildings Bank. The Parish Council supports the applicant's efforts to refine the original scheme in a way that balances design efficiency, practical delivery, and environmental sensitivity. It is noted that the previously approved highway layout (drawing ref: 78599 004 Rev A) involved extensive embankment and boundary realignment works, which, while technically compliant, were considered by all parties involved to be disproportionately invasive. It should also be noted that the new route passes through an area where a lagoon or tank previously existed, potentially increasing the flood risk along this section of the path.

Cllr N Bardsley seconded the proposal and it was passed with one abstention. Shropshire Council to be informed.

Planning Permission Granted

- 25//00720/FUL- Erection of single storey rear extension, timber pergola structure to rear, replacement of glazing and door to front porch and new roof light to porch roof, replacement of first floor window with new casement, style to match adjacent existing window at Tudor Coppice, Walford Heath, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.
- 25/00960/FUL- Change of use of workshop to Holiday Let at Proposed Holiday Let Accommodation at Myrtle Cottage, Weston Lullingfields, Shropshire
- 25/01374/FUL- Proposed replacement slurry tower at The Rise, Petton Lane, Weston Lullingfields, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Any planning applications received since 27th May 2025 or any other planning Issues

(For information Only)-25/02020/AGR- Construction of earth bank agricultural lagoon at The Hayes, Merrington, Bomere Heath, Shrewsbury.

96/2025 HIGHWAYS AND STREET LIGHTING

- Temporary Road Closure- Milford Road Baschurch from Monday 4th August until Wednesday 6th August for lining and patch work between 0800hrs and 1800 hrs by Severn Trent Water.
- Temporary Road Closure- B4937 Marton Road from Monday 2nd June and Friday 13th June 2025 between 09030hrs until 1600hrs for essential carriageway repairs by Multevo Ltd on behalf of Shropshire Council.

Both Shropshire Councillor R Jones and the Clerk had contacted Multevo in respect of the subsidence at this location and if it was to be repaired at this time. But they could not advise that this work would be carried out as this was for pothole repairs.

Street Lighting

The Clerk stated she had been contacted by British Telecom that their pole which has a street light attached to it needs removing. The street light is near the Village Hall at Weston Lullingfields and belongs to the Parish Council. Our Parish Council Street lighting contractor has been in liaison with BT and we have two options to consider-

Option 1

To install a 5m street light steel column next to the wooden pole and they will put a network service to the column and install this and move the current LED light to the column at a cost of £428.13 plus VAT

Option 2

Remove the light altogether at a cost of £84.00 plus VAT

Councillors discussed this and it was proposed by Cllr J H Lloyd to Option 1 and keep the street light. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs C Weller and passed with one abstention.

Resolved: Clerk to inform Highline Electrics and to go ahead

97/2025 BADGERS WAY PLAY /WHEATLANDS PLAY AREA

The Clerk stated she was ordering signs for Badgers Way Playground and wished the Council's decision on the wording of sign. Playground for Children under 7yrs only
No Ball Games allowed.

Whilst discussing the signs Councillors requested sign on the Football field "Dogs to be kept on a lead" and Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen wished "Pick up after your dog" also printed on sign.

98/2025 ANY COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Hedges in Parish – Cllr Mrs G Tomlins reported that there were hedges along Church Road that were obstructing the pavement for pedestrians. It was also reported that the hedge opposite Millington Close was also obstructing the pavement. Councillors agreed that this was to be mentioned in the newsletter asking owners of hedges to cut them back and also stating that Shropshire Council may be contacted, if this was not carried out, as they would cut them back and claim the cost from the owner of the hedge. Clerk to inform Housing Association re Millington Close housing and report hedges to Shropshire Council.

PGL Boreatton Park. Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen reported that there had been problems with coaches travelling along the routes to and from PGL. A meeting had been held with Ali Duffy, the General Manager and Councillors requested a meeting be set up in June with local parishioners to inform them of what was being arranged for this season.

The Clerk stated an e mail had been received from Ali Duffy stating she was going to book Weston Lullingfield Village Hall to hold the meeting. She would let the Parish Council know when it was arranged.

Bridge at Adcote Cllr Mrs G Tomlins requested the Clerk contact Shropshire Council to receive an update on what was happening to Adcote Bridge and why it had still not been repaired.

Cemetery – Cllr J H Lloyd reported that the remaining bushes on the car park at the Cemetery had now been removed and the ground would be re seeded in the near future.

Electricity for the Village Green – Cllr M Feline stated he was still progressing with how to bring the electricity to the Village Green for a Christmas Tree to be placed on the village green. He had received a quote for £1800.00 to put a meter on the green. He was also in contact with Highline Electrical who are the Parish Council Street lighting contractors and are discussing costings.

99/2025 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

The next meeting would take place on Tuesday 3rd June 2025 at 7.30pm at Weston Lullingfields Village Hall. At this time preparations were being made for their attendance at the All-Saints Church Fete which will be held on the Village Green on Saturday 28th June 2025. Cllr N Bardsley stated the group were looking into someone from Shropshire Council to advise the group where to go from here.

100/2025 COUNCILLORS REPOSIBILITIES

The Chairman stated this item would be deferred until the next Meeting. The Clerk would send out the list for Councillors to decide what they wished to participate in before the meeting.

101/2025 FINANCES

- (a) **Bacs Payments for Approval** – The following payments totalling £5547.94 (which includes VAT) were to be paid over the month of June. These were proposed by Cllr J H Lloyd and seconded by Cllr Mrs C Weller and agreed by all.

BACS 90	P. Birch Contracting Ltd (General Maintenance)	1320.50
BACS 90	P. Birch Contracting Ltd (Cemetery)	347.86
BACS 91	A Howls Salary- May	1533.20
BACS 92	Inland Revenue-May	638.15
BACS 93	P G Skips	55.24
BASC 94	Highline Electrical	673.20
BASC 95	S Bradbury- Tree work on Village green.	240.00
BACS 96	<u>Weston Lullingfield V Hall -N H Planning meeting 3/6/2025</u>	26.25
BACS 97	<u>Scottish Power</u>	345.90
BACS 98	<u>Joanna Price (N H Fund Group)</u>	26.64
BACS 99	<u>Baschurch Parish Council Hire of Rooms x2</u>	95.00
BACS100	<u>B Townson Auditor</u>	150.00
BACS101	<u>Signs & Posters</u>	96.00

Resolved: Payment of the BACS were approved.

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

Work on Football Field in Eyton Lane. - The Chairman explained work which needed to be carried out to fencing inside the field and work to make car park bigger. He stated he had received three quotes and gave details of prices and work to be undertaken. After some discussion Cllr Mrs G Tomlins proposed to accept quote B which was for £12,075 which was seconded by Cllr N Hancock and agreed by all.

102/2025 TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT OF BASCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025.

The Clerk submitted the accounts for Baschurch Parish Council for the year ending 31st March 2025. The Annual Governance Statement of Assurance had been fully explained by the Clerk at the previous Council meeting. At this Meeting it was proposed by Cllr Mrs A P R Budgen and seconded by Cllr Mrs C Weller and passed by all present. The Acting Chairman and Clerk then both signed the Annual Governance Statement of Assurance.

103/2025 TO ADOPT THE AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025.

The Clerk submitted the statement of accounts and balance sheet for the year ending 31st March 2025. The adoption of the Accounts was agreed and proposed by Cllr M Feline and seconded by Cllr N Hancock and passed by all present. The Acting Chairman and Clerk then both signed the Annual Return

104/2025 CORRESPONDENCE

All Correspondence dealt with under agenda headings.

105/2025 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.30pm. The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 7th July 2025 at Weston Lullingfields Village Hall.

Signed.....
Dated 7th July 2025