
MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD 28TH MARCH 2024 BILDWAS VILLAGE HALL – 7:30PM

Members present: Councillors Pratt (Chair), Grainger, Jones, Ling, Jackson and Wilcox.

In attendance: Mr C Furnival (Clerk/RFO) and one member of the public.

23/24.82 Apologies and declarations of Interest

Apologies received from Cllr S Heath due to work commitments.

Apologies received from Cllr C Wild due to being stuck in traffic in Birmingham.

Harworth and G. Lawley from Shropshire Council have given her apologies for this meeting, she hopes to attend our meeting in May with Highways Engineers meeting with Parish Councillors for a site walk after Easter.

23/24.83 Public Session

Mr J. Millington from Buildwas Academy said that he wished to attend this meeting to raise his concerns with regards to the lack of parking provisions in the area, particularly around the school. This is a growing issue as more complaints are coming from residents and the school about parking in the area. The school are keen to work with Highways to ease the parking issues and believe it is important to work together with the Parish Council to address these issues.

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council had a walkaround with Harworth and Highways before Christmas and this area of concern was looked at and Shropshire Council were going away to draw some up some plans to address these issues, but we are yet to see these proposals. Members noted that this was an ongoing issue for some time, and we are also keen to address this for parents and residents.

Mr Millington noted that he is concerned that the proposals for the new housing site suggest that the first houses will be built and moved in by January 2025 which means this issue could increase with the growing number of residents and potentially pupils to the local schools.

Cllr R Ling noted that breakfast club parking is also part of this problem due to parking at the front of the school. Mr Millington is addressing this with parents.

The Chairman confirmed that we will take this conversation back to highways.

It was agreed for the Clerk to contact local construction workers to ask that they park their vehicles elsewhere to ease these problems.

A resident of a neighbouring Parish asked if there plans for active travel intervention around the parish in the new development site, and if there are such plans then they would need to be brought forward, they would at least give people the opportunity to walk or cycle and ease transport in this Parish.

23/24.84 Minutes of the Full Council meeting held 25th January 2024

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the last meeting as a true record.

23/24.85 Matters arising, for information, from the 25th January 2024 minutes not otherwise on the agenda

Cllr R Ling apologised for not being able to attend the last meeting.

23/24.86 Correspondence

Correspondence has been received by residents regarding the parking issues around the school but this was discussed under item 23/24.83

Members were reminded to respond to the Police Charter email from the Clerk.

23/24.87 Reports from West Mercia Police

The local SNT did attend before this meeting but were called elsewhere.

They did say that there has been an increased presence of the local SNT in the area. They have been made aware of a few local issues in the village which they are liaising with SC about this. Weren't aware of the Coy Carp theft due to it not being reported.

Speed enforcement checks recorded recently, more are planned for this area.

23/24.88 Reports from Shropshire Council

Cllr Wild provided the following written report regarding the liaison group meeting;

At the meeting, which took place on Wednesday 13th March, there was an update on the first phase of the speed reduction measures.

These measures include the VAS (Vehicle activated signage) signs on the B4380. The trigger speeds for the new VAS units, apart from the two in the 30mph limit at Leighton Village, have been reset to 40mph. These signs were paid for by Harworth.

The yellow backed 'crossroads' warning sign which is obscured by the new VAS unit at Longwood will be relocated to a new position.

The visibility issue that has been raised due to the location of the new VAS unit on the south side of the Wroxeter Crossroads will be looked at again to try and find a resolution. Wroxeter and Uppington PC are looking into the provision of the advisory "Max Speed 40" signage alongside or on the VAS signs to try and reduce speeding further.

Speed Reductions – Phase Two

Harworth have offered to install 2 temporary mobile 40 mph signs on the A4169. These will be large, lit units to reduce speed from Mill Farm down to the construction site access by the JPE quarry. It is hoped that these signs can be installed over the next few months.

The Mill Farm site access roundabout will not be installed before 2026. At the moment the plans are being slightly altered to move the roundabout further into the Harworth site. This will enable a greater proportion of the eventual works to take place off the highway and reduce disruption.

Buildwas Bank Junction works will not take place until 2026.

The works to the site access and construction access by the JPE quarry will take place later this year, the provisional date is currently October. The majority of the work will take place under traffic lights with traffic restricted to one lane. There may well be overnight and weekend closures. Further details will be given at the June meeting.

Harworth and Shropshire Council officials will be at the next Buildwas PC meeting on the 28th March at Buildwas Village Hall to answer questions from local residents. The minutes of the meeting will be put on the local Parishes website when agreed.

Cllr Jones noted that there are significant drainage issues which need to be addressed in phase one and two.

Cllr Jackson noted that it is very dangerous when cars build up on the junction and get backed up, signage to slow down on junction needs to be cut back to be more visible, giving drivers more time to ease their speed.

23/24.89 Former Ironbridge Power Station Development

Taylor Wimpey have a proposals consultation on 4th April in Ironbridge. Chair asked members to attend if available.

Cllr Jones noted that there is a new application regarding play equipment is on the planning portal but not yet out for consultation.

The Chair noted that Cllr Heath wishes to have raised the issue with regarding the playing fields and feels we should enquire about the possibility of looking at what the Parish Council can do to support the future use of these fields, Clerk will look into the options and viability.

23/24.90 Highways/Road Safety along the B4380

Cllr Ling reported that out of the list of things he brought to Shropshire Council regarding local highways issues, nearly all of which are addressed. He has been writing to highways because a notice says they are going to do some finishing work and they put some slow signs and he thought it was going to address the surface works needed. Cllr Ling reported that after 4 visits to try address the drain covers, on the 5th visit they have put in new drain covers which are not making a noise.

One outstanding issue is on the other side of road that needs surface dressing.

23/24.91 Rights of Way

Cllr Grainger reported that a resident reported that the footpath down to river has been blocked by two gates, but cannot identify which route this is on yet. A ROW sign on this route had fallen but has now been addressed.

23/24.92 Buildwas Parish Plan (Community Led Plan)

Some members were delegated sections of the Parish Plan at the last meeting, these members are to write up their sections to reflect the Parish and the responses received through the community survey.

The Clerk suggested that members get together soon, to go through the responses received and formulate actions to go into this plan to assist Councillors to do their section write ups as well as progress the publication of this plan.

23/24.93 Climate and Nature Action

Cllr Jackson attended a verges/hedge conference recently. Community groups are working with SC to try to change the mowing schedules to increase the population of insects. If we want to push this we need to speak with someone in SC to change the mowing schedule. Agreed to contact Shropshire Council about this and begin discussions.

23/24.94 Reports from Parish Councillors

Cllr Jackson asked if we could push for an understanding of footpaths and cycling path links to the new site from the village of Buildwas. Bus transport needs to be more clarified and pushed for.

Chair noted that the brambles on footpath by park are overgrowing. Councillors to help clear this back.

23/24.95 Planning

Members considered the following application and responded as follows;

Saplings Farm information application.

24/00963/ADV - Development Land At Site Of Ironbridge Power Station, Buildwas Road, Ironbridge, Telford

Proposal: 10 temporary non-illuminated advertisement signs

Buildwas Parish Council response: No objections

24/00768/REM – Proposed Dwelling SW of Home Farm, Buildwas

Proposal:

Buildwas Parish Council response: No comments

23/24.96 Finance reports

- a. Members reviewed the latest banking statements and bank reconciliation prepared by the Clerk and confirmed that they were happy that the reconciliation had been accounted for correctly. These statements bring the councils adjusted balances to the 29th February 2023 at £27,766.68. Two members were randomly nominated by the Clerk to sign of the master copies of these statements.
- b. Payments made since the last meeting:

Details	Ref	Statutes	Account
Website subscription	P41	LGA 1972 s111	£11.99
Salary	P42	LGA 1972 s112	£245.94
PAYE	P43	LGA 1972 s112	£61.40
Expenses	P44	LGA 1972 s112	£151.17
Signage for allotment	P45	LGA 1972 s137	£46.00
Website subscription	P46	LGA 1972 s111	£11.99
Website subscription	P47	LGA 1972 s111	£11.99
TOTAL			£540.48

Meeting finished: 20:36

These minutes are to be considered as a draft form until signed at the next appropriate meeting, the signed copy will be retained by the Parish Council.

Signed: Dated:/...../.....

Date of the next meeting:

23rd May 2024 (Annual Parish Meeting), 7 pm at Buildwas Village Hall

23rd May 2024 (AGM), 7:30pm at Buildwas Village Hall

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