

BAGINTON PARISH COUNCIL (BPC)
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 5th January 2017 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, BAGINTON.

PRESENT:

Councillor	Wallace Redford	County Councillor
Councillor	Julie Keightley	Chairman
Councillor	Chris Goodwin	Vice Chairman
Councillor	Walter Bush	
Councillor	Roger Horsfall	
Councillor	David Hewer	
Councillor	Robert Taylor	
Councillor	Rob Newman	
Councillor	Steve Williams	
Clerk	Phil Clark.	
Public	2 members of the public were present.	

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed those present.

1047. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & APOLOGIES

1047.1 Declarations of interest were sought and none were declared.

1047.2 The following had apologised: - District Councillor Nick Harrington
District Councillor Pam Redford
Councillor Nigel Thomas

1048. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

1048.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on 1st December, having been circulated, were approved without amendment.
Proposed by Councillor Keightley & seconded by Councillor Goodwin.

1049. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WALLACE REDFORD

1049.1 Councillor Wallace Redford confirmed that budget negotiations were continuing and that compromises must be made. A balanced budget must be produced by March 2017 and if no compromise can be reached, the County Treasurer has the right to impose a solution on all parties.

1049.2 With regards to the review of Church Road, the County Surveyor had not yet visited the site, but Councillor Redford is hopeful that he will be able to report further on this matter at our next meeting.

1049.3 Councillor Williams asked what monies WCC had in reserve. Councillor Redford indicated approximately £7M, which Councillors agreed was a very small sum of money for the size of WCC and this emphasised the need to produce a workable budget.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Redford for his report.

1050. REPORTS FROM WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

1050.1 Councillors Pam Redford and Nick Harrington had apologised prior to the meeting and had indicated that they had no new matters to raise.

1051. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD.

1051.1 A member of the public raised further concerns about Roman Way, both the danger of exiting onto Howes Lane due to hedges obscuring the line of sight and about the general tidiness of the area.

Councillors reiterated that the issue with Roman Way was that the road lies within WDC jurisdiction, while the exit onto Howes Lane lies within Coventry City Council jurisdiction. Consequently, maintenance schedules are not coordinated and work often appears disjointed. The Clerk will visit the area and report to both WDC and CCC as appropriate. **Clerk to action.**

1051.2 Councillor Wallace Redford said that he would confirm that WDC have now included the Roman Way/Mylgrove area on their regular maintenance schedule.

1052. POLICE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MATTERS

- 1052.1 It was noted that no volunteers had come forward to help with the Neighbourhood Watch. The Chairman also noted that the current Neighbourhood Watch coordinator was ill and our best wishes were voiced for his recovery. Further to this matter, the Chairman had spoken to PCSO Ed King about how Neighbourhood Watch organisations have changed with the advent of e-mail and social media, such that a specific coordinator is no longer essential to disseminate information. The Parish Council agreed that moving forward, the Neighbourhood Watch should be reorganised to operate without a centralised coordinator. **Clerk to investigate options.**
- 1052.2 Two 'cuppa with a copper' events were held on 11th and 23rd December. Further events are scheduled for 8th January, 12th February and 19th March.
- 1052.3 The December WRE Newsletter was circulated on 20th December, with a report of the theft of a mountain bike from outside a business on Siskin Drive on 16th November.
- 1052.4 Notice of fly-tipping at the Royal British Legion Club on the afternoon of Tuesday 13th December was circulated to Councillors on 24th December.

1053. BAGINTON EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

- 1053.1 The next film night is to be held on 27th January, at the Baginton Royal British Legion Club. The film showing will be 'Pride'.

1054. AIRPORT and TOLLBAR.

- 1054.1 An airport meeting had taken place in December, where it was reiterated that the airport was not for sale, despite rumours to the contrary. It was also confirmed that passenger flights will never return to the airport. Activity on the airport is very low and the next meeting has been scheduled for July 2017. **Councillor Horsfall to attend.**
- 1054.2 It was noted that a series of updates were received regarding progress with the Tollbar works, including planned closures and possible delays over the Christmas period.
- 1054.3 Councillors discussed at length the effectiveness of the lane markings, signage and traffic light timing on the new Tollbar traffic island. Some Councillors found fault with the layout, believing it was confusing. Others felt that it was satisfactory, better than the previous island and as good as you could achieve with such a difficult intersection. It was agreed that as the island had only recently opened and that because changes to the traffic light system were still being made by the operator, formal comment on the effectiveness of the island would be deferred for discussion at our next meeting.
- 1054.4 Councillor Taylor commented that the cycle route associated with the new road layout was excellent, but that where the new cycle route meets the older existing route, the area is overgrown, muddy and hardly passable in some areas. The Chairman confirmed that whilst the new cycle routes were maintained by Galliford Try, the older overgrown route were the responsibility of Kier Group, who had been contacted regarding this issue.

1055. PLANNING

1055.1 The following planning decisions were received since the last meeting.

- i. W/16/1341 – Proposed school on land behind Bosworth Close, Baginton. **REJECTED** 6th December. The applicants expressed disappointment at the decision, but thanked us for our representation at the meeting. Baginton Parish Council had issues **NO OBJECTION** to the application.
- ii. W/16/0239 – JLR Whitley South change of condition to reduce initial foot print from 10,000 sq m to 8500 sq m. **GRANTED** 6th December. The Parish Council had objected.
- iii. W/16/1610 – Erection of B2 (general industry) and B8 (storage and distribution) on land at Siskin Parkway West. **NO OBJECTION** reported 25th October. **GRANTED** 13th December 2016.

1055.2 To note applications awaiting WDC decision.

- i. W/16/1339 & W/16/1340 (duplicate applications) – Erection of 3m high Company sign, CFS Aerospace Ltd, Alvis Works, Bubbenhall Road, CV8 3BB. Circulated to Councillors on 5th August with response required by 25th August. **NO OBJECTION** reported 21/08/2016.
- ii. W/16/2005 - single storey extension at the front of Hiramford, Siskin Drive, Middlemarch Business Park, CV3 4FJ. Circulated to Councillors 24th November. **NO OBJECTION** reported 7th December.

1055.3 New planning applications and other planning matters received since the last meeting.

- i. W/16/2189 – Variation of condition to replace installation of PV panels with thermodynamic hot water. Land to north of Unipart, Middlemarch Business Park. Circulated to Councillors 14th December with response required by 2nd January 2017. **NO OBJECTION** reported on 29th December.

1055.4 Councillor Hewer expressed disgust that the WDC Planning Committee allow some developments in Green Belt whilst rejecting others, suggesting that there is no consistency and asking for a letter of disappointment to be written to WDC expressing these concerns. The Chairman reiterated that this had been done previously and that the standard response from WDC is that each application is considered on its own merits and that use of Green Belt is justified in some cases and not in others. It was agreed that no action should be taken.

1056. NEIGHBOURHOOD and LOCAL PLANS

- 1056.1 It was noted that the Neighbourhood Plan consultation session organised for 3rd December at the Christmas Fair at the Village Hall was attended by a number of residents and was received positively.
- 1056.2 It was noted that the Neighbourhood Plan consultation period had ended on 19th December and that the Bubbenhall Parish Clerk was collating the responses. A meeting is scheduled for 25th January.
- 1056.3 Councillor Bush has continued to attend the WDC Local Plan Examination meetings on 13th and 14th December. His observations from the meetings are given below.
- i. WDC had written to the inspector asking for confirmation of issues that need addressing so that they can start actions. The inspector confirmed that even if WDC address the issues quickly, they will still form part of his final report and will not be dropped off the summary.
 - ii. The inspector rejected WDC Neighbourhood Plan policies NP1 and NP2, stating that national planning policies already exist and that WDC should not complicate matters by introducing their own policies.
 - iii. The inspector rejected WDC policies in relation to the Airport and general waste management, stating that responsibility for these policies lies with Warwickshire County Council and that WDC should not complicate matters by introducing their own policies.
 - iv. The Inspector's report will not be available until March 2017 at the earliest.
 - v. The Inspector reiterated that the WDC strategic plan for road management was very poor and had no synergy between areas. Developments such as HS2, Kingshill housing development, JLR, Zone A at Whitley South etc. had been treated as individual areas with little consideration regarding how each development will impact on the other. Consequently, the road management strategy for the location of these proposed developments will be cited as inadequate.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Bush for all of his efforts regarding this matter over the past months.

1057 HIGHWAY MATTERS.

1057.1 Summary of known Highways issues, by area.

1. **Matters reported previously and awaiting action**
 - Church Road – Review to be undertaken
 - Bubbenhall Road (at stables) – Deep ruts at roadside
2. **Areas with no reported issues (alphabetical) at date of meeting.**
 - Andrews Close
 - Bosworth Close
 - Bubbenhall Road (main road excluding area at stables & Oakey Hill)
 - Coventry Road
 - Frances Road
 - Friends Drive
 - Kimberley Road
 - Hall Drive
 - Holly Walk
 - Mill Hill

- Mylgrove
- Oak Close
- Roman Way
- Rowley Road
- Stoneleigh Road
- Underhill Close

1057.2 The paths were cleared of leaves by WDC on 5th December.

1057.3 The broken light in Kimberley Road was reported on 24th December and it was noted that it was not working on the evening of this meeting

1057.4 It was noted that the redundant light on the post outside the Smithy has now been removed.

1057.5 Councillor Hewer asked if the street sweeping for Church Road was to be carried out soon due to the build up of leaves. **Clerk to confirm.**

1058. OPEN SPACE.

1058.1 Rabbits & moles on the Millennium Field may require intervention. **Councillor Horsefall to monitor.**

1058.2 The request for a larger bin outside the village shop was acknowledged by WDC on 2nd December following an e-mail from Councillor Pam Redford.

1058.3 The annual inspection of the Lucy Price Playground was undertaken on 8th November and the report circulated to Councillors for consideration, with a summary of repairs circulated on 5th January. Councillor Taylor suggested forming a working party to explore options and to link this with the Park Management and Development Plan. Volunteers with children to be sought to form a small working party. **Councillor Taylor to action.**

1058.4 Councillors Bush and Taylor will be visiting the supplier of security gates on 11th January to discuss options for increased security on the Millennium Field.

1058.5 A request was received from a resident to undertake general maintenance and tidy-up of the pond and spinney area. A risk assessment was circulated on 21st December. Councillors confirmed their approval, with great thanks. **Clerk to contact the resident.**

1059 GRANTS

1059.1 A Community Forum Grant Application for £1500 in relation to securing the Millennium Field entrances was circulated to Councillors Wallace Redford, Pam Redford and Nick Harrington on 18th December. Councillor Harrington had supported the application via return of e-mail, whilst Councillor Redford confirmed his support and that of Pam immediately prior to the meeting. The application and notes of support need submitting to the forum body by 9th January. **Clerk to action.**

1060. HOUSING & GENERAL MATTERS – There were no housing matters to report

1061. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

a. To advise Bank balances as at 24/12/2016

HSBC treasurers (community) account: -	£ 1747.24
HSBC savings (BMM) account: -	£ 20563.59
Total.....	£ 22310.83

Ring fenced Monies	£1330.29
Committed Funds (Budget, L'Price, M'Field, N'Plan)	£13150.55
Underlying Council Reserves.....	£9160.28

b. To confirm items for payment:-

	Value	Cheque No.
Clerk's net salary for previous month (£335.91 Gross)	£335.91	101844
NALC – Arnold Baker Local Council Administration 10 th Edition	£76.50	101845
Wicksteed Playground Inspection	£144.00	101846
P E Clark – Litter Bin reimbursement	£341.99	101847
Village Hall Hire and Coffee Circle subsidy	£44.00	101848
Cheques not cashed – 101842 St John the Baptist	£450.00	
Total Funds required in Community Account (Inc Un-presented cheques)	£1392.40	

- c. The Smithy rent was received on 7th December and is included in the above figures.
- d. Thanks were received from St. John the Baptist Church for the graveyard maintenance grant.
- e. It was proposed that following the loss of £2157 in grants from WDC, the budget should include a precept increase that exactly covers this deficit, with all other budget options remaining in-line with previous years and with no cuts made to the services provided by the Parish Council, as per option B draft budget circulated to Councillors on 6th December. Proposed by Councillor Hewer, seconded by Councillor Keightley and carried. Finalised budget to be issued for publication and the precept reported to WDC before 24th January. **Clerk to action.**

1062. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS.

- 1062.1 Notice had been received that the Government proposal to cap Parish Council precept increase unless a referendum demonstrates agreement from the Parish has been deferred and will not occur in 2017/18. Notice of the decision was circulated to Councillors on 20th December.
- 1062.2 Consultation documents were circulated on 22nd December regarding the proposed extension of the Local Government Ombudsman Service to Parish Councils. Response is required by 24th January. Councillor Keightley proposed that we support the suggestion, seconded by Councillor Williams and carried. **Clerk to report decision.**
- 1062.3 Consultation documents proposing that Parish Councillors should be allowed to reclaim child & dependent care costs when attending Council meeting were circulated on 22nd December. Response required by 18th January. Councillor Bush proposed that we should not support the proposal, seconded by Councillor Keightley and passed with 5 votes. **Clerk to report decision.**

1063. BROCHURES AND DOCUMENTS available for perusal at meeting.

- i. LCR Winter 2016.
- ii. CPRE Outlook Magazine Winter 2016.

1064. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

- 1064.1 Councillor Horsfall reported that he had been contacted by Coventry & Warwickshire Radio regarding rumours that Jaguar Land Rover was pursuing planning developments on the Coventry Airport site. Other Councillors confirmed that they had not been approached but that these rumours were linked to other rumours regarding the sale of the airport.
- 1064.2 Councillor Bush referred to minutes 1031.2 from 1st December 2016, regarding claims from a resident that the Lucy Price Schoolroom was gifted to the Village in 1977 and that the Diocese are only custodians whilst the associated Charity are simply managers. Councillor Bush proposed that efforts should be made to confirm the exact ownership of the Schoolroom, seconded by Councillor Hewer and passed by show of hands. Initial contact was agreed to be made through the Charity Chairman, Rev David Wintle. **Clerk to action.**

1065. The meeting closed at 8:55pm.

1066. DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Next Parish Council Meeting: **Thursday 2nd February 2017** at 7.30pm in Baginton Village Hall.