

BAGINTON PARISH COUNCIL (BPC)
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 2nd February 2017 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, BAGINTON.

PRESENT:

Councillor	Wallace Redford	County Councillor
Councillor	Pam Redford	District Councillor
Councillor	Julie Keightley	Chairman
Councillor	Chris Goodwin	Vice Chairman
Councillor	Walter Bush	
Councillor	Roger Horsfall	
Councillor	David Hower	
Councillor	Robert Taylor	
Councillor	Nigel Thomas	
Councillor	Steve Williams	
Clerk	Phil Clark.	
Public	3 members of the public were present.	

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

1067. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & APOLOGIES

1067.1 Declarations of interest were sought and none were declared.

1067.2 The following had apologised: - District Councillor Nick Harrington
Councillor Rob Newman

1068. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

1068.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on 5th January 2017, having been circulated, were approved without amendment. Proposed by Councillor Keightley & seconded by Councillor Williams.

1069. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WALLACE REDFORD

1069.1 Councillor Wallace Redford confirmed that budget negotiations had been successful and that a budget has been set by WCC for 2017/2018.

1069.2 With regards to Church Road, Councillor Redford confirmed that resurfacing was not a priority, but that the County Surveyor will be visiting the site to look into patching options. At the same time, he will also perform a white-line survey across the whole village.

1069.3 Councillor Hower asked about deep ruts continuing to form along the verge on Bubbenhall Road. Councillor Redford confirmed that the deepest parts had been filled with gravel, but there wasn't enough of this material available to repair anything other than the worst areas within the County.

1069.4 Councillor Hower asked if action could be taken as a priority to repair the fencing and hedge around Bubbenhall Bridge, which had recently been struck and damaged by a farm vehicle and was in danger of further accidents.

1069.5 Councillor Redford confirmed that following the installation of 'NO HGV's' signs, a survey conducted by Bubbenhall Parish had confirmed a considerable reduction of HGV traffic on their roads.

1069.6 Councillor Thomas specifically thanked Councillor Redford for all of the work he was putting into our Parish. Other Councillors confirmed their thanks.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Redford for his report.

1070. REPORTS FROM WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- 1070.1 Councillors Pam Redford confirmed that work was continuing over the winter period to improve the swimming pools in the WDC area.
- 1070.2 It was confirmed that Travellers were still being moved around the District by Police and Bailiffs.
- 1070.3 It was confirmed that the next Community Forum meeting was to be held at Baginton Village Hall on 8th February.
- 1070.4 Councillor Horsfall complained that WDC had notified him of a Tree Preservation Order (No. 516) being granted to a mature Blue Cedar on a shared driveway, but had not notified him when permission was subsequently granted to fell the tree just 3 months after the TPO was granted. Councillor Horsfall asked for a thorough investigation. **Councillor Pam Redford asked for further details.**

The Chairman thanked Councillor Redford for her report.

1071. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD.

- 1071.1 A resident wished to make the Parish Council aware that the Lucy Price Sunday School land used to include a 10ft wide and 90ft long strip of land that ran from the Churchyard and behind the current Lucy Price Houses. He was not aware of the land being sold nor how it has been absorbed, but believes that if the Schoolroom Land is to be sold, it must include this strip of land. He also believes that repair of the current building is preferable to selling the land and building elsewhere.
- 1071.2 A member of the public advised the Council in writing that drainage gullies on either side of Stoneleigh Road and Bubbenhall Road required clearing. Councillor Wallace Redford confirmed these were the responsibility of the landowner, not WCC.
- 1071.3 The Council were advised that drains were also blocked down Oakey Hill, leading to large sheets of water on the road that is prone to freezing in cold weather. Councillors referenced the accident detailed in 1069.4 and queried if the sheets of water may have been a contributing factor.
- 1071.4 It was reported that the kerb drains alongside the Lucy Price Playground were still blocked, but Councillor Keightley suggested that in her opinion this was not correct. There were puddles of water on the road, but these were not associated with blocked drains.
- 1071.5 It was asked whether DeCourcey coaches could be stopped from using Mill Hill as a short cut to their depot on Rowley Road. Councillor Keightley confirmed that the weight restriction on the bridge at the bottom of Mill Hill did not apply to buses and coaches.
- 1071.6 Reports were received of asbestos sheeting dumped along Chantry Heath Lane. Although this is outside our Parish, Councillor Pam Redford took note of the complaint.
- 1071.7 Reports were received of potholes developing in 2 speed humps along Coventry Road, with a request for them to be patched. **Clerk to investigate.**
- 1071.8 A member of the public indicated that the granted planning application W/13/1763 (School on land behind Holly Walk) was due to expire in March 2017. He indicated that a submission would be made in the near future to renew the application for another 4 years.
- 1071.9 A member of the public informed Councillors that they are half way through a 3-year programme to treat knotweed on land they own between the Church and Hall Drive. To facilitate this, paths will be cut through the vegetation to gain access to the larger and more stubborn clumps of knotweed. The member of the public suggested that the Parish Council could also write to the other landowner in the area, asking them to also treat the knotweed on their land. **Clerk to action.**
- 1071.10 A member of the public complained about the unsightly entrance to Roman Way. The Clerk explained that he was pursuing Coventry City Council on this matter and Councillor Goodwin suggested the resident meet with representatives of the Parish Council to point out specific issues. Councillors Goodwin, Horsfall and the Clerk agreed to a meeting. **Clerk to organise.**
- 1071.11 A resident asked about pollarding of mature trees that are depriving gardens of sunlight. The Clerk and Councillor Thomas explained that if the trees were not dangerous or diseased, surgery for

cosmetic reasons were unlikely to be undertaken. The resident asked if there was a WDC policy on this matter. **Clerk to enquire.**

1072. POLICE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MATTERS

- 1072.1 The January WRE Newsletter was circulated to Councillors on 19th January, with reports that 3 unknown females stole goods from a business on Stoneleigh Road, Baginton on 9th December.
- 1072.2 The next 'Cuppa with a Copper' session will be held on 12th February, 9:30 to 11:00am at The Oak public house. Everybody welcome.

1073. BAGINTON EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

- 1073.1 The next Film Night is on 24th February, when Bridget Jones's Baby will be shown.
- 1073.2 Party in the Park is planned for July 8th.
- 1073.3 A quiz night is planned for April, with details to be confirmed.

1074. AIRPORT and TOLLBAR.

- 1074.1 Councillor Horsfall had been asked at the airport meeting in December 2016 to raise the fact that Councillor Pam Redford had confirmed the airport was for sale, when in fact it was not. Councillor Pam Redford reminded those present that as soon as she had become aware of the misinformation, she had contacted the Parish Council to put the record straight.
- 1074.2 Councillor Hower complained that London Road access onto Tollbar was closed on Saturday 28th January, but no signage had been presented until you reach the island itself. Many drivers including Councillor Hower had to turn around at the island and travel all the way back down London Road.
- 1074.3 Councillor Williams asked if the yellow box on Tollbar island that was discussed at the previous meeting had been raised with the developer. The Clerk reminded Councillors that they had decided to wait an extra month to monitor the situation before submitting suggestions. Councillors agreed that this suggestion should now be submitted. **Clerk to action.**
- 1074.4 Councillor Taylor raised concerns about Traffic Light T4 on Festival Island, which is situated and angled in such a way that traffic has been seen to stop at the light when it is not relevant to them. A diplomatic response had been received from Highways England, which Councillors did not accept. **Clerk to communicate further.**
- 1074.5 Councillors agreed that despite certain issues, the overall design of the Tollbar Island had significantly improved traffic flow and asked this to also be communicated to the developer.

1075. PLANNING

1075.1 The following planning decisions were received since the last meeting.

- i. None received.

1075.2 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.

1075.3 New planning applications and other planning matters received since the last meeting.

- i. W/17/0038 – Retrospective application for installation of a loading bay, In Transit, Bubbenhall Road, Baginton. Circulated to Councillors on 24th January, with response required by 13th February. **NO OBJECTION** recorded. **Clerk to report.**

1076. NEIGHBOURHOOD and LOCAL PLANS

1076.1 Councillor Williams confirmed that documents for the Neighbourhood Plan were due to be issued to Councillors on the week commencing 6th February. It would be beneficial if Councillors could review the documents and comment prior to 21st February, when Bubbenhall Council next sit and will review the same documents. If Baginton have agreed to the submission of documents to WDC prior to 21st February, the Bubbenhall approval will allow documents to be submitted ASAP. Following submission to WDC, there is a 6-week consultation period, followed by appointment of an examiner in May and a public referendum to be held in the Summer.

1077 HIGHWAY MATTERS.

1077.1 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

1077.2 The broken light in Kimberley Road was fixed on the week commencing 2nd January.

1077.3 The poor condition of pavements in Holly Walk and Coventry Road was reported on 29th January.

1077.4 A broken light in Friend's Close was reported at the start of the meeting. **Clerk to action.**

1077.5 Councillor Thomas reported that leaves on the pavement along Coventry Road by the Lucy Price Playground had made the paths slippery and asked if a tidy-up group could be organised to rake the leaves into the hedge. **Clerk to investigate.**

1078. OPEN SPACE.

1078.1 Rabbits & moles on the Millennium Field require intervention. **Councillor Horsfall to action.**

1078.2 It was noted that the new bin for Church Road had been received and was awaiting installation.

1078.3 The £720 for the repair of the Lucy Price Playground equipment was authorised. **Clerk to organise.**

1078.4 A report was received from Councillors Bush and Taylor regarding security of the Millennium Field. The report was very favourable and Councillor Goodwin proposed going ahead with the planned purchases, seconded by Councillor Keightley and carried. **Councillor Bush to action.**

1079 GRANTS

1079.1 A Community Forum Grant Application for £1500 in relation to securing the Millennium Field is to be considered at the next Forum meeting on 8th February.

1080. HOUSING & GENERAL MATTERS – There were no housing matters to report**1081. FINANCIAL MATTERS.**

a. To advise Bank balances as at 23/01/2017

HSBC treasurers (community) account: -	£ 898.84
HSBC savings (BMM) account: -	£ 20063.59
Total.....	£ 20962.43

Data as of 1st January 2017.

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	101849
Cheques not cashed – 101848 Village Hall	£44.00	
Total Funds required in Community Account (Inc Un-presented cheques)	£379.91	

c. To note that the requirements for the Government Pension Auto Enrolment are now in place and all employees have responded to the standard options letter. Staging date is 1st July 2017.

1082. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS.

1082.1 The Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Risk Management Assessment and associated Action Plan were circulated to Councillors on 16th January, with comments required by 10th March. Councillors agreed that the details within the consultation were acceptable and had no further comments to make. **Clerk to action.**

1082.2 The Warwick Local Plan Community Infrastructure Levy consultation was circulated to Councillors on 16th January, with responses required by 20th February. Councillors suggested that the revised levy system did sufficiently address the issues it was supposed to address. It was suggested that industrial, warehousing and hotels should incur a levy to compensate for the loss of amenity and disruption to the community. **Clerk to action.**

1083. BROCHURES AND DOCUMENTS available for perusal at meeting.

i. Clerks & Councils Direct – Jan 2017.

1084. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

1084.1 No other business was raised.

1085. The meeting closed at 8:35pm.

1086. DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

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