

BAGINTON PARISH COUNCIL (BPC)
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 1st March 2018 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, BAGINTON.

PRESENT:

Councillor	Julie Keightley	Chairman
Councillor	David Hewer	
Councillor	Roger Horsfall	
Councillor	Robert Taylor	
Councillor	Rob Newman	
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.

The Chairman noted that heavy snow, high winds and freezing temperatures had resulted in a number of apologies, including those who were due to give a housing survey presentation.

1321. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & APOLOGIES

1321.1 Declarations of interest were sought and none were declared.

1321.2 The following had apologised: Councillor Wallace Redford - County Council
 Councillor Pam Redford - District Council
 Councillor Trevor Wright - District Council
 Councillor Chris Goodwin - Vice Chairman
 Councillor Nigel Thomas
 Councillor Walter Bush

1322. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

1322.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meetings on 1st February 2018, having been circulated, were approved without amendment. Proposed by Councillor Keightley & seconded by Councillor Williams.

1323 HOUSING MATTERS

1323.1 The update on the new housing survey was postponed. A copy of the questionnaire and a timescale summary were provided before the meeting. **Clerk to circulate.**

1323.2 Councillor Taylor asked what the survey data will be used for. Councillor Keightley indicated that a valid housing survey gives those on the WDC housing list with a link to Baginton additional weight for their application for homes in the village.

1324. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WALLACE REDFORD

1324.1 Councillor Wallace Redford had sent his apologies, but had reported that due to continued bad weather, County Highways were behind on repairs.

1324.2 Councillor Williams noted that the pavements in Holly Walk had been marked for repair.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Redford for his report.

1325. REPORTS FROM WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

1325.1 Councillor Pam Redford and Councillor Trevor Wright had sent apologies but had provided a short report for the meeting.

1325.2 A job and career fair is to be held at Leamington Town Hall between 10am and 2pm on 9th March. To be advertised on Website & Facebook. **Clerk to organise.**

- 1325.3 The future of the Leamington Night Shelter is looking more secure following an agreement with WDC to allow a change of use application to be submitted for conversion of a Club to a new shelter.
- 1325.4 The St Nicholas Park Recreational Centre is due to reopen on 24th March, with a grand opening planned for 21st April.

The Chairman thanked Councillors Redford & Wright for their report.

1326. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD.

- 1326.1 Prior to the meeting, a member of the public had asked for concerns to be raised that following the Public Transport timetable revisions implemented in September 2017, the last bus from Baginton to Coventry (17:26hrs on the 539 service) is often full and has no room for passengers. An explanation and review has been requested by the Clerk, but no response has been received from WCC. **Clerk to chase.**

1327. POLICE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MATTERS

- 1327.1 No Neighbourhood Watch matters were reported.
- 1327.2 The February Safer Neighbourhood Newsletter was circulated to Councillors on 6th February, with no new incidents to report.
- 1327.3 Following the Police Precept consultation, it was confirmed that the maximum 6.25% increase would be applied, securing 60 posts that would otherwise be lost.
- 1327.4 It was noted that no update had been received on the replacement of our Beat Manager.

1328. BAGINTON EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

- 1328.1 The next film night is the Hatton Garden Job on 30th March at the Royal Legion Club.
- 1328.2 Tickets for the 14th July Party in the Park are selling well.

1329. AIRPORT MATTERS

- 1329.1 News was received from the Coventry Aeroplane Club that the airport passed the CAA's validation process and will commence Aerodrome Flight Information Service Office duties between Tuesday and Friday.
- 1329.2 An airport consultative committee meeting was held on 20th February. Councillor Horsfall attended and reported that there is no clear business model in place yet. There is a desire to attract private pilots and leisure flights, but this will require investment in restaurant and other amenities to make Coventry Airport a more appealing option for visitors.

1330 WHITLEY SOUTH (JLR) AND GATEWAY SOUTH DEVELOPMENTS

- 1330.1 To note a meeting was held with the developers at their offices on 8th February. The Chairman gave a brief summary of what was discussed. The meeting was described as positive.
- 1330.2 It was proposed that the developer's representatives are allowed to speak at future meetings to keep the Parish Council informed of progress and that this becomes an ongoing agenda item. Proposed by Councillor Keightley, seconded by Councillor Newman and passed by show of hands. **Clerk to make invitation.**
- 1330.3 Issues with the positioning of the 'security fence' on the Whitley South (JLR) development were resolved at the meeting. It is a 'safety fence' to keep cows away from the ongoing works.
- 1330.4 Placement of spoil heaps closer to Baginton than expected was explained at the meeting as preparations to grade the entire Country Park area.
- 1330.5 Councillor Williams asked various questions about Village compensation. Different rules apply to the two developments, as one uses public money whilst the other (if approved) will use private money. However, a compensation/support scheme is in operation.
- 1330.6 Councillor Hewer pointed out that the earth bund on Rowley Road was incomplete and that the security fencing was down in various places. He suggested the site was not secure and expressed fears of illegal encampments forming on the site.

- 1330.7 Councillor Taylor asked if a new traffic survey had been completed since the original Gateway application. The Chairman confirmed a new survey was discussed at the meeting and one will be submitted with the new application.
- 1330.8 Councillor Horsfall raised an issue regarding those that are directly affected by the Gateway South development not being aware of timescales. Councillor Keightley pointed out that this is difficult when the planning application hasn't yet been submitted.

1331. PLANNING

- a. The following planning decisions were received since the last meeting.**
- i. W/17/1411 & W/17/1631 – JLR Variation of Conditions relating to the construction phases of the development. **Decision Notices** for the two remaining applications were circulated to Councillors on 3rd February.
 - ii. W/17/2369 – Demolition of side extension and erection of new side and rear extension with alterations to ground floor. Old Post Office, Coventry Road, Baginton. **NO OBJECTION** reported 26th January. **GRANTED** 8th February.
 - iii. W/17/2347 – Demolition of current building and erection of 2 new homes. Church Road, Baginton. **SUPPORT** reported 9th January. **GRANTED** 26th February.
 - iv. W/17/2379 – To build a wooden home office & shed behind No. 31 Mill Hill, Baginton.. **NO OBJECTION** reported 27th January. **GRANTED** 1st March.
- b. To note applications awaiting WDC decision.**
- i. W/18/0030 – Variation of conditions 5, 6, 8 and 9 of W/13/1763 to allow pegging out of the access road at the earliest opportunity. Circulated to Councillors on 26th January with response required by 14th February. **NO OBJECTION** reported 3rd February.
- c. New planning applications or planning matters received since the last meeting.**
- W/18/0264 – Signage (4 retrospective) at CFS Ltd, Bubbenhall Road, Baginton. Circulated to Councillors on 22nd February, with response required by 15th March. The matter was discussed and Councillors agreed the decision made by WDC the previous month in respect of this matter should stand. **Clerk to issue OBJECTION.**

1332. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- 1332.1 The referendum will be held on 15th March and will be organised by WDC.
- 1332.2 Leaflets were distributed by volunteers throughout Baginton Village on 19th February.
- 1332.3 Volunteers distributed leaflets to outlying properties a couple of days later.
- 1332.4 Notice was received that we can appoint both Polling & Counting Observers to oversee proceeding during the referendum and ensure there are no irregularities, but no volunteers have come forward.

1333 HIGHWAY MATTERS.

1333.1 Summary of known Highways issues, by area.

1. Matters reported previously and awaiting action

- Bubbenhall Road (at stables) – Deep ruts at roadside
- Bubbenhall Road (at stables) – missing hedge and fence following an accident.
- Mill Hill – Damage to bridge.
- Holly Walk – Disintegrating pavements.

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)
- Church Road
- Coventry Road

- Frances Road
- Friends Close
- Kimberley Road
- Hall Drive
- Mylgrove
- Oak Close
- Roman Way
- Rowley Road
- Stoneleigh Road
- Underhill Close

- 1333.2 The Issues with identification of repeated addresses along Coventry Road were reported to WDC on 9th February. A meeting is to be held with WDC on 6th March
- 1333.3 Notice was received that Bubbenhall Road will be closed between 19th March and 2nd April to allow repair of the bridge area.
- 1333.4 Councillor Keightley proposed that we thank WDC & WCC for the gritting they have done and for refilling our grit bins promptly. Councillor Taylor seconded and was passed by show of hands. **Clerk to action.**
- 1333.5 Councillor Williams asked why the Bubbenhall Road needed to be closed to repair the road. Councillor Keightley pointed out it was a very narrow section of road, with a blind corner on a hill. Safety of the workforce probably dictates closure.
- 1333.6 Councillors suggested that while the Bubbenhall Road was closed, could aggregate be added to the deep ruts along the roadside. **Clerk to enquire.**

1334. OPEN SPACE.

- 1334.1 Rabbits and moles on the Millennium Field need no intervention.
- 1334.2 Repair of the Smithy roof has now been completed and a suggestion to approach the current resident for a contribution was agreed. Councillors thought approximately half of the £550 would be appropriate, but Councillor Horsfall offered to speak with the tenant to check what they felt was appropriate as a contribution. **Councillor Horsfall to Action.**
- 1334.3 Councillors Hewer and Horsfall both expressed concern regarding litter along the verges on both Bubbenhall and Stoneleigh Roads, which are outside the area covered by our litter picker. Councillor Keightley said she would talk with a Community Payback Supervisor to see if something could be arranged with them.

1335 GRANTS

- 1335.1 There were no grant matters to note.

1336. HOUSING & GENERAL MATTERS

- 1336.1 Following the presentation at the start of the meeting, no further housing matters were received.

1337. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

- a. To advise Bank balances as at 23/02/2018
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| HSBC treasurers (community) account: - | £ 2638.99 |
| HSBC savings (BMM) account: - | £ 22347.32 |
| Total..... | £ 24986.31 |

Data as of 1st April 2017.

Nominally ring fenced Monies	£1330.29
Committed Funds (Budget, L'Price, M'Field, N'Plan)	£10100.00
Underlying Council Reserves.....	£11430.29

b. To confirm items for payment:-

	Value	Cheque No.
Clerk's net salary for previous month (£346.05 Gross)	£346.05	101909
Office Costs and Overheads	£207.00	101910
Litter Picking Honorarium	£135.00	101911
Website Honorarium	£62.50	101912
Wicksteed (Playground inspection)	£144.00	101913
Cash needed in Current Account (Inc Un-presented cheques)	£1894.55	

c. The Smithy rent was requested on 25th February.

d. It was noted that the CPRE cheque had been cashed 1st March.

1338. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS.

1338.1 The consultation on Fly Tipping was circulated to Councillors on 20th February, with response required by 9th March. WALC have offered to collate views and respond on our behalf.

1338.2 The consultation on WDC Planning Application requirements was circulated to Councillors on 21st February with response required by 3rd April.

1339. BROCHURES AND DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR PURUSAL

a. None.

1340. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

1340.1 Councillor Hewer pointed out that ruts in the verge on Church Road need flattening before mowing started.

1340.2 Councillor Williams asked if the Gateway South application could be split into sections for different Councillors to consider, otherwise we might not be able to check the entire application in the timescale given. Councillor Keightley agreed this was a good idea, but couldn't be initiated until the application was received.

1341 The meeting closed at 8:07pm.

1342. DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Next Parish Council Meeting: **Thursday 5th April 2018** at 7.30pm in Baginton Village Hall.

The Parish Assembly will be held on **Thursday 12th April 2018** @ 8:00pm, in the Main Village Hall. **Clerk to contact Charities & Contributors.**