

BAGINTON PARISH COUNCIL (BPC)
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 6th April 2017 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, BAGINTON.

PRESENT:

Councillor	Julie Keightley	Chairman
Councillor	Chris Goodwin	Vice Chairman
Councillor	Walter Bush	
Councillor	Roger Horsfall	
Councillor	David Hewer	
Councillor	Rob Newman	
Councillor	Robert Taylor	
Councillor	Nigel Thomas	
Councillor	Steve Williams	
Clerk	Phil Clark.	
Public	4 members of the public were present.	

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

1107. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & APOLOGIES

1107.1 Declarations of interest were sought and none were declared.

1107.2 The following had apologised: - County Councillor Wallace Redford
District Councillor Pam Redford
District Councillor Nick Harrington

1108. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

1108.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on 2nd March 2017, having been circulated, were approved without amendment. Proposed by Councillor Keightley & seconded by Councillor Thomas.

1109. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WALLACE REDFORD

1109.1 Councillor Wallace Redford had apologised prior to the meeting and had nothing to report.

1110. REPORTS FROM WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

1110.1 Councillors Pam Redford and Nick Harrington had apologised prior to the meeting and had nothing to report.

1111. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD.

1111.1 Prior to the meeting, a member of the public had asked about electronic boxes bolted to lamp posts at the mini roundabout where Rowley Road meets Coventry Road and Frances Road. The Clerk confirmed they were traffic monitoring devices, but it was unclear who the information was being gathered for.

1111.2 A member of the public complained about blocked road drains, citing Oakey Hill, Bromleigh Villas and a further drain by the airport entrance that had been filled with tarmac. **Clerk to investigate.**

1111.3 A member of the public complained that holes in speed bumps had not been patched. **Clerk to investigate.**

1111.4 A member of the public complained that his green waste bin had only been partially emptied and that significant debris was left in the road. He had contacted WDC to complain, but no follow-up action was taken by WDC.

1111.5 A member of the public complained that cutting of the grass by WDC had left debris on roads and pavements as no leaf blower had been present to tidy up the clipping in the manner that has been done previously. **Clerk to investigate.**

1111.6 A member of the public complained that no work had been undertaken to improve the line of sight when exiting Roman Way. The Chairman pointed out that volunteers had spent 5 hours cutting back vegetation by more than 1m and that visibility was much improved.

1112. POLICE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MATTERS

- 1112.1 There were no Neighbourhood Watch matters to be reported but the Chairman reiterated that the coordinator had been ill and that changes to the Neighbourhood Watch structure were to be reviewed shortly.
- 1112.2 Notice was received that mail was stolen from a private post-box on Coventry Road between end of February and start of March 2017.
- 1112.3 The Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter was circulated to Councillors on 21st March, with reports of the theft of two bicycles from a locked garage on Frances Road between 11th and 19th February, along with theft of a handbag from a locked vehicle on the village hall car park on the morning of 25th February.
- 1112.4 Reports were received of a repeated attempt to burgle a property in Roman Way on 22nd March, which ultimately resulted in the theft of electrical goods and jewellery.
- 1112.5 It was stated that a house was broken into and a car plus valuables were stolen from Oak Close. The thieves later returned and were caught by Police and some property recovered. A formal notice providing further details will be circulated to Councillors once it is received.

1113. BAGINTON EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

- 1113.1 The Film Night on 31st March (Florence Foster Jenkins) was well attended.
- 1113.2 The next Film Night is on 28th April, when Dad's Army will be shown.
- 1113.3 Party in the Park is planned for July 8th.
- 1113.4 The Events Committee AGM will take place on 18th April. **Clerk to issue agenda.**

1114. AIRPORT and TOLLBAR.

- 1114.1 Councillor Horsfall confirmed there were no airport issues to discuss.
- 1114.2 There were no specific Tollbar matters to discuss. It was noted that the formal opening of the completed project had taken place and that the compound on Rowley Road had been made good.

1115. PLANNING

1115.1 The following planning decisions were received since the last meeting.

- i. W/16/1339 & W/16/1340 (duplicate applications) – Erection of 3m Company sign, CFS Aerospace Ltd, Alvis Works, Bubbenhall Road. **NO OBJECTION** reported 21st August. Confirmation that planning permission is not required and that the application is therefore **PERMITTED** received 7th March.
- ii. W/17/0136 – Erection of multipurpose agricultural building, Oak Farm, Church Road, Baginton, Coventry. **NO OBJECTION** reported 14th February. **REJECTED** 22nd March.

1115.2 To note applications awaiting WDC decision.

- i. W/17/0038 – Retrospective application for installation of a loading bay, In Transit, Bubbenhall Road, Baginton. Circulated to Councillors on 24th January, **NO OBJECTION** reported 3rd February.

1115.3 New planning applications and other planning matters received since the last meeting.

- i. W/17/0366 – Outstanding Reserved Matters (Condition 1) in relation to application W/13/1763 (Granted March 2014), circulated to Councillors 9th March. **NO OBJECTION** reported 29th March.
- ii. W/17/0366 – Councillor Williams expressed concerns that the proposed engineering of the foundations meant an increased potential for gas migration to neighbouring properties, along with the potential for the long-term failure of the berm created within the foundation plans. He stated that decisions on the landscaping and layout of the site can only be considered in conjunction with an appropriate gas mitigation plan and that W/17/0366 could not be considered in isolation. Other Councillors agreed that protection of neighbouring properties was paramount in their opinions, but that they were happy that the conditions set on application W/13/1763 would address this before building permission is granted.

1116. NEIGHBOURHOOD and LOCAL PLANS

- 1116.1 There has been no significant movement on the Neighbourhood Plan due to members being on holiday. A meeting is due to be held with WDC and the Chairman of the Steering Group, but it has not yet been arranged. Councillor Williams agreed to chase.
- 1116.2 Councillors Bush and Taylor had attended the meeting with David Barber of WDC on 9th March to discuss changes in the Local Plan, but informed those present that no new information had been forthcoming.
- 1116.3 Councillor Bush confirmed he has been in discussions with the TCG group regarding the inspector's recommendations for the WDC Local Plan and had sent the Clerk a copy of the response letter drafted by CPRE. Councillor Bush suggested that the Parish Council use the CPRE letter as a template for our own response, emphasising the lack of public information regarding the reasoning behind the inspector's decisions and concentrating on issues directly associated with Baginton. **Clerk to circulate draft.**

1117 HIGHWAY MATTERS.

1117.1 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
- Bubbenhall Road (at stables) – missing hedge and fence following an accident.

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

- 1117.2 Confirmation was received from Coventry City Council that they had fulfilled their obligation to cut back vegetation at the Roman Way / Howes Lane junction by 1m from the kerb and that no further work would be undertaken. Volunteers have subsequently cut back vegetation at the junction by up to another metre, improving line-of-sight up to the Mill Hill turning.
- 1117.3 The light at the top of Bosworth Close was fixed before 9th March.
- 1117.4 The broken light outside No. 4 Underhill Close was reported on 20th March and was repaired by 31st March.
- 1117.5 WDC has confirmed that attempts to remove the graffiti on Mill Hill were unsuccessful and the matter was escalated to Highways England, who painted over the graffiti on 31st March.
- 1117.6 The street light at the corner of Hall Drive and Holly Walk had been repaired by the end of March.
- 1117.7 Councillor Hewer reiterated the problems with deep ruts filled with water along the Bubbenhall Road. Councillor Thomas agreed, saying he had wheel damage because of these ruts. The Chairman reminded Councillors that this item was already on the repair list, but Councillor Wallace Redford had previously indicated there is a shortage of the infill material.

1118. OPEN SPACE.

- 1118.1 Rabbits & moles on the Millennium Field require no intervention. **Councillor Horsfall to monitor.**
- 1118.2 To note the temporary closure of a water crossing on Public Footpath R152 due to the bridge being washed out. An alternative route is in place.
- 1118.3 Volunteers undertook pruning of the community orchard with the kind guidance from Smith's Nurseries.
- 1118.4 Reports were received that Kier have cleared the cycle path between Festival Island and the new Tollbar cycle path.
- 1118.5 Travellers on the Trinity Guild RFU pitch were briefly discussed following their eviction and it was noted that they had been seen looking at the gates on the Millennium Field.
- 1118.6 Councillor Bush reported that the Millennium Field security equipment had been delivered and the trench areas marked for digging. He will approach Chris Russell to dig the trenches, but failing that we could hire a mini digger for the weekend. Councillor Williams suggested that if we dig the trenches ourselves, we need to use a CAT Scanner beforehand to check for submerged utility service lines.
- 1118.7 Councillor Horsfall reported that he had spoken to the Lions Football Club about storage of their goalposts on the Millennium Field. They reported that the goalposts don't fit in the lockable storage container and they are likely to be stolen if they are put alongside the container. Councillor Williams suggested that a lockable gate is fitted between the storage container and the Smithy, allowing the goalpost to be stored securely. Councillor Horsfall will suggest this to the football club.
- 1118.8 It was noted that the Lions Football Club would not be replacing their mower after it was stolen earlier in the year. The routine mowing of the field arranged by the Parish Council will need to suffice, but Councillor Horsfall had volunteered to help clear grass cuttings from the pitch when it is lined.

1119 GRANTS – There were no grant matters to be discussed.

1120. HOUSING & GENERAL MATTERS – There were no housing matters to report

1121. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

a.	To advise Bank balances as at 27/04/2017	
	HSBC treasurers (community) account: -	£ 3614.02
	HSBC savings (BMM) account: -	£ 18065.11
	Total.....	£ 21679.13

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	101855
Secure-a-field (Millennium Field Gates)	£2094.00	101856
CPRE Subscription	£36.00	101857
Wicksteed Playgrounds	£865.06	101858
Cheques not cashed – None		
Total Funds required in Community Account (Inc Un-presented cheques)	£3330.97	

c. The cheque for the Smithy rent was paid into our account on 22nd March.

1122. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS.

1122.1 The Warwickshire County Council draft Rural Growth Plan was circulated to Councillors on 3rd March. There were no comments made in relation to the draft plan.

1123. BROCHURES AND DOCUMENTS available for perusal at meeting.

- i. LCR Magazine – Spring 2017.
- ii. LEAF Newsletter

1124. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

- 1124.1 Baginton Emergency Plan – A new emergency plan template has been issued by the combined Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire (CWS) Resilience Team with updated contact details. A copy will be circulated to Councillors after the meeting with a view to adopting it at our Annual Meeting on 4th May. Councillors were urged to review the document for errors or omissions prior to the next meeting. **Clerk to action.**
- 1124.2 Councillor Thomas asked about the proposed replacement of equipment on the Lucy Price Playground, as he was aware that monies were available. The Chairman said that the public appeal for volunteers had been unsuccessful. The Clerk said he would obtain catalogues and prices for consideration by the Council. **Clerk to action.**
- 1124.3 Councillor Hewer suggested that after the football season is over, the car park by the Smithy should be dressed with topsoil and re-seeded. Councillors agreed.

1125. The meeting closed at 8:25pm.

1126. DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Parish Assembly **Thursday 13th April 2017** at 8:00pm in Baginton Village Hall.

Next Parish Council Meeting: **Thursday 4th May 2017** at 7.30pm in Baginton Village Hall.