

BAGINTON PARISH COUNCIL (BPC)

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 1st December 2016 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	

Clerk	Phil Clark.
Public	2 members of the public were present.

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

1027. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & APOLOGIES

1027.1 Declarations of interest were sought and none were declared.

1027.2 The following had apologised: - District Councillor Nick Harrington
District Councillor Pam Redford
Councillor Nigel Thomas
Councillor Steve Williams

1028. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

1028.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on 3rd November, having been circulated, were approved without amendment.
Proposed by Councillor Keightley & seconded by Councillor Goodwin.

1029. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WALLACE REDFORD

1029.1 Councillor Wallace Redford confirmed that he had a budget meeting scheduled for 2nd December and would report back at our next meeting.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Redford for his report.

1030. REPORTS FROM WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

1030.1 Prior to the meeting, Councillor Redford has supplied a copy of her objection to the JLR change of condition in relation to W/16/0239. This was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting and is discussed in section 1036.4

1031. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD.

1031.1 A member of the public thanked Councillors for all of their hard work over the year, citing removal of Travellers from the Millennium Field, cutting of trees along Hall Drive and responding to difficulties with refuse collections as examples worthy of appreciation.

1031.2 Both prior to the meeting and during the meeting, a resident spoke about the Lucy Price Schoolroom and associated charity. He stressed that the Diocese were only custodians and that the associated Charity were just managers. As a primary facilitator along with Maurice Edwards (School Headmaster), Mr McLellan, Mr Dumbleton (solicitor) and Bishop Gibbs, the resident confirmed that the Schoolroom itself is a Village asset, legally gifted in 1977 with copper-bottomed guarantees regarding its perpetuation. The resident wished to highlight that as such, the Parish Council should be involved with the current discussions regarding the future of the Sunday school and not allow the asset to be lost or absorbed into the Church. Clear plans for the replacement of the Sunday school should be sought before the current building is sold, whilst any replacement building should remain a village asset that is available for all village activities, in the same manner as the current site.

- 1031.3 A concern was raised prior to the meeting about Kenilworth Secondary School becoming an Academy and excluding pupils from Baginton. The School has since sent assurances that this will not happen, issued from the Chair of Governors.
- 1031.4 A concern was raised prior to the meeting regarding the news that Manheim will start HGV cab auctions along Rowley Road in the New Year, with the potential for increased traffic through the village. Councillors agreed that a letter should be sent to Manheim requesting vehicles to access and egress their site via non-village routes.
Clerk to action.
- 1031.5 It was noted that a member of the public had repeated complaints about speeding buses and night flights from the airport. The Clerk confirmed that a response had been issued prior to the meeting, which followed repeat complaint guideline established previously by the Council.
- 1031.6 No issues were raised by the public at the meeting.

1032. POLICE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MATTERS

- 1032.1 It was noted that following a meeting with the Neighbourhood Watch coordinator, the Clerk had produced an article in the newsletter asking for additional volunteers.
- 1032.2 The November Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter was circulated on 17th November, with additional reports of theft from a vehicle parked at a business on Mill Hill on the evening of 19th October.
- 1032.3 The first 'cuppa with a copper' took place on 26th November at The Oak public House. Two members of the public attended.

1033. BAGINTON EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

- 1033.1 It was noted that both the Bonfire Night and Film Night had been successfully held in November.

1034. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE – No matters to report.

1035. AIRPORT and TOLLBAR.

- 1035.1 The next airport meeting had been rescheduled to be held on 9th December. **Councillor Horsfall to attend.**
- 1035.2 It was noted that a series of updates were received regarding progress with the Tollbar works, with traffic lights due to be activated within a week. Delays may be experienced while the timing of the lights is refined.

1036. PLANNING

1036.1 The following planning decisions were received since the last meeting.

- i. No decisions received.

1036.2 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/16/1341 – Proposed school on land behind Bosworth Close, Baginton. Circulated to Councillors 8th August with response required by 26th August. **NO OBJECTION** reported 22/08/2016. Due to be heard on 6th December & Councillor Keightley is registered to speak.
- iii. W/16/1610– Erection of B2 (general industry) and B8 (storage and distribution) on land at Siskin Parkway West. Circulated to Councillors on 10th October with response required by 27th October. **NO OBJECTION** reported 25th October.

1036.3 New planning applications and other planning matters received since the last meeting.

- i. W/16/2005 - single storey extension at the front of Hiramford, Siskin Drive, Middlemarch Business Park, CV3 4FJ. Circulated to Councillors 24th November with response required by 14th December.

- 1036.4** Notice was received of a request from JLR to alter its committed floor space at Whitley South from 10,000 sq m to 8,500 sq m. Councillors agreed that there were no legitimate grounds to support the reduction and that an objection should be issued. Councillor Bush was also given permission to speak regarding this matter on behalf of the Council at the meeting on 6th December. **Clerk to issue objection letter.**

1037. NEIGHBOURHOOD and LOCAL PLANS

1037.1 It was noted that the Neighbourhood Plan consultation will include a stall at the Village Fair on 3rd December.

1037.2 Councillor Bush has continued to attend the WDC Local Plan Examination meetings. He reported that the housing numbers within the WDC plan at both King's Hill and Rosswood Farm had been challenged.

Observations raised at the meetings included the following.

- i. Roads, sewage and surface water infrastructure were not in place to support the development numbers, with Severn Trent indicating it would be 2022 before their infrastructure was fully operational.
- ii. WDC were unable to justify the housing numbers they proposed and were unable to show a viable need for the numbers that the revised plan was now indicating.
- iii. The Draft Baginton & Bubbenhall Neighbourhood Plan was cited as showing a lower housing need within the Parish than indicated by WDC, based upon sound research. This was received positively by the Inspector.
- iv. It was argued that WDC had put forward a number of plans for the same area, but had developed them in isolation and had not recognised that one development could have negative impacts on another. Their proposals are therefore unsound, as they do not consider each other's interactions and infrastructural impacts.
- v. It was argued that WDC had not followed the correct protocols and had changed their Draft Local Plan to address the Inspectors previous criticisms, without the proper consultations and supportive data needed.

Councillor Bush indicated that the concerns regarding the WDC Draft Local Plan had been well received by the Inspector.

1037.3 Councillor Bush indicated that further public examinations are to be held on 13th and 14th December and that he planned to attend on behalf of Baginton Parish Council. He was thanked for his efforts by the Chairman, which was supported by other Councillors.

1037.4 Councillor Bush confirmed that no challenge had been offered regarding the proposed building of houses on land adjoining Howes Lane.

1038 HIGHWAY MATTERS.

1038.1 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

- 1038.2 The 2 broken lights in Friend's Close were reported on 5th November and were both repaired by 18th November.
- 1038.3 It was confirmed that the Clerk had chased the general review of the Church Road issues on 23rd November and a response is still pending.
- 1038.4 It was noted that Parcelforce had responded positively to the suggestion that when their emergency exit across Rock Farm is open, the vehicles should exit the area via Stoneleigh Road.
- 1038.5 It was suggested by Councillors that there was less traffic passing through Baginton since the opening of the underpasses at Tollbar.
- 1038.6 It was noted that DeCoursey buses were viewed by Councillors as being 'more assertive' at Baginton Bridge and at village chicanes, forcing residents to halt at the narrowings. This had also been raised by Neighbourhood Watch at a previous meeting. No action was proposed.

1039. OPEN SPACE.

- 1039.1 Rabbits & moles on the Millennium Field require intervention. **Councillor Horsefall to action.**
- 1039.2 It was agreed that a mixed waste bin should be purchased and installed at the Millennium Field gate on Church Road in order to address the increased dog waste being deposited at that collection point. Proposed by Councillor Keightley, seconded by Councillor Hewer and approved by the Council. **Clerk to action.**
- 1039.3 Councillor Bush asked if the WDC owned waste bin outside the village shop could be replaced with a larger one, as it is frequently overflowing. **Clerk to action.**
- 1039.4 The production of a Green Space Management Plan was discussed and received a positive response. However, it was agreed that any such plan should be postponed until the Neighbourhood Plan has been approved.
- 1039.5 It was noted that WDC cut the grassed areas on 18th November.
- 1039.6 No further progress reports were made regarding the increased security of the Millennium field.
- 1039.7 It was noted that an e-mail from Severn Trent Water had informed us of a problem at the Finham Sewage Treatment Works, which resulted in abnormal smells being produced recently.

1040 GRANTS – There were no grant matters to report

1041. HOUSING & GENERAL MATTERS – There were no housing matters to report

1042. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

- a. To advise Bank balances as at 23/11/2016
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| HSBC treasurers (community) account: - | £ 1787.23 |
| HSBC savings (BMM) account: - | £ 20561.60 |
| Total..... | £ 22348.83 |

b. To confirm items for payment:-

	Value	Cheque No.
Clerk's net salary for previous month (£335.91 Gross)	£335.91	101838
Litter Picking Honorarium	£135.00	101839
Website Management Honorarium	£62.50	101840
Office Costs & Overheads	£207.00	101841
St John the Baptist Church	£450.00	101842
Clerk's Neighbourhood Plan payment – 10 hours	£87.18	101843
Cheques not cashed – None		
Total Funds required in Community Account (Inc Un-presented cheques)	£1277.58	

- c. A request for the Smithy rent and insurance was made on 24th November.
- d. Notice was received that the printing costs for the village newsletter were to be raised and a request was made for the grant to be increased in next year's budget.
- e. Request for payment of £397.10 in relation to Village Hall grass cutting was made on 12th November and was received on 17th November (not included in above figures).

- f. The request to WDC for reimbursement of £1100 in relation to the Traveller eviction was rejected on 23rd November. The letter was circulated to Councillors, who wish to appeal the decision. Councillor Hewer proposed that reimbursement should be sought both from WDC and the Chief Constable for their lack of response that ultimately had a financial impact on Baginton Parish Council. Letters should be written to both, seconded by Councillor Horsfall and carried by show of hands. **Clerk to action.**

1043. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS.

1043.1 Notice had been received that the WDC Executive Committee had insisted that the withdrawal of the WDC Grants would be over the next 2-years, despite the WDC Finance and Audit Committee voting for a 4-year withdrawal programme. District Councillor Nick Harrington had suggested an appeal, which Councillors agreed to support.

1044. BROCHURES AND DOCUMENTS available for perusal at meeting.

- a. Clerks & Councils Direct – September 2016.
- b. Countryside Voice – Winter 2016.

1045. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

1045.1 Councillor Hewer proposed that the £1100 to remove Travellers from the Millennium Field should be reimbursed via donations from residents. No Councillors seconded the proposal, instead suggesting that monies should be recovered via an increase in the precept. No further action needed.

The meeting closed at 8:27pm.

1046. DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Next Parish Council Meeting: **Thursday 5th January 2017** at 7.30pm in Baginton Village Hall.