

**BAGINTON PARISH COUNCIL (BPC)**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON**  
**THURSDAY 12th April 2018 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, BAGINTON.**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor	Julie Keightley	Chairman & on behalf of WCC / WDC
Councillor	Roger Horsfall	(on behalf Lucy Price Relief in Need)
Councillor	Nigel Thomas	(on behalf Village Hall)
Councillor	David Hewer	
Councillor	Robert Taylor	

Clerk	Phil Clark.	(on behalf of Baginton United Charity)
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Mr Alan Brown	(Wasperton Estate and Lucy Price Sunday School)
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**APOLOGIES:**

Councillor	Wallace Redford	Warwickshire County Council
Councillor	Pam Redford	Warwick District Council
Councillor	Trevor Wright	Warwick District Council
Councillor	Chris Goodwin	(Vice Chairman)
Councillor	Rob Newman	
Councillor	Walter Bush	
Councillor	Steve Williams	
Mrs Louise Given	Lucy Price Relief in Need Chairman	
Mrs Alison Beese	Village Hall Management Committee Chairman	
Mrs S Burrows	Baginton United Charity	

Public	16 members present.
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The Chairman opened the meeting at 8:00pm and welcomed those present, stating that this was an opportunity for residents to hear about and comment on the work undertaken by organisations within our village.

1. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April, having been circulated and approved at the May 2017 Parish Council Ordinary meeting and distributed for this meeting, were duly noted.

There were no questions arising from last year's minutes.

2. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.**

The Chairman gave a detailed report covering last year's activities. A copy of the Chairman's report is appended to these minutes.

2.1 There were no questions arising from the floor.

### **3. REPORT BY COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

County Councillor Wallace Redford and District Councillors Pam Redford and Trevor Wright had apologised beforehand due to previous commitments.

3.1 Councillor Julie Keightley read a report from County and District Councillors. There were no queries arising from the floor. A copy of the report is appended to these minutes.

### **4. REPORT BY PAROCHIAL CHARITIES REPRESENTATIVES.**

#### **i). LUCY PRICE RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY**

Councillor Horsfall delivered a report on behalf of the Lucy Price Relief in Need Charity.

There were no questions arising and the Chairman thanked Councillor Horsfall for his report.

A copy of the report is appended to these minutes.

#### **ii). BAGINTON UNITED CHARITY**

The Clerk delivered a report on behalf of Baginton United Charity.

There were no questions arising and the Chairman thanked the Clerk for the report.

A copy of the report is appended to these minutes.

#### **iii). BAGINTON VILLAGE HALL Management committee**

Councillor Thomas presented a report on behalf of Baginton Village Hall.

A member of the public asked about new events to help promote the Village Hall within the community. Councillor Thomas indicated that linking the Village Hall with other established events such as The Big Lunch was being discussed.

A copy of the report is appended to these minutes.

#### **iv). LUCY PRICE WASPERTON ESTATE TRUST**

Mr Alan Brown gave a report on the Lucy Price Wasperton Estate Trust and the Lucy Price Sunday School Trust.

A member of the public asked about the sale of land on Church Road. Mr Brown indicated that the land was valued around £325,000 and was to be advertised as such imminently.

The Chairman thanked Mr Brown for his report, which is appended to these minutes.

### **5. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR.**

5.1 There were no further matters arising from the floor.

### **6. Any Other Business.**

6.1 There was no other business raised for discussion.

### **7. CLOSURE.**

The Chairman thanked Parish Councillors for their support during the year and thanked everyone for their attendance. The meeting closed at 8:25pm.

## **APPENDICES – ANNUAL REPORTS.**

### **NOTES FOR CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2018 MEETING**

- Baginton Parish Council met for 11 scheduled ordinary meetings this year. No extraordinary meetings were called. We thank public attendees for their contributions. A list of Councillor attendance is presented as an appendix.
- We welcomed District Councillor Trevor Wright in October 2017, who along with District Councillor Pam Redford and County Councillor Wallace Redford has provided the Parish Council with regular updates, for which we thank them.
- Police incidents reported within the Village total 16, which is down from the 21 reported last year. Our Beat Manager, PC Burrows, retired in November 2017 and we await news of her replacement.
- We were saddened to hear of the death of our Neighbourhood Watch coordinator, Mr Ken Richardson. We are currently implementing advice from Police to organise a Neighbourhood Watch scheme centred on Social Media.
- There were 28 planning applications received this year, compared to 19 last year. The Parish Council considered each application carefully and voiced no objection to the majority of applications. We did lodge objections to 5 applications and positively supported 2 others. One application is still being discussed.
- The JLR development along Rowley Road was approved, despite objections from the Parish Council. We are in contact with the developers and will monitor the situation carefully.
- Our Neighbourhood Plan went to referendum on 15<sup>th</sup> March and was approved. We thank those involved, especially Councillors Bush, Taylor and Williams.
- Baginton Events continues to organise a variety of entertainment for our community.
- The Parish Council would like to thank those volunteers who undertake work in maintaining and improving our village.
- A Parish Council Face Book account was established within the last 12 months to further communicate with residents.
- Financially, the Parish Council operated stringently against its budget. Despite the expiry of a significant grant from WDC, a series of successful external grant applications have allowed for a slight increase in reserves to further administer the Parish. We thank the Clerk and RFO for his continued work.

Councillor & Chairman, Julie Keightley 12.04.18

**ATTENDANCE OF COUNCILLORS AT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**  
**APRIL 2017 to APRIL 2018**

There have been 11 full meetings of the Council since the last Annual Parish Meeting. The following attendances were recorded:

Councillor	Julie Keightley	Chairman	11
Councillor	Chris Goodwin	Vice Chairman	6
Councillor	Walter Bush		10
Councillor	David Hewer		9
Councillor	Roger Horsfall		11
Councillor	Rob Newman		10
Councillor	Nigel Thomas		7
Councillor	Robert Taylor		9
Councillor	Steve Williams		10

Clerk	Phil Clark		11
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Average attendance by the public			5 per meeting
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## Annual report for April 2018

### Ashow, Baginton , Bubbenhall, Stoneleigh & Weston Under Weatherly Warwick District Council activity

WDC have for some 5/6 year frozen their Council Tax, however, over the past two years it has, regrettably, risen slightly. This year the average increase is £5 or 10p per week. Further our tax including parish precept is in the lowest quartile in the whole Country and possibly the lowest in the County.

- We have not cut any of our services and have continued to support our poorest areas with grants totalling £300,000 per annum. Council house rents have reduced for the second year running, due to efficient and responsible management.
- Up until recently WDC did not have a policy of prosecuting fly-tippers but following a decision by WDC a partnership has been entered on a pilot basis with Rugby District, to combat fly-tipping, which as we all know is becoming a real problem within this District. Rugby have had success in prosecuting persistent fly-tippers and it is hoped that this will be the case within our District.

Continuing with theme of prosecutions as a result of fraudulent activity and public safety the council have succeeded in prosecuting a number of fraudulent claimants recovering circa £150,000 in the process, in addition to this there has been successful prosecutions and closures for both food safety issues and noise issues within the district, these actions are there to safeguard our community whilst at the same time protecting your money and our community.

- Planning has been granted for the new WDC HQ, Covent Garden car park will be demolished and the new HQ offices and apartments together with a new car park for approximately 500 cars will be built on the land.

***This is the subject of much ongoing debate currently with many of the facts being omitted, particularly in terms of savings over the long term and the costs that would be required to refurbish Riverside house and replace the Covent garden car park which has serious structural issues. To help the public understand the plan in more depth a public exhibition will take place in the Royal priors in May.***

- The upgrade and improvements to WDC Leisure facilities continues and Newbold Comyn leisure Centre should be in full use by the summer. The next phase of improvements is in the pipeline and consultants for Kenilworth swimming baths and Castle Farm Leisure Centre are in the process of being procured.

We recognise there are still issues around bin collections and contracted grass cutting but with increased staffing within the Contract Services department

these issues should be addressed as part of the revised contract currently under negotiation.

### **Policing**

Following a letter sent to the Police Commissioner by the Stoneleigh and Cubbington WDC and WCC councillors our police levels in Stoneleigh and Cubbington ward which had dropped to an unacceptable level has at least been returned to the level before the retirement of PC Wendy Burrows. We would like to record our thanks to CPSOs Ed and Sharon for their sterling work over the period since Wendy's retirement.

**Planning** We recognise the concerns and issues raised with regards to the enormous amount of planning activity around the area including: -

- • Coventry Airport
- • Cubbington
- • Gateway 3
- • Hs2
- • Kings Hill
- • Stoneleigh Abbey

We are very actively involved across all developments to facilitate the overall best possible outcome for our constituents by presenting your concerns and issues within our scope of responsibility and control.

We also recognise the traffic issues that concerns you all and are working with all the developers on an ongoing basis to get the best possible outcome we can.

Whilst I have only been in place around 6 months over the past year Cllr Pam Redford and I have worked tirelessly your behalf with all issues from waste collection to planning and all queries that are raised from many other issues.

***As a team we will continue to do so whilst at the same using our positions both on the Finance & Audit Committee and the Overview & Scrutiny committee to deliver what's best for our constituency and Warwickshire.***

**Cllr Pam Redford & Cllr Trevor Wright  
April 2018**

## **Report from the Trustees of the Lucy Price Relief in Need Charity to the Baginton Parish Meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

This report relates to the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017.

The trust was initially set up by Lucy Price in 1814 to fund and run the village school; in 1982 the Charity Commissioners restructured the trust into its current structure.

The trust was set up to support Baginton children and young persons up to the age of 25, who are "in need". The trustees are very supportive of educational needs and also address cases of hardship brought to their attention. It is important that all village families are aware of the benefits that the trust can deliver to children and young persons.

### **Trustees**

Current trustees are:-

Appointed by the Baginton Parish Council, Louise Given (Chair), Nigel Thomas, David Hower and Roger Horsfall.

Appointed by the Baginton Parochial Church Council; Sue Williams and Alan Brown (Vice Chair)

The clerk receives an honorarium. The trustees are not paid and do not receive any expenses.

Trustees are appointed to serve until the elections in May 2019.

### **Meetings**

Within the year we hold 4 meetings to consider grant applications (Usually on a Quarterly basis). Grant applications are only considered at Trustee meetings. Applications for funds are made on forms that are available from the clerk, Della Thomas and any of the trustees.

### **Auditor**

Luckman Duckett Parker are in the process of auditing the accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017. Their report to the trustees will be considered and approved at a future trustee meeting.

### **Financial management**

The trust assets are split into two, a capital fund and an income fund. The capital fund is ring fenced and generates income and growth, which is syphoned off into the income fund. The income fund provides the cash to support grant applications. The capital fund is expected to rise in line with inflation each year so that future generations of village children can share the ongoing benefits.

The trust assets are invested in a diverse portfolio comprising of different asset classes to provide maximum returns and reduce risk. The fund objective is to reduce the investment risk in order to protect the earnings and growth achieved over the last 12 months. The portfolio risk has reduced to approximately 3.36 (on a scale of 1-10). The portfolio value is approximately £1.4 million and it continues to grow in line with expectations and the investment approach taken by the trustees remains cautious.

## Grants

Grants are made for the following categories:

- University courses or equivalents
- A level courses or equivalents
- School uniform
- Extra-curricular activities such as music tuition, drama etc
- Extra-curricular tuition to bring up to national standards
- School trips
- Driving lessons
- Hardship issues
- Discretionary grants
- Village swimming club
- Christmas parties and May Fair

## Expenditures

Total expenditure during the year was just under £35,000 and the main elements of expenditure were:-

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| • 12 | Academic Grants             | £13265 | (these included university, A level & equiv) |
| • 4  | School uniform Grants       | £1000  |  |
| • 12 | School trips/outings Grants | £3118  |  |
| • 19 | Music tuition Grants        | £985   |  |
| • 14 | Discretionary Grants        | £5643  |  |
| • 4  | Driving lessons             | £800   |  |
| •    | Swimming tuition            | £4800  |  |
| •    | Xmas party/ village hall    | £350   |  |
| •    | Audit, admin & post         | £4780  |  |

It is important to emphasise that grants are available to all children and young people up to the age of 25, who live in Baginton. We hope that everyone is aware of this. If anyone needs advice on what to claim and how to claim then please contact a trustee for the necessary support.

Louise Given  
On behalf of the Trustees  
12<sup>th</sup> April 2018

## **Village Hall Report - 2018**

Firstly I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Baginton Village Hall Committee for their continued support. With no new sustained members the 7 of us continue to help keep the profitable hall running.

Last year saw only 2 main maintenance issues, the kitchen boiler needed replacing & main hall flooring will be stripped, sanded & sealed . Other general maintenance jobs where minimal

The Spring Fair had no May Queen candidates again. Alas this tradition has become dated with no village child wanting to put themselves forward for a second year.

The committee took the decision to not hold a Christmas Fayre as numbers having being depleted over the last few years not being attended by villagers.

Lettings have increased from the previous year ( without increasing prices yet)

The village hall has tickled along with the continued main help of Doreen, Della,& Chris

Thanks to everyone

Chairman

## The Lucy Price Trusts

Mrs Lucy Price, who lived in the old manor house behind Holly Walk, set up the Lucy Price Trust in 1814 to provide a school in Baginton for the religious education of children from 6 to 9 years old. To maintain the school she conveyed to the school trustees a school building, now Lucy Price House, and a 162 acre farm in Wasperton, the proceeds of which funded the school.

The school closed in 1976 and the trustees sold off the original school building (Lucy Price House) which left the Lucy Price Schoolroom and associated land vacant.

In 1982 the Charity commissioners reorganised the original Lucy Price Trust of 1814, into 3 new trusts; The Lucy Price Relief in Need trust, Wasperton Trust and the Lucy Price Sunday School trust. The LP Relief in Need are reporting here tonight. The Wasperton trust merely provides income from farm activities and the Charity Commissioners divided this income 17/50ths to The Lucy Price Relief in Need charity (Baginton) and 33/50ths to the Coventry Diocesan Education Board. The Sunday School trust was originally set up with the schoolrooms, its associated land and £30000. The object of the Lucy Price Sunday School Trust was to "provide within the parish of Baginton religious instruction in accordance with the tenets of the Church of England by means of a Sunday School or otherwise". The trustees have the power to sell the assets provided the income is used for the purpose of the trust.

The Lucy Price Schoolrooms closed in 2010 due to the poor state of the building and its failure to comply with modern Health and Safety standards. Over the years a lot of money was used to maintain the building but the flat roof has always been a major weakness with constant water ingress. Since the closure of the building no maintenance has been carried out and major areas of degradation have occurred; the roof has totally failed, the windows are falling out and serious cracks have appeared in the walls. The building is a mess and a total eyesore.

The trustees have obtained planning permission for the site to have 2 semi detached 4 bedroom houses each with substantial gardens

The current plan is to sell off the land and buildings to generate maximum income for the trust. The trustees then intend buying a suitable, purpose built small cabin that will be located on nearby land being donated to the trust.

The Wasperton trust now owns 99 acres of land by Wasperton village which is near Stratford. The original legacy included 163 acres but over the years 63 acres were sold. The remaining land is called Pioneer Farm and it is currently valued at a minimum of £800000. The farm income we currently receive represents a return of approx. 1% of asset value. Selling the land and investing the money could comfortably generate 8 to 10%. It is a

legal responsibility of the trustees to maximise income for the beneficiaries. Therefore the trustees have agreed to sell the land and distribute the proceeds to the LP RIN charity and the Coventry Diocesan Board of Education. Godfrey Payton are managing this sale which went live a week ago.