

BAGINTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 5th October 2023 AT BAGINTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT:

Councillor	Pam Redford	District Councillor
Councillor	Josh Payne	District Councillor
Councillor	Chris Goodwin	Chairman
Councillor	Walter Bush	
Councillor	Gary Colville	
Councillor	Rob Newman	
Councillor	Robert Taylor	
Councillor	Roger Horsfall	
Councillor	Mike Meakin	
Clerk	Phil Clark	

Public 6 members of the public were present.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:30pm and welcomed those present.

2543. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, APOLOGIES & WELCOME

2543.1 The Chairman announced the sad passing of Councillor David Hewer. The matter will be reported to WDC and the notice of a casual vacancy advertised. **Clerk to action.**

2543.2 Declarations of interest were sought and none were received.

2543.2 The following had apologised: Councillor Wallace Redford – County Councillor
Councillor Andrew Parkes

2544. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

2544.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 7th September, having been circulated, were approved without amendment. Proposed by Councillor Goodwin & seconded by Councillor Meakin.

2545. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WALLACE REDFORD

2545.1 Councillor Wallace Redford had apologised and sent his report with Councillor Pam Redford.

2545.2 It was reported that only Myton School in Warwick was affected due to Reinforced Autoclave Aerated Concrete (RAAC). However, Academies and Colleges are responsible for their own maintenance and repair.

2545.3 The Fire Brigade had stressed concerns with the number of fires caused recently by batteries left charging while unattended. They stressed that batteries should not be left charging unattended or overnight while owners are sleeping.

2545.4 It was reported that the WCC Councillor's Community Grant applications were being accepted from the end of October and application forms will be available online.

2545.5 It was noted that a site meeting was held with Councillor Redford and Councillors on 29th September to discuss traffic speed entering Baginton along Coventry Road at Smith's Nurseries. Councillor Redford is seeking to have the 30mph sign moved several hundred yards back from its current position.

2545.6 Councillor Taylor asked why the road markings on the new Rowley Road and Firefly Road roundabouts had been referred to Coventry City Council when boundary maps show they are within Warwickshire. **Clerk to enquire further.**

The Chairman thanked Councillor Redford for his reports.

2546. REPORTS FROM WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- 2526.1 Councillor Pam Redford reported that she had continued passing updates to the Clerk for circulation to Councillors as they became available.
- 2526.2 Councillor Redford highlighted that the WDC Review of Polling Districts and Polling Stations began on 2nd October and urged Councillors and residents to approve the Village Hall as an acceptable venue for a Polling Station or to put alternative suggestions forward.
- 2526.3 Councillor Redford indicated that the 80th D-Day Anniversary was being marked on 6th June 2024 by the lighting of beacons. **Clerk to circulate invitation.**
- 2526.4 The Armed Forces Day will be held on 29th June 2024, with events and activities held at St. Nicholas Park in Warwick.
- 2526.5 Councillor Josh Payne indicated that Warwickshire Police will no longer be attending individual Parish Council meetings but would instead hold quarterly meetings for representatives of all Parish Councils at their Headquarters in Leek Wootton. He urged Councillors to take advantage of this opportunity and the Clerk confirmed that Councillor Parkes had voiced an interest in representing Baginton Parish Council.
- 2526.6 In relation to point 2526.5 above, Councillor Payne indicated that he would attend these Police meetings and asked to be kept informed of any issues we need raising. Councillor Goodwin indicated that unauthorised 'Sunday races' along public roads was a big issue at the moment, with cars gathering on Firefly Road on a regular basis.
- 2526.6 Prior to the meeting, Councillor Payne had indicated that he wished to discuss an application in Bubbenhall that had been submitted by a Developer that had a number of applications previously granted in Baginton. When invited to do so, Councillor Payne indicated that there had been further developments and he was not ready to discuss this at a public meeting at this time.

The Chairman thanked Councillors Redford and Payne for their reports.

2547. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD.

- 2547.1 No matters had been raised by the public prior to the meeting.
- 2547.2 A resident asked about the resurfacing of the Mill Hill service road pavement, which had been marked up by WCC earlier in the year but which had not been actioned. **Clerk to enquire.**
- 2547.3 It was noted that whilst a pothole on the Coventry Road speed hump outside the Lunt had been repaired earlier in the week, a similar hole on the next speed hump had not. **Clerk to investigate.**

2548. SOUTH OF COVENTRY (SoC) DEVELOPMENTS

- 2548.1 Notice was received from SEGRO that Winvic Construction will replace Buckingham Group as the contractors for their South of Coventry works. Environmental works will be delayed until 2024 whilst the necessary permits are transferred to the new contractors.
- 2548.2 SEGRO confirmed that the fence outside Rosswood Farm would be replaced and that the Haul Road speed limit of 30mph is being reviewed with a new proposed 40mph limit.

2548.3 SEGRO confirmed that Mr Mick Gilhooly, formerly of Buckingham Group, had been employed by Winvic to continue as public liaison for the ongoing SEGRO projects. This was very well received by Councillors and residents.

2548.4 There were no further matters arising from the SEGRO meeting on 13th September.

2548.5 Councillor Taylor asked what was happening with the JLR land on Rowley Road since the owner postponed development. Councillor Redford suggested it was still owned by JLR but was classed as orphaned land.

2549. POLICE MATTERS.

2549.1 A new Police 'Covert Operations' sign has been obtained for the Smithy, but Councillors queried its effectiveness.

2549.2 Operation 'Close Pass' has commenced, with plain clothes Officers on bicycles recording drivers who pass them without leaving the required 1.5m gap. The first trial was on Hillmorton Road in Rugby, where 8 motorists were pulled over and dealt with by Traffic Police.

2549.3 Operation 'Close Pass' has also been undertaken with horses in Brinklow, where 4 out of 45 vehicles failed to slow to 10mph and give 2m clearance.

2550. BAGINTON EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

2550.1 The film night on 29th September was the comedy drama 'A Man Called Otto', with 32 people attending.

2550.2 The next film night on 20th October will be the comedy 'Joyride' with Olivia Coleman.

2550.3 It was noted that if a Bonfire Event is to be held, our insurers require a risk assessment 3 weeks beforehand.

2551. AIRPORT MATTERS

2551.1 None were reported

2552. PLANNING

a. Planning decisions received since the last meeting

- i. W/23/1058 – Permission to allow Houses A & B to be occupied independently once access and parking has been provided, rather than both collectively. Former Sunday School site, Church Road. **SUPPORT** response issued 23rd August. **GRANTED** 27th September.

b. To note applications awaiting WDC decision.

- i. W/23/1042 – A 2-storey side extension at No. 28 Oak Close. **NEUTRAL** response issued 8th September.

c. New planning applications or matters received since the last meeting

- i. W/23/1243 – Installation of solar panels on facility roof – UKBIC, Rowley Road. **SUPPORT** response issued 2nd October.
- ii. A note was made that an application had been received for Hollies in Holly Walk and would be circulated to Councillors in the coming days. **Clerk to action.**

2553 HIGHWAY MATTERS.

Summary of known Highways issues, by area.

Major Matters reported previously and awaiting action - None

1. Minor Matters reported previously and awaiting action from 20 Parish Roads

- Andrews Close
- Bosworth Close
- Bubbenhall Road (excluding area at stables & Oakey Hill)
- Bubbenhall Road at Stables
- Church Road
- Coventry Road
- Frances Road
- Friends Close
- Firefly Road
- Kimberley Road
- Hall Drive
- Holly Walk
- Mill Hill
- Mylgrove
- Oak Close
- Silver Eagle Way
- Roman Way
- Rowley Road
- Stoneleigh Road
- Underhill Close

- 2553.1 It was noted that after heavy rain on 18th September, the A46 underpass had a substantial volume of standing water with several cars breaking down whilst trying to pass through it. No significant standing water gathered on Church Road, Oak Close or opposite The Row. However, Councillor Horsfall noted that after exceptionally heavy rain the following week, standing water was apparent throughout Baginton.
- 2553.2 A meeting was held with Councillor Wallace Redford on 29th September to discuss traffic speed and pedestrian safety between Roswood Farm and Smith's Nurseries. Dropping the speed limit along the stretch of road to 30mph is being pursued.
- 2553.3 Discussions were held regarding pavements in Baginton being blocked by both inconsiderately parked cars and overgrown hedges and shrubs. Councillors agreed that there were problems, especially where the rural village pavements and roads were narrow. Whilst it was noted that Highways Act 1980 (s)154 refers directly to overgrown hedges, all entries regarding parking on pavements were ambiguous and unenforceable other than in extreme cases where the parking causes a specific highway danger. It was agreed that the Parish Council would consider a general leaflet drop if specific legislation can be found that makes parking on pavements an enforceable offence. The discussion was deferred until next meeting allowing further research to be undertaken by Councillors. **Clerk to action.**

2554 OPEN SPACE.

- 2554.1 Attempts to engage with an appropriate building company regarding works to The Smithy have been unsuccessful, with most builders suggesting either a lack of expertise or no insurance cover for this type of work. Specialist builders are now being approached.
- 2554.2 The fly tipping around the Spinney was reported to WDC on 24th September Ref: 798576, but had not yet been removed. Councillor Pam Redford asked for details and photos of the tipping. Councillor Meakin suggested a 'what 3 words' reference would help WDC locate the rubbish, which is hidden along a path in the Spinney. **Clerk to action.**

2554.3 The hedge cutting for Kimberley, Church and Frances Road has been ordered.

2554.4 Lovell had supplied answers to the questions raised at the previous meeting regarding redevelopment of the Spinney and Pond area. These were well received and no further questions arose. Lovell had also asked about inserting a footpath between Church Road and the Bus Shelter. Not all Councillors had been able to study the plans or visit the site before the meeting, so the matter was deferred until the next meeting although most Councillors were in favour in principle pending a proper review of the proposal. **Clerk to action.**

2555 GRANTS MATTERS TO NOTE

2555.1 No new grant matters to report.

2556 GENERAL MATTERS TO NOTE

2556.1 None received.

2557 FINANCIAL MATTERS TO NOTE.

a. **Currently Earmarked Funds**

Earmarked Charity Donated Monies	£1330.29
Earmarked Funds (Lucy Price Playground)	£9574.00
Earmarked Funds (Election Expenses)	£6000.00
Earmarked Funds (Badge of Office)	£118.45
Earmarked Funds (Bus Shelters & Notice Boards)	£860.00
Earmarked Defibrillator Consumables & Service	£250.00
Earmarked Smithy Maintenance & Repair	£0.00
Total Earmarked Reserves	£18132.74

b. To advise Bank balances as of 24/09/2023

HSBC treasurers (community) account: -	£ 2652.09
HSBC savings (BMM) account: -	£ 35646.16
Total in Bank	£ 38298.25

c. **Reserves (Bank less earmark & committed) £20165.51**

d. Bank Charges per month **£8.00**

e. The Chairman proposed to approve payment of the new items below by electronic transfer, seconded by Councillor Newman and passed by a show of hands.

	Value	Pay Number
Clerk's monthly salary (40.1 hours @ NJC Level 7)	£466.36	Pay 098
Moore UK – For External Audit of Annual Accounts.	£504.00	Pay 099
Thompson's Invoice #012	£940.62	Pay 100
Cash needed in Current Account	£1910.98	

i. Moore UK, our Government appointed external auditors, have signed-off our accounts for 2022 / 2023 with no actions arising. The auditor's report has been included with the AGAR on the Village website.

- ii. The Notice of Conclusion of Audit was published on the Village website, the central notice board and was included in the latest Newsletter.
- iii. The second precept payment for £8501.00 was paid into our bank account on 29th September.

2558 CONSULTATIONS TO NOTE.

2558.1 It was noted that the review of Polling Districts and Polling Stations began on 2nd October.

2559 BROCHURES AND DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR PERUSAL.

2559.1 None

2560 ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

2560.1 A resolution was passed to approve the new Safeguarding Policy circulated to Councillors on 20th September. Proposed by Councillor Goodwin, seconded by Councillor Meakin and passed by show of hands. **Clerk to publish.**

2560.2 A resolution was passed to approve the changes to our Publication Policy circulated to Councillors on 20th September. Proposed by Councillor Goodwin, seconded by Councillor Meakin and passed by show of hands. **Clerk to publish.**

2560.3 A resident noted that the small patch of grass between Hall Drive and the electricity substation on Bosworth Close had not been cut since the start on No-Mow May. **Clerk to inquire.**

2561 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

2561.1 The next ORDINARY meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 2nd November 2023** at Baginton Village Hall from 7:30pm.

2562 CLOSE - The meeting closed at 8.34pm.