

BAGINTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON

THURSDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2020 VIA ZOOM

PRESENT:

Councillor	Wallace Redford	County Councillor
Councillor	Pam Redford	District Councillor
Councillor	Trevor Wright	District Councillor
Councillor	Julie Keightley	Chairman
Councillor	Robert Taylor	
Councillor	Walter Bush	
Councillor	Steve Williams	
Councillor	Rob Newman	
Councillor	David Hewer	
Councillor	Mike Meakin	
Councillor	Roger Horsfall	

Clerk Phil Clark.

Public 6 members of the public were present.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm, welcoming those present

1894. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, APOLOGIES & WELCOME

1894.1 Declarations of interest were sought and none were declared

1894.2 The following had apologised: Councillor Chris Goodwin – Vice Chairman

1895. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

1895.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held via ZOOM on 1st October 2020, having been circulated, were approved without amendment. Proposed by Councillor Keightley & seconded by Councillor Meakin.

1896. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WALLACE REDFORD

1896.1 Councillor Redford confirmed that there were 28 pupils and staff throughout Warwickshire schools with confirmed COVID 19, with 70 others voluntarily self isolating.

1896.2 Councillor Redford also confirmed that simple tasks like production of signage was taking longer than expected during the lockdown and urged residents to be patient

1896.3 It was confirmed that over 1500 laptop computers had been re-purposed to students in order to facilitate remote learning.

1896.4 It was confirmed that school meals will continue to be issued to eligible families throughout Christmas and for the foreseeable future.

1896.5 Councillors Hewer complained that vehicles seeking to avoid HS2 works were causing significant damage to minor roads in the County. Councillor Redford confirmed that complaints MUST be made directly to HS2, but responses from HS2 were poor. Councillor Hewer will send his previous complaints regarding HS2 to Councillor Redford, but expressed frustration at HS2's lack of response. **Councillor Hewer to action.**

The Chairman thanked Councillor Redford for his report.

1897.REPORTS FROM WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- 1897.1 Councillor Trevor Wright confirmed that 'Let's do the right thing for Warwickshire' leaflets with helpful advice will be distributed to recognised vulnerable resident in the next few days. This includes advice on supply of medication, food and other essential goods.
- 1897.2 Councillor Wright confirmed that WDC were looking at combined services with adjoining Councils to make cost reductions as part on next year's budget.
- 1897.3 Councillor Wright suggested synergistic service plans were also possible between WDC and Stratford District Council. Councillor Keightley questioned if a consultation would be needed to approve the plans. Councillor Wright stated that a public consultation is not needed, but internal scrutiny policies would need to be applied.
- 1897.4 Councillor Pam Redford indicated that with the second lockdown, new business grants will become available.
- 1897.5 Councillors Taylor and Williams asked about enforcements against illegal developments on Russell's site. Councillor Pam Redford will chase.
- 1897.6 Councillors Williams and Hewer asked about social housing numbers on the Rosswood Farm development, but the Chairman highlighted that the current plans were for only half of the site and the matter will be discussed later in the meeting.

The Chairman thanked Councillors Wright and Redford for their reports.

1898. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD.

- 1898.1 A member of the public asked if the resurfacing of Rowley Road would continue to Baginton, but Buckingham's highlighted that the 'red-line' drawing for the site ended before Baginton and their resurfacing would not reach the Village boundary.
- 1898.2 A member of the public asked if the Parish Council would pay for up to fifteen A3 and thirty A4 'Kill your speed' signs for attachment to lampposts throughout Baginton. Whilst well intentioned, it would be contrary to Traffic Sign Regulations 2002 Act, so has been declined.
- 1898.3 Mr James Cobbett (Secretary of the Bridge View Light Railway) made a specific request to attend the meeting in connection with the planning application W/20/1404. He addressed the Parish Council regarding the application. Specific reference was made to this being a community organisation that was complementary to the current site usage (Garden Centre & Leisure), so would qualify under NPPF for operation within Green Belt.
Mr Cobbett stated that when the Railway was relocated from the Rowley Road site, they were under the impression that the move was permitted development.
Councillors agreed that the voluntary community railway operates just a few days each year, so did not represent a significant increase in traffic, did not operate at unsociable hours and did not use HGVs or other vehicles that are inappropriate for Baginton roads. It is synergistic with the approved use of the site and should qualify under NPPF and was publically receiving high volumes of support.
A proposal to fully support the application was made by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Keightley & carried by show of hands.
Councillors made it clear that this decision to support the application did not form a precedent and that if other operations on the site were to apply for retrospective planning permission, they would be assessed on a case by case basis. **Clerk to action.**
- 1898.4 A member of the public confirmed that Baginton Helpers were still operational within the Village **Chairman to highlight in newsletter.**

1899. SOUTH OF COVENTRY (SoC) DEVELOPMENTS

- 1899.1 A response from SEGRO regarding both Baginton and Bubbenhall queries was circulated to Councillors on 10th October, concentrating on the Bubbenhall Road junction.
- 1899.2 The latest update on Gateway South timeline and milestones was circulated to Councillors on 10th October.
- 1899.3 A response regarding their regulation of the Rock Farm site was received from the Environment Agency and was circulated to Councillors on 30th October.
- 1899.4 Councillor Bush enquired about ANPR on Rowley Road. It is not currently registered with ICO, but Clerk highlighted it is not operational, so does not need to be registered yet. Councillor Bush suggested any new public highway monitoring must be registered and vetted with the ICO.
- 1899.5 Councillors Bush and Williams highlighted further ANPR issues and will liaise with appropriate parties and Councillor Bush will send a list of issues to the Clerk. Councillor Pam Redford confirmed WCC Solicitors were aware of our complaints and were monitoring the situation, but reiterated that the system is not operation yet, so is not breaching regulations. **Councillor Bush to action.**

1900. POLICE MATTERS.

- 1900.1 The suggested Speed Watch along Coventry Road received the highest number of votes in the on-line Community Forum Police Priority survey and has commenced.
- 1900.2 Reports were received that on Sunday 18th October offenders cut-off and stole a catalytic converter from a vehicle parked on Coventry Road.
- 1900.3 The latest Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter was distributed to Councillors on 28th October, with no new issues reported in Baginton but with details of the proposed Community Speedwatch.
- 1900.4 The Police are performing background checks on the 16 Community Speed Watch volunteers and are preparing for COVID friendly training.
- 1900.5 Questions were raised about off-road activities on the wasteland behind the Old Mill. Chairman confirmed matters were in hand with the Police. Councillor Hewer confirmed that a resident had highlighted a reduction in anti-social activity.

1901. BAGINTON EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

- 1901.1 There were no Event Committee matters to report.

1902. AIRPORT MATTERS

- 1902.1 Councillor Horsfall highlighted a speculative comment in a local newspaper about further use of the airport site. Councillor Wright confirmed that a failing airport would potentially be a target for developers, but highlighted that it is still Green Belt land.

1903. PLANNING

- a. **The following planning decisions were received since the last meeting.**
- i. W/20/0963 – First storey extension above current ground floor extension at No.5 Bromleigh Villas. Circulated to Councillors 8th October, with **NEUTRAL** response reported on 28th October. **GRANTED** 29th October.
- b. **To note applications awaiting WDC decision.**
- i. W/20/0020 – Reserved matters related to scale, layout, appearance, lighting, landscaping etc of the car showroom in Zone 2 of the Whitley South (Rowley Road) development. Circulated to Councillors on 15th February. **NEUTRAL** response reported 25th February along with a letter of

concern regarding the timing of the showroom development, which was to support the new JLR technology campus.

- ii. W/20/0808 - Affordable housing at Rosswood Farm, Coventry Road. **NEUTRAL** response reported 6th July.

New documents had been submitted, but our previous resolution can't be changed unless there is a significant material change to the application.

Councillor Williams highlighted that our original concerns had not been addressed. Visitor parking provisions had not been ratified and there were no provisions for Doctors, Schools and other facilities. Vehicle movements had not been adequately accounted for and the planned mass housing was exclusively affordable, with no private ownership. Also, this was half a development, not a full picture, with no long-term maintenance provisions. Chairman and Councillor Wright addressed the complaints from Councillor Williams, highlighting that the new documents are supplementary to the original application and were not sufficient grounds to overturn the original resolution.

Councillor Keightley proposed that our neutral stance must remain but with further comments to WDC reiterating our original issues that have not been addressed, seconded by Councillor Taylor and carried by show of hands. **Clerk to offer further comments to WDC Planning.**

- iii. W/20/1483 – Reserved matters related to appearance, layout, parking, lighting, landscaping etc. for office building on Zone 3 of Whitley South (SEGRO Offices). Circulated to Councillors on 30th September with **NEUTRAL** response reported 19th October.

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

- i. W/20/1404 – Retrospective application for a miniature railway at Russell's Garden Centre, Mill Hill. Circulated to Councillors 28th October with response required by 18th November. Discussed previously Ref 1898.3 for details.

1904 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 18 locations - NONE

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

- Rowley Road
- Stoneleigh Road
- Underhill Close

- 1904.2 Questions were raised regarding whether formal bus-stop bays should be marked on Coventry Road outside The Row. Councillors agreed that if traffic speeds past when children and adults are waiting for the bus, road markings would have little effect and the money was better used elsewhere.
- 1904.3 Councillor Meakin raised problems with blocked drains on Coventry Road. The Clerk confirmed that a number of blocked drains had been reported to WCC Highways and were due to be cleared in the near future.
- 1904.4 Councillor Hewer complained about poor water drainage in several areas of the village. Councillor Wallace Redford confirmed he had been sent a single picture of a 'puddle' but was unable to see from the picture whether there was a serious problem. **Councillor Hewer to send further pictures to Councillor Redford.**

1905 OPEN SPACE.

- 1905.1 The gaps in the Lucy Price Playground were fixed by volunteers on 7th October. Materials were purchased and are presented as cheques for signing in section 15. A local business gave a substantial discount for which we thank them, but a permanent fix may still be required.
- 1905.2 Details of the Football Academy asking if they could use the Millennium Field were circulated to Councillors on 8th October and the Draft License for the football pitch was circulated to Councillors on 10th October, then issued to the applicant several days later. There has been no response from the Academy.
- 1905.3 The Lucy Price Playground Annual Inspection has been ordered. It was also confirmed that the Playground does not need to be closed under current COVID restrictions.
- 1905.4 Cutting of Millennium Field boundary hedges was requested on 1st December.

1906 GRANTS – None to report.

1907. HOUSING & GENERAL MATTER. None to report.

1908. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

- a. To advise Bank balances as at 25/10/2020
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| HSBC treasurers (community) account: - | £ 1482.98 |
| HSBC savings (BMM) account: - | £ 35029.93 |
| Total..... | £ 36512.91 |

Data as of 1st April 2020 (as within end of year accounts).

Nominally ring fenced Monies	£1330.29
Committed Funds (Lucy Price Playground)	£15000.00
Underlying Council Reserves.....	£12630.43

b. To confirm items for payment:-

	Value	Cheque No.
Clerk's salary (9.25 hour per week @ NJC Level 7 - £418.47)	£502.96	102044
Playground Fencing (lamp pins and green weave fencing)	£42.60	102045
PR Thompson Invoice #0104	£216.00	102046
PR Thompson Invoice #114	£560.77	102047
Cheques not cashed – None		
Cash needed in Current Account (Inc Un-presented cheques)	£1322.33	

- c. The Period for Public Rights to inspect our accounts ceased at midnight on 12th October, without any enquiries.
- d. The current year's National Pay Award Scale has now been ratified by NALC, retrospectively payable to April 2020. The Clerk's salary is increased from £406.40 to £418.47 per month, with retrospective pay of £84.49, as per the Clerk's contract.
- e. Our cheque to Bubbenhall 1st Responders has been returned, as COVID restrictions are currently preventing them from operating. Councillor Keightley suggested holding on to the cheque until the end of this financial year in case they started up again.
- f. The Parish Council were asked if we would pay the cost to hire the Village Hall for Community Speed Watch training. Councillors agreed, proposed by Councillor Keightley, seconded by Councillor Williams and carried by show of hands. **Clerk to report.**
- g. Councillors Williams asked if Council reserves could earn a better interest rate. The Clerk confirmed he had looked into the matter, but all of the higher interest rate accounts were for private individuals only. Business and Charity accounts continue to pay very little interest.

1909. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS.

1909.1 The WDC Licensing Consultation was circulated to Councillors on 23rd October, with response required by 5th November.

1910. BROCHURES AND DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR PURUSAL

- i. LCR Summer 2020.

1911. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

- i. To confirm that, in accordance with its Governing Document, control of Baginton United Charity has been returned to Baginton Parish Council. We thank the existing and retiring Trustees for their efforts and welcome the new Trustees. Changes proposed by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor Taylor. Carried by show of hands. **Clerk to process.**
- ii. WCC confirmed that they would support free school meals for eligible children through the current half term, Christmas and beyond.

1912 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting: **Thursday 3rd December 2020** @ 7.30pm, Baginton Village Hall or via virtual meeting (to be confirmed)

1913 The meeting closed at 9:01pm