

BAGINTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 1st April 2021 VIA ZOOM

PRESENT:

Councillor	Wallace Redford	County Councillor
Councillor	Pam Redford	District Councillor
Councillor	Trevor Wright	District Councillor
Councillor	Julie Keightley	Chairman
Councillor	Chris Goodwin	Vice 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	4 members of the public were present.

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

1993. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, APOLOGIES & WELCOME

1993.1 Declarations of interest were sought and Councillor Hewer declared item W/20/2071

1993.2 The following had apologised: - None

1993.3 The Chairman confirmed that WCC Councillor Redford was in Purdah prior to the elections.

1994. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

1994.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held via ZOOM on 4th March 2021, having been circulated, were approved without amendment. Proposed by Councillor Keightley & seconded by Councillor Horsfall.

1995. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WALLACE REDFORD

1995.1 Councillor Redford confirmed there had been no COVID deaths within the last 24 hours and that reported infection rates were falling. Leamington Wards and Whitnash remained the highest positive COVID areas within the County.

1995.2 Pound Land continues to be the most attended COVID test centre within the district with over 12,000 tests completed.

1995.3 Kenilworth and Southam continue to be the areas with the greatest uptake of vaccinations.

1995.4 Councillor Hewer raised concerns regarding flooding at Bubbenhall Bridge, but Councillor Redford was aware of the matter and has reported it.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Redford for his report-

1996.REPORTS FROM WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

1996.1 Councillor Pam Redford highlighted a number of road closures in Warwick due to installation of seasonal bunting.

1996.2 Councillor Redford confirmed that 35,000 priority post boxes were in position for election postal votes.

- 1996.3 The hum/whine noise around Baginton was discussed, but it is still not confirmed where or how it is being generated. Councillor Horsfall confirmed that it appears to have stopped at the moment.
- 1996.4 Councillor Wright highlighted that a bill was being passed through Parliament which would limit illegal encampments, making it a criminal offence.
- 1996.5 Councillor Wright reminded those present of the numerous grants available to businesses, but also highlighted that grants were subject to audit and a need had to be proven or monies will be recovered and fraud proceedings initiated if appropriate.
- 1996.6 Councillor Horsfall thanked the WDC litter team for their help and asked Councillor Pam Redford to pass on our thanks to them.

The Chairman thanked Councillors Redford and Wright for their reports.

1997. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD.

- 1997.1 A guest speaker updated Councillors on the future of the Lunt Fort. Francis Nielsen from Culture Coventry Trust acknowledged that the site had been treated as a satellite site with minimal work having taken place over that last few years. She described the management structure now in place and confirmed that there will be improvements made to the site moving forward. General tidying of the site is already underway, but as an ancient monument, permissions need to be sought and significant amounts of paperwork need to be completed before any restoration work can begin. A programme of improvements is in place that includes rebuilding the ramparts and gateway, which are currently out of use as they are structurally unsafe. The Fort will be restored and updated as permissions are received, as grant funding and s106 money is accessed and as time allows.
- 1997.2 Councillor Wright encouraged Stakeholders to invest in the preparation of the Lunt Fort prior to the Commonwealth Games in 2022, as competitors etc housed on the local campuses are looking for places to visit while they are here.
- 1997.3 Progress on the No HGVs sign at the roundabout at Frances Road was raised. **Councillor Wallace Redford and the Clerk to request feedback from County Highways.**

1998. SOUTH OF COVENTRY (SoC) DEVELOPMENTS

- 1998.1 The quarterly meeting between SEGRO, Buckingham, Baginton PC and Bubbenhall PC was discussed. Councillor Bush reported on the extent of the ANPR system and confirmed that it will not be used to track private vehicle movements. The new bridge is due to open soon, and with traffic lights going 'live' it has been suggested that warning signs should be used to indicate when the lights are in full use. A request to move the security hut on the haul road further into the site to prevent queuing of traffic on the island was acknowledged.
- 1998.2 Progress by Buckingham and WDC Environmental Health to identify possible source of the whining noise suggested a structure near UKBIC which resonated when the wind blew. Baffles were suggested to alleviate the problem.
- 1998.3 Buckingham had explained that the removal of fencing and acoustic panels around Oak Close was to install new drainage and will be replaced afterwards, or will be bundled.
- 1998.4 The Chairman explained that the Country Park is due to open formally in 2023, but people are using it already. Top-dressing of the paths is currently taking place.

1999. POLICE MATTERS. - None

2000. BAGINTON EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

- 2000.1 The Events AGM will take place on 7th April.
- 2000.2 It was confirmed that the 2021 PITP event has been cancelled.

2001. AIRPORT MATTERS

- 2001.1 It was noted that the airport meeting notes discussed at the last meeting were circulated shortly afterwards.
- 2001.2 WDC has issued a pre-application request for a scoping opinion regarding environmental impacts for the proposed battery manufacturing development on the airport i.e. what should be included in the scoping document for the environmental impact assessment/environmental statement. It was noted that the documents were very technical and extensive in their scope. **Clerk to circulate.**

2002. PLANNING

- a. The following planning decisions were received since the last meeting.**
- i. W/20/1902 – Retrospective application to install a chillier unit at Unipart Logistics, Middlemarch Business Park, CV3 4UP. **SUPPORT** issued 24th February. **GRANTED** 12th March.
 - ii. W/20/1909 - Erection of a new detached garage, plus conversion of the existing garage into a 2 storey side extension. **NEUTRAL** response issued 24th February. **GRANTED** 6th March.
- b. To note applications awaiting WDC decision.**
- i. W/20/0808 - Affordable housing at Rosswood Farm, Coventry Road. **NEUTRAL** response reported 6th July. **NEUTRAL** response reiterated on 13th November, reiterating our previous reservations.
 - ii. 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.
 - iii. W/20/1404 – Retrospective application for a miniature railway at Russell’s Garden Centre, Mill Hill. Circulated to Councillors 28th October. **SUPPORT** response issued 13th November.
 - iv. W/20/1901 – Application regarding reserved matters from W/18/0522 in relation to landscape bunding. Circulated to Councillors on 7th December. **NEUTRAL** response issued 18th December.
- c. New planning applications or planning matters received since the last meeting**
- i. W/20/2071 - Erection of 2no new dwelling incorporating its associated landscaping and proposal of a new peace garden following the demolition of former Sunday School building on the site. Baginton School, Church Road, Baginton, Coventry, CV8 2AR. Circulated to Councillors on 20th March, with **SUPPORT** response issued 26th March.
- d. Other Planning Matters.**
- i. Councillor Wright noted that the WDC Planning Department was to be increased by two people to help facilitate the processing of applications.
 - ii. Councillor Meakin highlighted that street outlook is very subjective from a planning perspective and some ‘accepted’ decisions from WDC Planning were dubious and he disagreed with a recent example used to support the garage in Holly Walk.
 - iii. Councillor Wright highlighted that developers were able to exploit the planning systems for their own gains.

2003 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

- Andrews Close
- Bosworth Close
- Bubbenhall Road (excluding area at stables & Oakey Hill)

- Bubbenhall Road at Stables
- Church Road
- Coventry Road – Blocked drains from Greenthatch up to the Lunt Fort
- Frances Road – No HGV signage
- Friends Close
- Kimberley Road
- Hall Drive
- Holly Walk
- Mill Hill
- Mylgrove
- Oak Close –
- Roman Way
- Rowley Road
- Stoneleigh Road
- Underhill Close

- 2003.1 Notice was received that Severn Trent will close Church Road on 26th and 27th April to complete new water connections.
- 2003.2 Further details were received of the road closures needed to restore the bridge on Mill Hill, which is due to start on 19th April and be completed by 17th September.
- 2003.3 Councillor Wallace Redford has visited the overflowing ditch on Bubbenhall Road to investigate the issue with County Highways.
- 2003.4 The traffic lights on the new Rowley Road roundabout had to be reset by County Highways after they became stuck on red earlier in March.
- 2003.5 The street cleaner was seen in Baginton on 17th March.
- 2003.6 Councillor Williams extolled the virtues of Bill Harvey Associates in connection with the Bridge restoration.
- 2003.7 It was confirmed that pedestrian access across the river at Baginton Bridge was being considered but is separate to the refurbishment.

2004 OPEN SPACE.

- 2004.1 New dog fouling warning notices have been installed around the village by the WDC dog warden.

2005 GRANTS – None to report.

2006. HOUSING & GENERAL MATTER. None to report.

2007. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

- a. To advise Bank balances as at 27/03/2021
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| HSBC treasurers (community) account: - | £ 1219.83 |
| HSBC savings (BMM) account: - | £ 32031.59 |
| Total..... | £ 33251.42 |

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

Nominally reserved 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 (37 hour per month @ NJC Level 7 - £418.47)	£418.47	102062
CPRE Subscription	£36.00	102063
WALC Subscription	£286.00	102064
Information Commissioner	£40.00	102065
PR Thompson Invoice #141	£560.77	102066
Un-cashed Cheques - None		
Cash needed in Current Account (Inc Un-presented cheques)	£1341.24	

- c. The Finance Committee met virtually on 8th March 2021. Authorisation of Governance with regard to financial systems, controls and records proposed by Councillor Keightley, seconded by Councillor Horsfall and carried by show of hands by the Finance Committee.
- d. Our Smithy rent was received on 23rd March.

2008. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS.

2008.1 Application for a 5G telecommunications mast on Siskin Parkway West was discussed and it was decided there were no negatives from the proposal.

2009. BROCHURES AND DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR PURUSAL - None

2010. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

- 2010.1 The Annual Assembly due in April 2021 is under consideration as restrictions may again require it to be postponed or cancelled. A risk assessment is being completed and if the problems can't be mitigated, it is proposed that we cancel the Assembly. It will not now take place on 8th April as previously scheduled.
- 2010.2 It was noted that WDC Election Services have asked for volunteers to help run the Elections on 6th May as many of their normal volunteers are unavailable.
- 2010.3 Councillor Bush asked if SCR/21/0003 scoping document was available for discussion. Received 3:30 pm on 1st April. **Clerk to circulate.**
- 2010.4 Councillor Taylor asked about progress with the Playground refurbishment. It was confirmed that travel restrictions and furlough during lockdown had delayed the project. Moving forward, care must be taken to ensure only viable and solvent Companies are being considered before any financial commitments can be made. Hence, it will be several months post-lockdown until we are in a position to proceed.

2011 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Next Annual Parish Council Meeting followed by the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting: **Thursday 6th May 2021** @ 7.30pm, Baginton Village Hall or via virtual meeting (to be confirmed)

2012 The meeting closed at 8:44pm.