

BAGINTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 3rd October 2024 AT BAGINTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT:

Councillor	Wallace Redford	County Councillor
Councillor	Pam Redford	District Councillor
Councillor	Chris Goodwin	Chairman
Councillor	Walter Bush	Vice Chairman
Councillor	Mike Meakin	
Councillor	Robert Taylor	
Councillor	Roger Horsfall	
Councillor	Andrew Parkes	
Councillor	Craig Biggerstaff	
Councillor	Rob Newman	

Clerk	Phil Clark
Public	4 members of the public were present.

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

2777. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, APOLOGIES & WELCOME

2777.1 Declarations of interest were sought and none were received.

2777.2 The following had apologised: Councillor Josh Payne District Councillor
 Councillor Gary Colville

2778. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

2778.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 5th September, having been circulated, were approved without amendment. Proposed by Councillor Goodwin & seconded by Councillor Horsfall.

2779. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WALLACE REDFORD

2779.1 Councillor Wallace Redford had sent various reports over the last month, which had been circulated to Councillors to keep them informed.

2779.2 Councillor Redford spoke specifically about the request to move the 30mph sign on Stoneleigh Road back beyond Smith's Nurseries, so traffic is slowed earlier as it enters Baginton. This had been requested by the Parish Council after the road layout was changed and the Give Way junction at Rosswood Cottage was removed such that traffic was no longer naturally slowed by a need to Give Way. County Highways were asking for significant information on traffic speed, road geometry, road composition, types of vehicles etc. before they could proceed. Councillors agreed that the best position for road monitoring strips would be in the area where we want the 30mph sign to be placed.

2779.3 Councillor Redford reiterated that the WCC Flood Defence Team was still objecting to the discharge of Condition 21 (surface water drainage scheme) on the Rosswood Farm housing development (W/20/0808), although this does not stop them continuing to build. It will become an issue for the developers if WDC refuse to sign-off the completed works.

2779.4 Councillor Redford asked about the list of 20 road issues on the minutes. The Clerk explained that the minutes contained a list of the 20 roads within Baginton, with any issues detailed against the road concerned. Currently, no specific issues were listed, although a review of drains and standing water was underway. Councillor Redford thanked the Clerk for the clarification.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Redford for his reports.

2780. REPORTS FROM WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- 2780.1 Councillor Pam Redford had sent various updates over the last month, which had been circulated to Councillors to keep them informed.
- 2780.2 Councillor Redford spoke about the UKBIC noise issue, explaining that the Planning Condition regarding noise can only be discharged once by WDC Planning and can't be revisited after that. It is therefore essential that all parties are happy that the proposed mitigation will resolve the issue fully. This process is taking longer than expected, so no mitigation is currently in place. Councillor Redford apologised for the delay, but WDC need to be sure the sound baffles will work.
- 2780.3 Councillor Redford confirmed that soft plastics could now be included within the household waste collection, which was well received by all present.
- 2780.4 Councillor Redford confirmed that WDC now had a full-time fly tipping team who are dedicated to collecting and examining fly tipped material. Prior to this, fly-tipped waste was collected by the general refuse team. It was stressed that residents should **NEVER** touch fly-tipped material as this can be dangerous and may jeopardise any prosecution. Councillors expressed their thanks as this is seen as a positive move.
- 2780.5 The new Pension Credit Form had come into use, but it is very complicated. WDC have decided to set up a Pension Credit Team to help people complete the forms and make a claim. It will take a little while as staff need to be recruited and trained, but the decision to set up the dedicated team has been approved. This was well received by all present.
- 2780.6 Councillor Redford spoke about the West Midland Investment Zone (WMIZ) meeting held between Baginton and Bubbenhall Parish Councils and WDC on 1st October. She suggested it was an honest and open meeting that had opened a good communication pathway. However, the initial meeting had raised a lot of questions that need investigating. The next meeting is set for January but no date has been set as meeting room availability needs to be established. **Clerk to investigate.**
- 2780.7 Councillor Goodwin asked specifically about compensation for Baginton as a result of the disruption associated with WMIZ. Councillors Redford, Parkes and Taylor suggested that 'Compensation' relates to a specific quantifiable loss, rather than a general feeling of disruption and inconvenience, so the term 'Community Benefit' was being used to address any Wish List of improvements that Baginton may have. Councillor Goodwin argued that 'Community Benefit' was not specific enough and could become diluted over time such that any benefit is diminished. Councillor Wallace Redford indicated that 'Compensation' is written into the Act for operations such as HS2, but is not written into WMIZ. Accepting 'Community Benefit' was the only way to get village improvements. Clerk to send Baginton Wish List to Councillor Redford. **Clerk to action.**

The Chairman thanked Councillor Redford for her reports.

2781. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD.

2781.1 An update was received from the Country Park Liaison Group visit to the new SEGRO Community Park off Bubbenhall Road on 11th September. The general opinion was that the existing site falls considerably short of the original plan put forward, with significant downsizing of facilities. Councillor Pam Redford suggested this should be raised at the next SEGRO meeting.

2781.2 General points to note following the site visit are:

- Park not due to open until Spring 2025 at the earliest
- Area is still designated a building site with no general access for the public.
- Site entrance and visitor toilets are well under way
- Small areas of mature woodland have been retained, while the felled ancient trees have been placed sympathetically as structural monoliths.
- Planting of bunds is well established, wildflowers are present and ponds are already inhabited by a range of wildlife.
- Litter is still evident in some areas, which needs clearing.
- Entrance gates, seating, signage, barriers etc. have still to be finalised.
- Walking paths are not complete yet, but are generally on level ground, so erosion during heavy rain is less likely than on the Rowley Road Park.
- The management suite is not occupied yet.

2781.3 It was noted that a new member of the Country Park Liaison Team has been recruited.

The Chairman thanked the Country Park Liaison Group for their report.

2782. SOUTH OF COVENTRY (SoC) DEVELOPMENTS

2782.1 Councillor Bush informed those present that there was little new news to report from the Segro meeting on 11th September. The only significant point was speeding traffic on the Haul Road, which Segro were aware of but the road is still unadopted which affects enforcement. Questions were asked regarding why the road was still unadopted and Councillor Bush indicated that the speed limit of 30mph was still being disputed. Councillors generally suggested that 40mph was a more reasonable limit for the road in their opinions.

2782.2 Councillor Redford had received an update on the South of Coventry Masterplanning group, with very little to report. The scheduled meeting was postponed as there was too little progress to warrant a meeting at the moment. **Clerk to circulate update.**

2782.3 Councillor Bush reported that the concrete blocks at the JLR site entrance off Firefly Road had now been moved to create a more effective barrier.

2783. POLICE MATTERS.

2783.1 The next virtual meeting to discuss cross-border anti-social vehicles is scheduled for Friday 25th October.

2783.2 The next Police liaison meeting is scheduled for 4th November from 8:00pm at Police Headquarters in Leek Wootton.

2783.3 Councillor Meakin informed those present of a suspicious incident where a person wearing a Covid mask and carrying leaflets drove onto the drive of a property on Coventry Road and proceeded to look inside all of the property windows before being scared off. Police have been informed.

2784. BAGINTON EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

- 2784.1 The film night on 27th September was the Amy Winehouse biopic 'Back to Black', which was attended by 24 paying guests.
- 2784.2 The next film night on 25th October will be the action, comedy, drama 'The Fall Guy'
- 2784.3 Councillor Horsfall confirmed that the Events Committee will not be holding another Party in the Park and that there will be no Bonfire Event this year, but other Events are being explored. Councillor Pam Redford asked why the events had been dropped by the Committee. Blame was placed on significantly increased administrative work to hold an event, along with increased need for 'Professional Services' for First Aid, Security, Insurance etc making events beyond the capabilities of a volunteer village group. Other restrictions such as not being allowed to burn chemically treated pallets on a bonfire had also affected events. Councillor Goodwin indicated that larger organisations such as The Round Table were also considering restricting events as the administrative demands had become unreasonably excessive.

2785. AIRPORT MATTERS

- 2785.1 The next airport meeting is scheduled for 14th November.

2786. PLANNING

- a. Planning decisions received since the last meeting**
- i. W/24/1052 - Retrospective applications for an elevated patio terrace, ramp, steps and railings – Oakley, 39 Mill Hill. **NEUTRAL** response issued 6th September with a note on timescales for demolition of existing structures outside the scope of the application. **GRANTED** 1st October. Councillor Pam Redford asked to be kept informed of progress with the areas that were not granted permission.
- b. To note applications awaiting WDC decision.**
- i. W/23/1725 - Demolition of existing buildings and rebuild on new buildings and site layout at Unipart Logistics on Middlemarch Business Park. **NEUTRAL** response issued 6th January.
- ii. DOC/23/0018 – Discharge of Conditions 3, 5, 7, 8, 14, 16, 19, 20, 21, 24 and 25 relating to W/20/0808 (Building of 56 affordable houses off Church Road on land north of Rosswood Farm). Special notes on Condition 8 (Surface water drainage). **OBJECTION** response issued 18th January.
- iii. DOC/24/0010 – Discharge of condition 23 (the need for a construction traffic management plan) - Gateway South development on Bubbenhall Road. **NEUTRAL** response issued 30th April.
- c. New planning applications or matters received since the last meeting**
- i. W/24/1247 – Relocation of Battery Energy Storage System at UKBIC, Rowley Road. Circulated to Councillors 30th September with response required by 18th October. Councillors resolved to support the application, proposed by Councillor Goodwin, seconded by Councillor Horsfall and passed by show of hands. **Clerk to report.**

2787 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

NOTE: Any reported matters are detailed against the appropriate Road below;

- 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

2787.1 The map of Baginton drains and gully pots was circulated to Councillors on 6th September, with a request for Councillors to mark any blocked drains in need of attention. Recent heavy rain had highlighted areas where water was not draining freely and pictures had been taken of the drains concerned. Councillors agreed these should be sent to WDC and WCC to highlight where specific drain clearing is needed rather than street sweeping that simply removes surface debris from the drains. **Clerk to action.**

2788 OPEN SPACE.

2788.1 The proposed Terms of Reference for an Open Spaces Committee was circulated to Councillors for consideration on 25th September. It was resolved that the Terms should be formally adopted by the Parish Council, proposed by Councillor Goodwin, seconded by Councillor Horsfall and passed by show of hands. Councillors Taylor and Horsfall volunteered to represent the Parish Council on the Committee.

2788.2 Discussions were held on the possible placement of a commemorative bench for David Hewer. Councillors agreed it was a good idea and several locations were put forward, but none were conclusively approved. **Matter deferred.**

2789 GRANTS MATTERS TO NOTE

2789.1 The £7336.06 grant requested from the Lucy Price Relief in Need Charity towards the new playground perimeter fence was paid into our account on 11th September. Thanks were expressed by Councillors.

2790 GENERAL MATTERS TO NOTE - None**2791 FINANCIAL MATTERS TO NOTE.****a. Currently Earmarked Funds**

Charity Donated Monies Held by Council	£1330.29
Earmarked Funds (Lucy Price Playground)	£5056.00
Earmarked Funds (Election Expenses)	£5950.00
Earmarked Funds (Badge of Office)	£118.45
Earmarked Funds (Bus Shelters & Notice Boards)	£1000.00
Earmarked Defibrillator Consumables & Service	£322.61
Earmarked Smithy Maintenance & Repair	£6000.00
Total Earmarked Reserves	£19777.35

b. To advise Bank balances as of 27/09/2024

HSBC treasurers (community) account: -	£8803.93
HSBC savings (BMM) account: -	£30050.92
Total in Bank	£38854.85

c. Reserves (Bank less earmark & committed) £19077.50**d. Bank Charges per month £8.00**

e. It was resolved to pay the bills below, proposed by Councillor Goodwin, seconded by Councillor Biggerstaff and passed by show of hands.

	Value	Pay Number
Lakeside invoice LAKBPC536 - CORRECTION	£40.00	Pay 178
Clerk's monthly salary (40.1 hours @ SCP Level 7 £506.26)	£405.06	Pay 179
Clerk's Income Tax & NI (Includes PAYE Adjustment)	£101.20	Pay 180
Graveyard Maintenance Grant	£450.00	Pay 181
Village Hall #BVH-2024-176	£8.00	Pay 182
Lakeside Invoice #LAKBPC538	£480.00	Pay 183
Lakeside Invoice #LAKBPC539	£216.00	Pay 184
	£1700.26	

i. The second WDC Precept for £9138.50 was paid into our account on 27th September and is included in the figures above.

2792 CONSULTATIONS TO NOTE.

2792.1 No new consultations received.

2793 BROCHURES AND DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR PERUSAL.

2793.1 None received.

2794 ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

2794.1 Councillor Horsfall asked when the remaining work on the Smithy was to be undertaken. The Clerk stated that works due in September had been put back but he was in touch with the builders and would monitor the situation. **Clerk to action.**

2795 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

2795.1 The next Ordinary meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 7th November 2024.**

2796 CLOSE - The meeting closed at 8:32pm.