

BAGINTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 6th October 2022 AT BAGINTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT:

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

Clerk Phil Clark

Public 5 members of the public were present.

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

2307. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, APOLOGIES & WELCOME

2307.1 Declarations of interest were sought and none were received.

2307.2 The following had apologised: Councillor Trevor Wright - District Councillor

2308. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

2308.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 1st September 2022, having been circulated, were approved without amendment. Proposed by Councillor Keightley & seconded by Councillor Horsfall.

2309. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WALLACE REDFORD

2309.1 Councillor Wallace Redford reported that the signage issues reported along the road from the Cubbington Crossroads at the previous meeting were being addressed.

2309.2 The culvert by Bubbenhall Bridge has been scheduled for clearing, but for safety reasons the road would need to be closed and it could be a couple of months until the work was started.

2309.3 It was reported that Coventry City Council had purchased about 50 all-electric buses, which were undergoing short journey testing. With a range of 280 miles, it is expected that eventually these buses will operate in the Warwickshire region. Once routes have been confirmed, WCC will seek to install charging points to support them.

2309.4 It was confirmed that HS2 will pay £106000 per year until 2025 to support the maintenance of the roads their vehicles are using.

2309.5 The closing date for the County Councillor Grant Fund is 5:00pm on 16th October. Any claims for fund monies must be received by then.

2309.6 Average speed cameras were being trialled at 4 places in the County. They are more expensive than the stand-alone speed cameras, but were proving very effective. Once testing is finished, they will be rolled-out at critical places within the County, with accident black-spots taking priority.

2309.7 Over the last week, 2 deaths had been reported due to COVID.

2309.8 Councillor Taylor asked about progress with moving the 30mph speed sign on the Stoneleigh Road to a position before Smith's Nurseries. Councillor Redford confirmed this was with the Traffic & Safety Group, but again indicated he saw no issues with the request.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Redford for his reports.

2310.REPORTS FROM WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

2310.1 Councillor Pam Redford reported that as District Parish Champion, she will be writing to Councils encouraging them to open their Village Halls this Winter as a warm refuge for vulnerable and elderly residents.

2310.2 It was confirmed that the South of Coventry Framework meeting was due to take place at Leamington Town Hall from 4:00pm on 10th October, but Andrew Day could only spare an hour for the meeting.

2310.3 Councillor Taylor asked if the refuse contract with Biffa had any penalty clauses for failing to deliver the service from the start date for the new system and for missed collections. Councillor Redford indicated she had no insight into the exact details of the contract, but reiterated that Biffa had not yet been supplied with the correct trucks, implying they would not be held responsible for missed collections.

2310.4 Councillor Meakin again complained about the missed green waste collection on 5th September, asking if money for the permit could be reclaimed.

2310.5 Councillor Williams asked if the unwanted green bin removal scheduled for November was still going ahead. Councillor Redford suggested it was best to assume it would and to look out for communication with instructions nearer the time.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Redford for her report

2311. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD.

2311.1 A member of the public thanked Councillor Wallace Redford for joining her on a snagging tour of the new Firefly Road and roundabouts.

2311.2 A resident reiterated that traffic on the Stoneleigh Road were entering Baginton at speed and the relocation of the 30mph sign (2309.8) was essential.

2311.3 A resident noted that many of the trees planted on the new section of verge between the Stoneleigh and Bubbenhall Roads were missing. It was noted these were needed to stop vehicle headlights dazzling each other at night. It was conjectured that they had been stolen, but another member of the public pointed out that many saplings had died during the heat wave and may have been removed by the developers.

2311.4 A resident highlighted that the temporary floor-mounted signage pointing to Bubbenhall along the new road was insufficient, as vehicles frequently miss the junction and needed to reverse along the main carriageway to turn into the new road. Councillor Keightley indicated that permanent signage was due to be installed.

2311.5 Councillor Hewer asked about resurfacing the Coventry Road past the new Bubbenhall junction. Councillor Wallace Redford confirmed this would be done once the heavy lorries associated with the Gateway South project have ceased using the area.

2312. SOUTH OF COVENTRY (SoC) DEVELOPMENTS

2312.1 Several volunteers from Baginton and Bubbenhall have come forward to form a Country Park Liaison Group. The group now needs to be initiated and the Clerk has contacted SEGRO asking how to proceed.

2312.2 There was nothing new to report from the SEGRO meeting held on 14th September.

2312.3 The meeting with Andrew Day and Chris Elliott to discuss the Masterplanning Framework for Land to the North & East / South of Coventry is taking place on 10th October from 4:00pm at Leamington Town Hall. Councillor Taylor indicated that he could attend. Matters to be raised include a disconnect between stated objectives and actual undertakings, lack of a conjoined cycle routes, loss of existing green spaces vastly outstripping the creation of new green spaces, failure to follow the existing climate declaration and the failure to replace the WDC Site Delivery Officer after Ragu Sittambalam resigned in 2019.

2313. POLICE MATTERS.

2313.1 There were no Police matters to report.

2314. BAGINTON EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

2314.1 The film on 30th September was 'The Duke'.

2314.2 The next film is 'Operation Mincemeat' on 28th October.

2314.3 Bonfire Night is planned for Saturday 5th November.

2314.4 Events Committee meetings were held on 5th September & 3rd October.

2314.5 Next Party in the Park is scheduled for 8th July 2023.

2315. AIRPORT MATTERS

2315.1 The next airport consultative committee meeting is due in October.

2316. PLANNING

a. Planning decisions received since the last meeting

- i. W/22/1313 – Erection of single storey rear extension and first floor side extension to 4 Underhill Close. Circulated to Councillors on 25th August **NEUTRAL** response reported 9th September. **GRANTED** 21st September.

b. To note applications awaiting WDC decision.

- i. W/21/1655 – Reserved matters relating to the Gateway South Community Park. **NEUTRAL** response reported 10th October.
- ii. W/22/0146 – Addition of a backup generator at Unipart Logistics on the Middlemarch Business Park. Circulated to Councillors on 9th March with response required by 30th March. **SUPPORT** response sent 25th March.
- iii. W/22/0679 – Reserve matters for Units 4B & 4C including scale, layout, access, landscaping and building design. Circulated to Councillors 11th May with response required by 30th May. **NEUTRAL** response issued 27th May.
- iv. W/22/0731 – Variations of W/18/0522 conditions 5, 6 & 7 relating to bund height. Circulated to Councillors 11th May with response required by 30th May. **SUPPORT** response issued 27th May.
- v. W/22/1038 – Outline permission with all matters reserved save for access for up to 66 dwellings, Land at Rosswood Farm, Coventry Road. Circulated to Councillors 2nd July with response required by 22nd July. Courtesy plans from the developer-had been circulated to Councillors on 13th June. **OBJECTION** issued 21st July.
- vi. W/22/1296 – Reserved matters (Layout, appearance, landscaping etc) of the Management Suite associated with application W/18/0522 – SEGRO, Gateway South, Coventry Airport. Circulated to Councillors on 8th September. **OBJECTION** issued 26th September.

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

- i. W/22/1523 – Single storey front extension - No.18 Mill Hill. Circulated to Councillors 25th September with response required by 13th October. Councillor Keightley proposed supporting the application. Councillor Williams stated that many other similar properties had undertaken a range of

developments similar to the proposal and he seconded the resolution. Passed by show of hands.

Clerk to report.

2317 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 – Drainage issues
- Church Road
- Coventry Road - Lamp out at mini roundabout. Puddling opposite The Row.
- Frances Road – Puddling where road has sunk
- Friends Close
- Firefly Road
- Kimberley Road
- Hall Drive
- Holly Walk – Drain dangerously proud of road surface
- Mill Hill – Pothole next to drain
- Mylgrove
- Oak Close
- Silver Eagle Way
- Roman Way – Lamp out at entrance
- Rowley Road
- Stoneleigh Road
- Underhill Close

2317.1 The extensive standing water at the Mill Hill underpass was reported on 6th September and was kindly cleared by volunteers. WCC Highways have raised a job for a full clean out.

2317.2 The two broken street lamps on Coventry Road, the one on Friends Close and the one in Roman Way were all reported again on 15th September. Councillor Redford suggested contacting her if these aren't fixed within 7 days.

2317.3 Wallace Redford toured the roundabout and new bridge on Firefly Road and agreed that the road markings were not correct. He will report the matter to highways.

2317.4 The fly tipping on the Bubbenhall Road just past the Alvis Works was reported on 26th September and cleared soon after.

2317.5 The 'Welcome to Baginton' sign by the chicane outside The Oak public house was discussed. It is badly weathered and with the new road layout it is no longer in the right place. It was suggested that the sign is refurbished and relocated, preferably at the expense of the developers who installed the new road layout. This is Heritage street furniture and grants may be available. **Clerk to enquire and get quotations.**

2317.6 Councillor Wallace Redford indicated that WCC recognised that too many road signs in a specific area can prove confusing for motorists. If areas of Baginton were felt to be too heavily signed, this could be looked into and signage removed as appropriate.

2318 OPEN SPACE.

- 2318.1 Repair and maintenance of the Smithy was discussed. Councillor Hewer volunteered to write a repair specification for Councillors to consider. Councillor Williams later asked about an increase in the Smithy rent or a contribution from the tenant towards repairs. It was agreed this matter could be revisited once the repair specification was available.
- 2318.2 Dogs running free in the Churchyard were highlighted to the Parish Council. This was referred back to the Parochial Church Council who owns the land and it was noted that new signs have since been installed.
- 2318.3 Councillor Taylor reported that the new picnic table had been installed on the Lucy Price Playground, with thanks to Buckingham and the Brethren Gospel Hall.
- 2318.4 Councillor Horsfall asked on behalf of a resident if a new dog waste bin could be installed by the Church. Councillor Keightley noted this had been refused previously as the area is not on the WDC collection route and is a dead-end that is difficult to access. Councillor Goodwin highlighted that responsible dog owners would carry a bag of waste the extra 100 yards to the bins at the Millennium Field entrances. Councillor Pam Redford indicated that the rubbish bin outside the village shop and by the bridge could also accept dog waste.

2319 GRANTS MATTERS TO NOTE

- 2319.1 No new grant matters to report.

2320 HOUSING & GENERAL MATTERS TO NOTE

- 2320 There were no new housing matters.

2321 FINANCIAL MATTERS TO NOTE.

a. Currently Earmarked Funds

Earmarked Charity Donated Monies	£1330.29
Earmarked Funds (Lucy Price Playground)	£10000.00
Earmarked Funds (Election Expenses)	£6000.00
Earmarked Funds (Badge of Office)	£142.35
Earmarked Funds (Bus Shelters & Notice Boards)	£860.00
Earmarked Defibrillator Consumables & Service	£250.00
Earmarked Smithy Maintenance & Repair	£1000.00
Total Earmarked Reserves	£19582.64

b. To advise Bank balances as of 29/09/2022

HSBC treasurers (community) account: -	£ 22961.09
HSBC savings (BMM) account: -	£ 17293.71
Total in Bank	£ 40254.80

c. Reserves (Bank less earmark & committed) £20672.16

- d. Bank Charges per month **£8.00**

- e. Resolve to authorise items for proposed payment by electronic transfer.-

	Value	Pay Number
Clerk's monthly salary (40.1 hours @ NJC Level 7 - £426.26)	£426.26	Pay 043
Thompsons #0216	£489.60	Pay 044
Cash needed in Current Account	£915.86	

- i. The above payments were proposed by Councillor Keightley, second by Councillor Goodwin and passed by show of hands.
- ii. The Smithy rent for £390.50 was received on 26th August
- iii. The 2nd Precept for £8589 was paid into our account on 28th September.

2322 CONSULTATIONS TO NOTE.

2322.1 None received.

2323 BROCHURES AND DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR PERUSAL.

- i. None received

2324 ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

2324.1 Several Councillors & the Clerk signed the Book of Condolence for Queen Elizabeth II at St. John the Baptist Church. The Village Website and Parish Council Facebook page both carried a photo of Her Majesty along with the recommended message. These were also posted on all Parish Council notice boards. All Operation London Bridge protocols were followed.

2325 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

2325.1 Next Ordinary Meeting: **Thursday 3rd November 2022** @ 7.30pm, Baginton Village Hall.

2326 CLOSE - The meeting closed at 8.02pm