

BAGINTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON

THURSDAY 3rd March 2022 AT OUR VILLAGE HALL

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

Clerk Phil Clark.

Public 4 members of the public were present.

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

2172. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, APOLOGIES & WELCOME

2172.1 Declarations of interest were sought and Councillor Hewer highlighted an ongoing interest in planning item W/21/1313.

2172.2 The following had apologised: Councillor Chris Goodwin - Vice Chairman

2173. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

2173.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 3rd February 2022, having been circulated, were approved with a minor amendment to item 2162.11. Proposed by Councillor Keightley & seconded by Councillor Taylor.

2174. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WALLACE REDFORD

2174.1 Councillor Wallace Redford reported 2 deaths associated with COVID, but confirmed infection rates were falling, especially for over 60's. Hotspots continue to include Lillington, Whitnash, Brunswick and All Saints.& Woodloes. Local hospitals are running between 93% and 95% capacity, but this is in part due to the restart of routine operations, not COVID cases.

2174.2 Councillor Hewer complained about standing water in Oak Close, Church Road and in Coventry Road opposite The Row, where the road has dropped so water is not reaching the drain. Councillor Hewer suggested the road should be raised or the drain relocated. Councillor Redford confirmed there were delays, but all matters will be dealt with, reiterating that new drains were planned for Oak Close and trenches had been dug along Coventry Road and the ditch cleared.

2174.3 Councillors Hewer and Horsfall complained about shoddy workmanship. Councillor Redford invited them to identify specific items and the contractors would be called back if it is appropriate to do so.

2174.4 Councillor Taylor asked about the 20mph group. Councillor Redford indicated that the group has not reported to Council Cabinet yet, so he is unable to comment.

2174.5 Councillor Newman raised concerns regarding school placements for Baginton children, especially with the village to be expanded. Councillor Redford confirmed this was an ongoing issue for rural villages, but with schools converting to academies, they fall outside WCC control. It was suggested

that the new school proposed as part of the King's Hill development may become the default school for Baginton children. Councillor Redford advised that any parents with a specific issue regarding placement of their child could contact him.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Redford for his report.

2175.REPORTS FROM WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- 2175.1 Councillor Pam Redford highlighted a new means tested grant to help people improve home energy efficiency and a second grant targeted at those struggling on low incomes.
- 2175.2 Councillor Wright warned about scam calls and highlighted that WDC would never call residents directly. There are scam calls offering financial aid or rebates and should not be engaged.
- 2175.3 Councillor Newman asked about the advertising sign at the bottom of Bosworth Close. Councillor Pam Redford confirmed the matter was now with the Legal department, but there were staff shortages at the moment. Councillor Meakin confirmed there was some activity on the site, but no building works were currently progressing. Councillor Wright confirmed that provided building has started, there is no deadline for completion.

The Chairman thanked Councillors Redford and Wright for their reports

2176. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD.

- 2176.1 A resident volunteered to undertake maintenance of the Holly Walk bus shelter, for which we thanked them and confirmed reimbursement of reasonable out of pocket costs if requested.
- 2176.2 A resident asked about drainage and was referred to the earlier discussion on this matter.2174.2
- 2176.3 A resident complained about a pothole outside the village shop. The Clerk confirmed that it had not been reported to him. **Clerk to action**
- 2176.4 Questions were raised regarding the resurfacing of the Mill Hill service road pavement. **Clerk to enquire.**
- 2176.5 A query was raised about the newly finished road outside Rosswood Farm. It was unclear if this item had passed to WCC Highways or if it was still under Buckingham control. **Clerk to enquire.**
- 2176.6 Councillor Pam Redford indicated that COVID isolation had reduced the road team significantly.

2177. SOUTH OF COVENTRY (SoC) DEVELOPMENTS

- 2177.1 Next SoC meeting with SEGRO from 4:00pm on 9th March 2022. Progress with the Community Park against that shown in the promotional literature to be raised and Councillor Bush confirmed he would do so.

2178. POLICE MATTERS.

- 2178.1 Thoughts were sought on any Police Priority to put forward prior to the next WRE Community Forum. Suggestions required by 22nd March. Increased foot patrols were suggested.

2179. BAGINTON EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

- 2179.1 Film night held on 25th February – 'Off the Rails'
- 2179.2 Next film night 25th March – 'Knives out' a murder mystery.
- 2179.3 AGM scheduled for 16th February was cancelled at short notice. To be rearranged.

2180. AIRPORT MATTERS

- 2180.1 No airport matters were reported

2181. PLANNING

a. Planning decisions received since the last meeting

None

b. To note applications awaiting WDC decision.

- i. W/21/0558 – Erection of 1 bungalow. 4 the Smallholdings, Stoneleigh Road. **OBJECTION** issued 8th September.
- ii. W/21/1313 – Two dwellings on former Sunday School site on Church Road, Baginton. **SUPPORT** issued 8th September. WCC Highways confirmed that has withdrawn their objection on 10th February.
- iii. W/21/0711 – Erection of a single storey dwelling, The Granary, Church Road. **NEUTRAL** response reported 10th October.
- iv. W/21/1655 – Reserved matters relating to the Gateway South Community Park. **NEUTRAL** response reported 10th October.

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

None

- d. Councillor Williams commented on the length of time some items has remained on the agenda. Councillor Pam Redford cited a reduced staff resource following COVID restrictions. Councillor Wallace Redford also added that in a number of cases, WDC have contacted the applicant seeking further clarification of specific matters, but the applicant has failed to respond. After 3-months, the application lapses and a new application needs to be submitted, which is not always provided by the applicant.

2182 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 – **Lamp out at Old Rectory. Standing Water.**
- Coventry Road - **Lamp out at mini roundabout. Puddling opposite The Row.**
- Frances Road
- Friends Close
- Firefly Road – Off Rowley Rd to A45 & new bridge
- Kimberley Road
- Hall Drive
- Holly Walk
- Mill Hill
- Mylgrove
- Oak Close – **Standing Water.**
- Orchard Road – New Haul Road
- Roman Way – **Lamp post at entrance out**
- Rowley Road
- Stoneleigh Road

- Underhill Close -

- 2182.1 Street light No.1 and No.2 in Underhill Close have been repaired
 2182.2 Light No.1 on Roman Way has still not been repaired. Clerk confirmed with WDC.
 2182.3 The light on Church Road opposite the Church was acknowledged as being faulty. Clerk to report the issue to WDC.
 2182.4 WCC Highways confirmed their ownership of lamp No.15 on the mini roundabout. It will be replaced in entirety with a more economical version.
 2182.5 The pothole by the speed bump by the Lunt has been patched.
 2182.6 Notice was received that the bridge on Mill Hill will be closed for one day on 23rd March for further preparatory works.

2183 OPEN SPACE.

- 2183.1 The Lucy Price Playground is waiting for further work to begin in April.
 2183.2 Councillor Hewer discussed progress with the custodianship of Bagot's Castle. Information sheets were circulated to Councillors and it was agreed that this should be discussed at an extraordinary meeting held 'in camera.'
 2183.3 Coventry Gospel Hall Trust has agreed to donate a picnic bench to the Lucy Price Playground project.
 2183.4 The fly tipping on Church Road was cleared by volunteers.
 2183.5 Councillor Horsfall indicated he had been approached about holding a party on the Millennium Field with food, drinking and entertainment such as bouncy castle. Councillor Keightley said that they would need to obtain their own Temporary Events Licence. Councillor Williams said a risk assessment would need to be supplied, but the Clerk indicated that our insurance did not cover items such as bouncy castles and that our insurance probably wouldn't cover events that have not been organised via the Council's Events Committee and without a Council representative in attendance. Councillor Newman reminded the meeting that the field would still be open to the public and we could be liable for any injury to people using the field. On reflection the Council decided to dissuade the use of the field for the event.

2184 GRANTS MATTERS TO NOTE :

- 2184.1 The £10,000 from SEGRO for the Lucy Price Playground was received on 18th February

2185 HOUSING & GENERAL MATTERS TO NOTE : None

2186 FINANCIAL MATTERS TO NOTE.

a. **Currently Earmarked Funds**

Earmarked Charity Donated Monies	£1330.29
Earmarked Funds (Lucy Price Playground)	£31452.50
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
Total Earmarked Reserves	£40035.14

b. To advise Bank balances as of 25/02/2022

HSBC treasurers (community) account: -	£ 29115.02
HSBC savings (BMM) account: -	£ 24001.03

Total in Bank £ 53116.05

c. **Underlying Reserves (Bank minus Earmarked)** £13080.91

This is subject to approximately £1500 earmarked for the remaining months of the current budget.

d. Bank Charges – November 2021 £18.00
 Bank Charges – December 2021 £12.00
 Bank Charges – January 2022 £10.00

e. To confirm items for payment: - **Value** **Cheque No.**

Clerk's monthly salary (40.1 hours @ NJC Level 7 - £418.47)	£418.47	102115
Office Costs & Overheads	£250.00	102116
Litter Picking Honorarium	£140.00	102117
Website Management Honorarium	£62.50	102118
Committee Room Hire (14 meetings @ £8 each)	£112.00	102119
Un-cashed Cheques – None		
Cash needed in Current Account	£982.97	

- i. The Smithy rent was requested on 21st February.
- ii. To confirm the Finance Committee will meet at the Clerk's house, 7:30pm on 14th March to complete the 2021 / 2022 Annual Governance review.

2187 CONSULTATIONS TO NOTE.

- i. None

2188 BROCHURES AND DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR PERUSAL.

- i. None

2189 ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

2189.1 Councillor Hewer suggested that whilst many residents sort their recycling into types, the combined WDC SoA councils will collect all recycling in a single bin. Councillor Redford confirmed that the SoA currently collects mixed recycling and it is sorted at the processing centre.

2189.2 Councillor Redford indicated that from August to March, Green Waste collections would cost £20. Thereafter, the annual charge would be in the region of £42, but this was still to be finalised. WDC and SoA would pay the same price. Residents could opt out of Green Waste collections if they did not want to pay.

2189.3 Councillor Horsfall complained that temporary road signs had not been collected. Councillor Redford confirmed that if further work was needed the signs would be left in situ for use later, but to identify any that had been forgotten and WCC would arrange collection. **Councillor Horsfall to provide details to Clerk.**

2189.4 Councillor Taylor asked about checks in place to verify if road works have been completed to the right standard and Councillor Wallace Redford confirmed that contractors are called back to complete substandard work at their own cost.

2189.5 Councillor Meakin highlighted that UKBIC recover 90% of the chemicals used and that the much bigger gigafactory could potentially pour thousands of tons of chemicals into the environment. He

wanted to make sure this was raised with the appropriate teams when the permitting for the site is discussed. Councillor Wallace Redford confirmed that the HSE would have the required data

2189.6 Councillor Redford confirmed that the Polish Centre in Leamington Spa was collecting clothing for Ukrainian refugees.

2190 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

2190.1 Next Ordinary Meeting: **Thursday 7th April 2022** @ 7.30pm, Baginton Village Hall.

2190.2 The Parish Annual Assembly will be held on 21st April from 8:00pm at the Village Hall

2190.3 Councillors Wallace and Pam Redford gave their apologies for the Annual Assembly and confirmed they would be providing reports.

2191 CLOSE - The meeting closed at 8:51