

**BAGINTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON**  
**THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> December 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	Robert Taylor	
Councillor	Gary Colville	
Councillor	Craig Biggerstaff	
Councillor	Andrew Parkes	
Clerk	Phil Clark	
Public	5 members of the public were present.	

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

**2817. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, APOLOGIES & WELCOME**

2817.1 Declarations of interest were sought and none were received.

2817.2 The following had apologised: Councillor Josh Payne                      District Councillor  
    Councillor Rob Newman  
    Councillor Roger Horsfall  
    Councillor Mike Meakin

**2818. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.**

2818.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November, having been circulated, were approved without amendment. Proposed by Councillor Colville & seconded by Councillor Bush.

**2819. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WALLACE REDFORD**

2819.1 Councillor Wallace Redford had sent various reports throughout the last month, which had been circulated to Councillors to keep them informed.

2819.2 Councillor Redford noted that rules regarding grants for Community Warm Hubs were being changed by the Government, requiring extensive proof-of-need before monies are released.

2819.3 Councillor Redford noted that Cubbington had employed the use of single white lines at the edge of the road in the vicinity of schools and community buildings to prevent parking. Although successful, Police have objected, stating that white lines have a specific purpose for marking road edges in unlit rural areas and should not be used for parking restrictions. Councillor Goodwin asked about yellow lines, but Councillor Redford indicated that WCC Highways did not have the required road traffic order to apply them.

2819.4 A briefing note is expected next week regarding the abolition of County and District Councils in favour of a Unitary Authority. The briefing note is expected to detail timescales, targets and expectations. It is thought that this will also include increased responsibilities and powers delegated to Parish Councils.

2819.5 Councillor Redford indicated that works on the Rowley Road pavement were still due to start on 11<sup>th</sup> December.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Redford for his reports.

### **2820. REPORTS FROM WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

2820.1 Councillor Pam Redford had sent various reports throughout the last month, which had been circulated to Councillors to keep them informed.

2820.2 Councillor Redford highlighted the South Warwickshire Local Plan 'Preferred Options' consultation, which will be launched in January and run for 9 weeks. She encouraged Councillors to familiarise themselves with the documents, but highlighted that they were extensive. It is expected that the final Local Plan will be ready for final submission to Government by the end of 2025.

2820.3 With regards to the South Warwickshire Local Plan, Councillor Redford indicated that an interactive map will be made available on-line to make it easier to check specifics relating to Baginton. The map search areas are bigger than previously to encompass more houses, thus giving a better indication for an infrastructure need (Schools, GP Surgeries, Hospital beds etc.), although it was noted that house building frequently runs several years ahead of the vital infrastructure projects. Councillor Redford said that the District had been allocated a need for 54450 new houses to be built between 2025 and 2050 based on ONS figures, with Councillors questioning the validity of ONS data in the past.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Redford her reports.

### **2821. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD.**

2821.1 The noise issue from UKBIC was discussed, noting that complaints were still circulating amongst residents. Permission has now been granted by WDC Planning for the installation of acoustic baffles, but this will take between 12 and 16 weeks to complete. It was noted that the Planning Condition had already been discharged before the baffles had been installed, which Councillors thought was premature and limited WDC's powers if the baffles proved ineffective.

### **2822. SOUTH OF COVENTRY (SoC) DEVELOPMENTS**

2822.1 There were no South of Coventry matters to report. Further meetings are being arranged for January 2025.

### **2823. POLICE MATTERS.**

2823.1 Following the VivaCity meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November, several organisations including Baginton Parish Council had been asked to contribute towards the £25,000 needed for the Coventry City Council project to monitor illegal cross border activity. It was noted that West Midlands Police and WDC had both declined to contribute. The general consensus was that the developers who created the situation should pay to resolve it. Councillor Goodwin proposed that the Parish Council also declined, seconded by Councillor Bush and passed by a show of hands. **Clerk to report.**

2823.2 With regards to the Coventry City Council Vivacity project above, Councillor Pam Redford noted that even though this project seems to have stalled, it is essential that meetings to discuss the issue continue and alternative ways forward explored. It had been indicated by

Marianne Rolfe at WDC that a Commissioner's Fund was available to help resolve the issue and Councillor Redford will explore this further.

- 2823.3 The draft letter to the Warwickshire Chief Constable regarding poor levels of Policing in rural areas was circulated to Councillors on 29<sup>th</sup> November. Councillors approved the letter with minor spelling, punctuation and syntax changes suggested. Councillor Pam Redford will issue the letter for formal authorisation once all Parish Councils have approved the draft.
- 2823.4 A report was received following the cross border vehicle ASB meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November. It was noted that individuals and small groups were still using the Rowley & Firefly Roads as a racetrack, but no larger car meets have been noted for several months.

#### **2824. BAGINTON EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE**

- 2824.1 The film night on 29<sup>th</sup> November was the comedy, drama, romance 'I'm Your Man.'
- 2824.2 There is no film night scheduled for December.
- 2824.3 The film night on 31<sup>st</sup> January will be WWII romantic drama 'The Keeper'.

#### **2825. AIRPORT MATTERS**

- 2825.1 A meeting was held on 14<sup>th</sup> November, with very little to report. No discussions were held regarding the proposed Gigafactory and its potential impact on the existing airport site and businesses. **Post Meeting Note:** It was reported that no tenant representative had been appointed to the Airport Liaison Committee since the death of Peter Jones and that no representation had been made by WDC since Trevor Wright left in May 2023.

#### **2826. PLANNING**

- a. Planning decisions received since the last meeting**
- i. W/24/1377 – Installation of bi-folding doors to replace existing windows, installation of ramp and replacement of existing outbuilding at Phocas, Siskin Drive. **NEUTRAL** response issued 27<sup>th</sup> November. **GRANTED** 1<sup>st</sup> December.
  - ii. W/24/1363 – Two Illuminated Signs on the Management Suite Building at the entrance to Segro Park off Bubbenhall Road. **NEUTRAL** response reported 28<sup>th</sup> October. **GRANTED** 2<sup>nd</sup> December.
- b. To note applications awaiting WDC decision.**
- i. 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 18<sup>th</sup> January.
  - ii. DOC/24/0010 – Discharge of condition 23 (the need for a construction traffic management plan) - Gateway South development on Bubbenhall Road. **NEUTRAL** response issued 30<sup>th</sup> April.
  - iii. W/24/1247 – Relocation of Battery Energy Storage System at UKBIC, Rowley Road. **SUPPORT** response issued 4<sup>th</sup> October.
- c. New planning applications or matters received since the last meeting**
- i. None received.

**2827 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

2827.1 There were no new highways matters discussed.

**2828 OPEN SPACE.**

2828.1 An update was received on the formation of a Parish Council Open Spaces Committee. So far, 8 volunteers have expressed an interest in joining the group. The inaugural meeting will be held in January.

2828.2 The primary Village Benefits List (Village Hall upgrade, New Outdoor Gym & Redevelopment of the Village Pond) was discussed. Councillor Pam Redford indicated that estimated costs should be sent to her as soon as possible, but WDC appreciated that getting quotations would be slowed by Christmas and the New Year. Councillor Wallace Redford indicated that David Ayton Hill at WCC should also be informed of any projects that we would like S106 or CIL contributions towards, such as a pedestrian footbridge or traffic lights. Councillors Pam and Wallace Redford asked to be copied into any letter sent to Mr. Hill. **Clerk to action.**

2828.3 Further fly-tipping events continued during November, with 4 more tips reported along Church Road. Discussions were held regarding identification of the culprits, but Councillor Pam Redford indicated she had not received a response to her request for an update. Councillor Goodwin asked what the process was if the culprits were identified. Councillor

Redford will enquire about the exact process, but indicated that she did not expect it to be a quick process, with letters and visits to the culprits and an extended monitoring period before any court action would be considered.

2828.4 It was noted that Baginton Parish Council had been asked by David Hewer's executors to cost the installation of a concrete base and fixings on the Millennium Field for David's memorial bench. Councillors suggested that Chris Russell and James Carter would be good starting points. **Clerk to action.**

228.5 It was noted that the hedges around the Lucy Price Playground, Kimberley Road and Church Road had been cut by Lakeside during November. Councillors noted that it was a really neat finish and a job well done.

### **2829 GRANTS MATTERS TO NOTE**

2829.1 None

### **2830 GENERAL MATTERS TO NOTE**

2830.1 None

### **2831 FINANCIAL MATTERS TO NOTE.**

#### **a. Currently Earmarked Funds**

Charity Donated Monies Held by Council	£1330.29
Earmarked Funds (Lucy Price Playground)	£6678.68
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
<b>Total Earmarked Reserves</b>	<b>£21400.03</b>

#### **b. To advise Bank balances as of 23/11/2024**

HSBC treasurers (community) account: -	£6142.13
HSBC savings (BMM) account: -	£36050.92
<b>Total in Bank</b>	<b>£42193.05</b>

#### **c. Reserves (Bank less earmark & committed) £20793.02**

d. Bank Charges per month **£8.00**

e. It was resolved to pay the bills below by electronic transfer. Proposed by Councillor Goodwin, seconded by Councillor Bush and passed by a show of hands. **Clerk to action.**

	Value	Pay Number
Clerk's monthly salary (40.1 hours @ SCP Level 7 £506.26)	£405.06	Pay 190
Clerk's Income Tax & NI (Includes PAYE Adjustment)	£101.20	Pay 191
Office Costs & Overheads	£250.00	Pay 192
Litter Honorarium	£140.00	Pay 193
Website Honorarium	£62.50	Pay 194
Village Hall Invoice BVH-2024-215	£10.00	Pay 195
Lakeside Hedges LAKBPC542	£660.00	Pay 196
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1628.76</b>	

- i. The Village Hall grass cutting reimbursement and peppercorn rent totalling £1265.00 was paid into our account on 19<sup>th</sup> November and is included in the figures above.
- ii. The 2024/25 Local Government Pay Award was announced at 5.0% for SCP Level 7 and will be applied in January with back-pay to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024. **Clerk to action.**

### **2832 CONSULTATIONS TO NOTE.**

2832.1 Consultation on the feasibility of reinstating Virtual Parish Council meetings and Proxy Voting. Circulated to Councillors 29<sup>th</sup> October with response required by 19<sup>th</sup> December. Councillors to respond as individuals.

### **2833 BROCHURES AND DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR PERUSAL.**

None

### **2834 ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

2834.1 An e-mail from WCC Environment Planning and Transport Department had been circulated to Councillors on the evening before the meeting, asking for the Parish Council's stance, thoughts and ideas regarding use of Parish Council land and/or what they would like to see for access paths to the bus stop opposite The Row. Councillors confirmed that they had not had sufficient time to consider the detail within the e-mail, so Councillor Goodwin deferred the discussion until the meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup>. **Clerk to report back to WCC.**

### **2835 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.**

2835.1 The next Ordinary meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**

### **2836 CLOSE**

The meeting closed at 8:18pm, with Councillor Goodwin wishing all those present a Merry Christmas.