

**BAGINTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON**  
**THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> February 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	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.

**2152. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, APOLOGIES & WELCOME**

- 2152.1 Declarations of interest were sought and Councillor Hewer highlighted an ongoing interest in planning item W/21/1313.
- 2152.2 The following had apologised: Councillor Chris Goodwin - Vice Chairman  
Councillor Roger Horsfall  
Councillor Walter Bush
- 2152.3 Councillor Williams had apologised that he was running late and would join the meeting as soon as he could. Arrived 7:50 at item 2155.3

**2153. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.**

- 2153.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022, having been circulated, were approved without amendment. Proposed by Councillor Keightley & seconded by Councillor Hewer.
- 2153.2 Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022, having been circulated, were approved with a minor amendment to minute 2149.9. Proposed by Councillor Keightley & seconded by Councillor Hewer.

**2154. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WALLACE REDFORD**

- 2154.1 Councillor Wallace Redford confirmed there had been 11 deaths of people with COVID. This was reported as being lower than the seasonal average. Over 60's deaths were down, but the County had 'hot spots' at Lillington, Brunswick and Whitnash. George Elliott and University Hospitals are running at 96% capacity whilst other County Hospitals are at about 80% capacity.
- 2154.2 The 20mph working group are due to report to the County Cabinet shortly. Their recommendations will be made public once approved.
- 2154.3 The move towards electric vehicles continues. County land will have 150 charging point installed this year, with the target to have 750 charging points on County land by 2030.

- 2154.4 Councillor Hewer asked what could be done to improve the deteriorating condition of the Bubbenhall Road. Vehicles and run off were causing the banks to collapse and bring debris into the road, narrowing it to a single carriageway in places. Councillor Redford suggested a road sweeper, but Councillor Hewer indicated the debris was so extensive that manual work was needed to clear the worst areas.
- 2154.5 Councillor Hewer asked about the caravan site and new access driveway on the Bubbenhall Road. Whilst the site may comply with licensing exceptions for the 5 caravans present, the new access road should have been approved by County Highways.  
**Councillor Redford to action.**

The Chairman thanked Councillor Redford for his report.

### **2155.REPORTS FROM WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

- 2155.1 Councillor Pam Redford highlighted a grant that was available for Village Hall air purifiers.
- 2155.2 Councillor Trevor Wright reported a £150 Government based rebate for houses in bands A to D and that council tax rates could be reduced for hardship cases. Council tax was being looked at generally to minimise impact on residents, especially in rural areas.
- 2155.3 Councillor Wright highlighted that he had questioned the speed with which the Secretary of State had made a decision on the gigafactory (W/21/1370), as sufficient time had not been given to properly consider an application of this magnitude. Councillors Wright and Redford continue to oppose the gigafactory and are seeking ways to challenge the decision to build.
- 2155.4 Councillor Hewer complained about delays and inconsistencies in WDC planning. Application W/21/1313 was validated in July 2021, but was still outstanding and the applicant keeps getting conflicting advice on what must be done to progress the application. This does not seem right in light of the speed with which the gigafactory was progressed. Councillor Pam Redford indicated that the gigafactory was a special case and that domestic applications were running with a 6 month backlog.

The Chairman thanked Councillors Redford and Wright for their reports

### **2156. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD.**

- 2156.1 Mr Ollie Shiell from Warwickshire Community & Volunteer Action (WCAVA) gave a short presentation, indicating that the organisation can offer a range of help and guidance with community projects, including volunteering, fund raising, governance, policies, data protection, planning and much more. Councillor Hewer indicated that he was a frequent user of the service and was very satisfied. Councillor Taylor indicated that Baginton Parish Council has already received financial help via the WDC RUCIS Grant Scheme and asked if we could still use WCAVA as well. Mr Shiell suggested we could. Councillor Newman asked about help in relation to village events and Mr Shiell stated that WCAVA is available to any not-for-profit organisation. It was suggested that WCAVA is advertised on both the village website and the Parish Council Facebook page. The Chairman thanked Mr Shiell for his presentation.
- 2156.2 A resident complained about the new road layout at the Bubbenhall & Stoneleigh Road junction on Coventry Road. Road signage is poor and numerous vehicles have missed the new Bubbenhall Road, resulting in them turning around on a 50mph road, using residents' driveways to turn around or to cut across the verge between the 2 roads. The removal of the 'give way' junction and the continuation of the 50mph limit into Baginton mean that vehicles speed into the village without being slowed down. Councillor Wallace Redford

indicated that the 20mph group may already be looking at the junction, but evidence of speeding was required via equipment such as speed data cables. The resident highlighted that the problem was the continuation of the 50mph limit into Baginton following the restructure of the junction and suggested that the 30mph limit should be moved further back by around 250m.

- 2156.3 Councillor Wallace Redford indicated that changing the speed limit could be a lengthy process, requiring input from County Highways, Police, Fire and Ambulance services etc.
- 2156.4 Councillor Hewer suggested that a physical barrier needed to be installed to prevent vehicles crossing the verge and that the verge should be re-graded and reseeded. He also asked about lighting for the new junction. Councillor Keightley stated that now the substation had been approved, lighting of the junction should follow.

### **2157. SOUTH OF COVENTRY (SoC) DEVELOPMENTS**

- 2157.1 Next SoC meeting with SEGRO is from 16.00 on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022.
- 2157.2 Several Councillors visited the UKBIC site on 12<sup>th</sup> January and were impressed. Councillor Taylor's report was circulated shortly after the visit.
- 2157.3 The Noise Survey at UKBIC was circulated to Councillors on 25<sup>th</sup> January. Councillor Keightley indicated that a number of the report's recommendations to install sound baffles had been undertaken by UKBIC. The situation will continue to be monitored by residents to see if the matter improves. Several Councillors voiced approval of UKBIC's decision to take action as a result of the report.
- 2157.4 Councillor Meakin highlighted the volume of dangerous chemicals that will be needed for the gigafactory. Councillor Pam Redford suggested that the Fire Service report was expected soon and she will report back to the Parish Council.
- 2157.5 Councillor Taylor asked that progress with the Community Park against the promotional literature is raised at the next SEGRO liaison meeting. Councillor Keightley indicated this matter should be brought to Councillor Bush's attention.

### **2158. POLICE MATTERS.**

- 2158.1 The Police precept survey was circulated to Councillors on 8<sup>th</sup> January and mounted on the Parish Council Facebook page

### **2159. BAGINTON EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE**

- 2159.1 The first film night of 2022 was held on 28<sup>th</sup> January – The Good Liar was the planned movie, but technical difficulties resulted in Ladies in Lavender being shown.
- 2159.2 Next film night 25<sup>th</sup> February – Off the Rails
- 2159.3 It was noted that the AGM needs to be arranged, possibly on 16<sup>th</sup> February.

### **2160. AIRPORT MATTERS**

- 2160.1 The airport open day was held on 8<sup>th</sup> January.
- 2160.2 Councillor Horsfall's minutes of the Airport Consultative Committee was circulated to Councillors on 25<sup>th</sup> January.
- 2160.3 Councillor Hewer asked if WDC will be aiding the airport to move display planes such as the Nimrod and Shackleton. Councillor Wright pointed out that these were a private enterprise which was now affected as a function of the planning process and WDC have no responsibility to help relocate them.

### **2161. PLANNING**

- a. **Planning decisions received since the last meeting**

- i. W/21/1591 – Rear storey ground extension – No. 74 Mill Hill. **SUPPORT** reported 10<sup>th</sup> October. **GRANTED** 11<sup>th</sup> January.
  - ii. W/21/1370 – Outline planning application with all matters reserved apart from access for the development of battery manufacturing facility (gigafactory) with ancillary battery recycling capability including landscaping, car parking, access and associated works, Coventry Airport. **OBJECTION** reported 20<sup>th</sup> September. **GRANTED** 11<sup>th</sup> January. SoS refused call in 27<sup>th</sup> January. Extraordinary meeting took place on 27<sup>th</sup> January to consider options. Letter to Secretary of State approved. **Clerk to action.**
  - iii. W/21/2011 – Erection of an open Oak framed porch. No. 31 Mill Hill, Baginton. Circulated to Councillors 28<sup>th</sup> December with response required by 14<sup>th</sup> January. **SUPPORT** issued 8<sup>th</sup> January. **GRANTED** 23<sup>rd</sup> January.
  - iv. W/21/1527 - Position, access, appearance, layout, landscaping and scale of the first plot 4A on Gateway South, Coventry Airport. **NEUTRAL** reported 10<sup>th</sup> October. **GRANTED** 28<sup>th</sup> January.
  - v. W/21/1443 – Position, access, appearance, layout, landscaping & scale of the primary substation, Gateway South, Coventry Airport. **OBJECTION** reported 3<sup>rd</sup> October. **GRANTED** 1<sup>st</sup> February.
- b. To note applications awaiting WDC decision.**
- i. W/21/0558 – Erection of 1 bungalow. 4 the Smallholdings, Stoneleigh Road. **OBJECTION** issued 8<sup>th</sup> September.
  - ii. W/21/1313 – Two dwellings on former Sunday School site on Church Road, Baginton. **SUPPORT** issued 8<sup>th</sup> September.
  - iii. W/21/0711 – Erection of a single storey dwelling, The Granary, Church Road. **NEUTRAL** response reported 10<sup>th</sup> October.
  - iv. W/21/1655 – Reserved matters relating to the Gateway South Community Park. **NEUTRAL** response reported 10<sup>th</sup> October. Re-confirmed 3<sup>rd</sup> February.
- c. New planning applications or matters received since the last meeting**  
None

## **2162 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.**
- Coventry Road - **Lamp out at mini roundabout**
- Frances Road
- Friends Close
- Firefly Road – Off Rowley Rd to A45 & new bridge
- Kimberley Road

- Hall Drive
- Holly Walk
- Mill Hill
- Mylgrove
- Oak Close
- Orchard Road – New Haul Road
- Roman Way – Lamp post at entrance out
- Rowley Road
- Stoneleigh Road
- Underhill Close - Lamp out

- 2162.1 The bridge on Mill Hill was closed as planned from 10<sup>th</sup> January for surveying works.
- 2162.2 The hedgerow on Mill Hill opposite the allotments was flailed on 10<sup>th</sup> January
- 2162.3 The large hole on the pavement of Coventry Road opposite Kimberley Road was filled week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> January, but has since returned.
- 2162.4 A fresh report on the 4 faulty street lights was acknowledged by the WDC Street Lighting Team on 25<sup>th</sup> January.
- 2162.5 Puddling water in Frances Road and Bubbenhall Road was reported on 14<sup>th</sup> January.
- 2162.6 Standing water in Oak Close and Church Road was reported on 14<sup>th</sup> January.
- 2162.7 The new caravan site on Bubbenhall Road had been discussed previously (2154.5).
- 2162.8 Closure of Kimberley Road for 2 days from 28<sup>th</sup> March was reported to the Council.
- 2162.9 Councillor Pam Redford indicated that fixing the sign for Church Road was in hand.
- 2162.10 Councillor Wallace Redford indicated that additional drains had been scheduled to alleviate standing water at the entrance to Oak Close.
- 2162.11 Councillor Taylor asked what measures WCC and WDC were taking to accommodate changes to the Highway Code, such as looking at the design of junctions to reduce the risk of accidents e.g. where pedestrians now have right of way to cross a minor road and cars and bikes should stop on the main road to let them cross safely. Councillor Wallace Redford said the matter was being looked at to fully understand the implications of the changes and that retrofitting updates is difficult and would take some time.

### **2163 OPEN SPACE.**

- 2163.1 A meeting with developers was held on the Lucy Price Playground on 14<sup>th</sup> January.
- 2163.2 Several playground CAD drawings and prices were received for consideration.
- 2163.3 Councillor Taylor reported that the order had been placed for new playground equipment, with a lead time of 8 to 10 weeks and a cost of £86000. Work is due to start in April 2022.
- 2163.4 Councillors Hewer and Newman asked about keeping the Lucy Price Relief in Need Charity up to date with progress on the playground. Councillor Taylor indicated that he had circulated reports to the Charity Clerk and several Trustees, but had received no feedback. He also indicated that he had offered to give a presentation to the Charity Committee, but no meeting had been arranged.
- 2163.5 Councillor Newman asked about ongoing maintenance of the new playground. The Chairman indicated that the Parish Council would continue to put money aside for ongoing repairs and the Clerk suggested that the VAT rebate from the project could form the basis of an ongoing maintenance fund. This was well received by Councillors.
- 2163.6 An update was received from Councillor Hewer regarding progress with the custodianship of Bagot's Castle. The next Trustee meeting to discuss options is 11<sup>th</sup> February.

**2164 GRANTS**

- 2164.1 Donations of £9800 were received from Baginton Lions FC on 13<sup>th</sup> January in respect of providing inclusive equipment on the Lucy Price Playground.
- 2164.2 Donations of £5000 were received from Baginton Events on 24<sup>th</sup> January in respect of refurbishing the Lucy Price Playground.
- 2164.3 The RUCIS Grant for £21707 has been confirmed.
- 2164.4 The SEGRO Grant for £10000 has been confirmed.

**2165. HOUSING & GENERAL MATTER.** None to report.

**2166 FINANCIAL MATTERS.****a. Currently Earmarked Funds**

Earmarked Charity Donated Monies	£1330.29
Earmarked Funds (Lucy Price Playground)	£21452.50
Earmarked Funds (Election Expenses)	£6000.00
Earmarked Funds (Badge of Office)	£250.00
Earmarked Funds (Bus Shelters & Notice Boards)	£860.00
Earmarked Defibrillator Consumables & Service	£250.00
<b>Total Earmarked Reserves</b>	<b>£30142.79</b>

**b. To advise Bank balances as at 25/01/2022**

HSBC treasurers (community) account: -	£ 19773.80
HSBC savings (BMM) account: -	£ 24001.03
<b>Total in Bank</b>	<b>£ 43774.83</b>

**c. Underlying Reserves (Bank minus Earmarked) £13632.04**

*Subject to approximately £2800 earmarked for the remaining months of the current budget.*

- d. Bank Charges – November 2021 **£18.00**  
 Bank Charges – December 2021 **£12.00**

**e. To confirm items for payment: -**

	<b>Value</b>	<b>Cheque No.</b>
Clerk's salary (37 hours @ NJC Level 7 - £418.47)	£418.47	102113
Julie Keightley reimbursement for badge bars	£107.65	102114
Un-cashed Cheques – Thompsons 102111	£122.66	
Cash needed in Current Account	<b>£648.78</b>	

- i. The approved precept of £17178 was reported to WDC on 9<sup>th</sup> January.
- ii. Paperwork was submitted to HSBC to initiate payments by electronic transfer.
- iii. New financial regulations and risk assessment have been drafted in preparation for the introduction of electronic transfer.

**2167. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS.**

- 2167.1 None

**2168 BROCHURES AND DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR PURUSAL**

- i. None

**2169 ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

2169.1 Questions were asked about planting around the substation on Rowley Road and it was confirmed that there had been no feedback since it had been raised previously with the planning department.

**2170 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.**

Next Ordinary Meeting: **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022** @ 7.30pm, Baginton Village Hall.

**2171 CLOSE**

The meeting closed at 8:25