

BAGINTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 7th November 2024 AT BAGINTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT:

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| Councillor | Walter Bush | Acting Chairman |
| Councillor | Mike Meakin | |
| Councillor | Robert Taylor | |
| Councillor | Roger Horsfall | |
| Councillor | Gary Colville | |
| Councillor | Craig Biggerstaff | |
| Clerk | Phil Clark | |
| Public | 3 members of the public were present. | |

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

2797. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, APOLOGIES & WELCOME

2797.1 Declarations of interest were sought and none were received.

2797.2 The following had apologised:

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| Councillor Wallace Redford | County Councillor |
| Councillor Pam Redford | District Councillor |
| Councillor Josh Payne | District Councillor |
| Councillor Chris Goodwin | Chairman |
| Councillor Andrew Parkes | |
| Councillor Rob Newman | |

2798. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

2798.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 3rd October, having been circulated, were approved without amendment. Proposed by Councillor Bush & seconded by Councillor Horsfall.

2799. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WALLACE REDFORD

2799.1 Councillor Wallace Redford had apologised before the meeting, but had sent various reports throughout the last month, which had been circulated to Councillors to keep them informed.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Redford for his reports.

2800. REPORTS FROM WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

2800.1 Councillor Pam Redford had apologised before the meeting, but had sent various reports throughout the last month, which had been circulated to Councillors to keep them informed.

2800.2 Councillor Josh Payne had apologised before the meeting, but had sent a report of his activities which was read at the meeting and is summarised below.

- WDC had extended and upgraded their fly-tipping team to deal with increased incidents across the County. This includes giving advice to private land owners where fly-tipping is an issue.
- WDC were investing in 2 new positions (through Citizens Advice) to help residents with cost of living issues, benefits, pension credits etc.

- Casework specific to Baginton included helping with Tree Protection Orders, management of overgrown tree issues and the bus stop outside the Lunt Roman Fort.
 - Councillor Payne had been working alongside the appropriate Bus Companies to reinstate or improve the Route 24 and 25 services following recent changes that had negatively impacted Baginton residents, especially the elderly and most vulnerable.
 - Councillor Payne indicated that Warwickshire Police were running a surgery to discuss Anti Social Behaviour on 12th November at the Pump Rooms in Leamington.
- 2800.3 Councillors asked what times the ASB Surgery would operate between. **Clerk to enquire.**
Post Meeting Note: Councillor Payne sent the Official Leamington ASB poster which showed the date as 20th November between 10:00am and 2:00pm.
- 2800.4 Councillors were aware of 2 bus-stop issues at the Lunt Roman Fort;
- The existing stop that has been vandalised, leaving a bare metal post.
 - Coaches dangerously stopping in the road outside the Lunt to unload school parties
- Councillors asked which of these Councillor Payne's report was referring to and if Councillor Payne was aware of the other issue. **Clerk to enquire.**

The Chairman thanked Councillors Redford and Payne for their reports.

2801. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD.

2801.1 There were no matters reported prior to the meeting and none were reported by those in attendance at the meeting.

2802. SOUTH OF COVENTRY (SoC) DEVELOPMENTS

2802.1 The next West Midland Investment Zone meeting with WDC is scheduled for 21st January from 2:00pm at Baginton Village Hall. Baginton, Bubbenhall and Stoneleigh will be represented.

2803. POLICE MATTERS.

- 2803.1 An update was received from Councillor Colville on the WRE & Councillor meeting held at Leek Wootton Headquarters on 4th November, which is summarised below;
- Despite a significant influx of new recruits joining the Police Force, none have been allocated to the Warwickshire Rural East (WRE) area which includes Baginton.
 - Cubbington had hosted a WRE drop-in session and Councillor Colville asked if there was any desire for a similar event in Baginton.
 - The next cross-border meeting regarding car racing is to be held on 11th November and the group will be pushing West Midlands Police and Coventry City Council to start delivering strategies relating to their responsibility in the matter as progress from them has been noticeably poor.
 - Councillor Colville noted that residents were having difficulty reporting car racing via the Police website, which was discussed at the meeting. Police had provided advice on using their website, which Councillor Colville summarised. Councillors agreed that the advice should be published to help residents report incidents effectively. **Clerk to action.**
- 2803.2 Councillors were disgusted that no new recruits were being allocated to the WRE area, noting that PCSO Sharron Underwood left almost 2 years ago and had not been replaced, leaving just 1 Sergeant, 1 PC and 1 PCSO to cover the entire area. Councillor Colville noted that a joint letter of complaint was being written. Councillors resolved to authorise the Clerk to sign the letter on behalf of Baginton Parish Council. **Clerk to action.**

2803.3 Councillor Meakin asked about the current situation with car racing. Councillor Colville confirmed that no large organised car meets have happened recently, but individual cars were still racing on a regular basis.

2804. BAGINTON EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

2804.1 The film night on 25th October was the action, comedy, drama 'The Fall Guy'. Councillor Horsfall noted a good attendance again.

2804.2 The next film night on 29th November will be the comedy, drama, romance 'I'm Your Man.'

2804.3 There is no film planned for December due to the Christmas Holiday.

2805. AIRPORT MATTERS

2805.1 The next airport meeting is scheduled for 14th November.

2806. PLANNING

a. Planning decisions received since the last meeting

- 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. **GRANTED** 28th October.

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 Roswood Farm). Special notes on Condition 8 (Surface water drainage). **OBJECTION** response issued 18th 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 30th April.
- iii. W/24/1247 – Relocation of Battery Energy Storage System at UKBIC, Rowley Road. **SUPPORT** response issued 4th October.
- iv. W/24/1363 – Two Illuminated Signs on the Management Suite Building at the entrance to Segro Park off Bubbenhall Road. **NEUTRAL** response reported 28th October.

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

None

2807 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 – **Lamp No. 3 out**
- 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 – Lamp No. 2 out
- Rowley Road
- Stoneleigh Road
- Underhill Close

- 2807.1 The request for drain and gully pot clearing was sent to WDC on 5th October with a note that it wasn't urgent compared to other Communities that were suffering from excessive and dangerous flooding events in the extreme weather being experienced at the time.
- 2807.2 A letter from Smith's Nurseries regarding placement of the 50mph sign was circulated to WCC on 19th October and was received with thanks.
- 2807.3 Graffiti under the A46 was discussed. The Clerk summarised the difficulties with getting it removed by the appropriate authorities. Councillors asked if the graffiti could be removed by pressure washing and what that might cost. **Clerk to enquire.**

2808 OPEN SPACE.

- 2808.1 Discussions were held regarding the formation of a Parish Council Open Spaces Committee. Councillor Taylor reported that 6 residents were confirmed, but there was a lack of volunteers with young children. Councillor Colville indicated he had somebody in mind and would approach them directly. He also suggested advertising on Facebook.
- 2808.2 Councillors discussed various projects that the Open Spaces Committee could focus on, including the pond & spinney area, new bins for the Lucy Price Playground and ongoing Playground equipment maintenance. Councillor Horsfall had approached Warwickshire Wildlife Trust regarding ideas for the pond area.
- 2808.3 Ideas were discussed regarding where a commemorative bench for David Hewer might be securely sited and whether the Parish Council should cover or contribute to installation costs. Councillors agreed a site on the Millennium Field, but indicated that using public monies to secure fix it in place should be a last resort. The proposal is to be put to the executors of David's estate. **Clerk to action.**
- 2808.4 The fly-tipping in the hedge line East of Church Road was reported to WDC on 14th October Ref: 1004759 and the second tip to the West of Church Road was reported 23rd October Re:1005700. It was noted only one tip had been removed. **Clerk to chase.**
- 2808.5 Councillor Colville asked about the extended period of firework ASB on the Rowley Road Community Park and the need to lock the car park gate. Councillor Bush will raise it with Segro at the next meeting and seek a definite date for their planned security team to be put in place.

2809 GRANTS MATTERS TO NOTE

- 2809.1 None

2810 GENERAL MATTERS TO NOTE

2810.1 None

2811 FINANCIAL MATTERS TO NOTE.**a. Currently Earmarked Funds**

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| 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 |
| Total Earmarked Reserves | £21400.03 |

b. To advise Bank balances as of 25/10/2024

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| HSBC treasurers (community) account: - | £6105.39 |
| HSBC savings (BMM) account: - | £36050.92 |
| Total in Bank | £42156.31 |

c. Reserves (Bank less earmark & committed)**£20756.28****d. Bank Charges per month****£10.00****e. It was resolved to pay the bills listed below, proposed by Councillor Bush and seconded by Councillor Taylor. **Clerk to action.****

| | Value | Pay Number |
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| Clerk's monthly salary (40.1 hours @ SCP Level 7 £506.26) | £404.86 | Pay 185 |
| Clerk's Income Tax & NI (Includes PAYE Adjustment) | £101.40 | Pay 186 |
| Village Hall Invoice 2024-191 | £18.00 | Pay 187 |
| Lakeside Invoice #540 | £480.00 | Pay 188 |
| Lakeside Invoice #541 | £216.00 | Pay 189 |
| TOTAL | 1220.26 | |

- i. The Smithy rent for £390.50 was paid into our account on 10th October.
- ii. A mid-year VAT claim was made on 10th October and a full requested refund of £4581.22 was paid into our account on 14th October.
- iii. The Draft Budget was circulated to Councillors on 27th October and was discussed at the meeting. Councillors were happy with the draft budget and resolved to approve it. Proposed by Councillor Bush, seconded by Councillor Taylor and approved by show of hands. **Clerk to report precept.**

2812 CONSULTATIONS TO NOTE.

2812.1 Consultation on the feasibility of reinstating Virtual Parish Council meetings and Proxy Voting was circulated to Councillors 29th October with response required by 19th December. Councillors discussed this at length and many different opinions were voiced. The Clerk encouraged Councillors to complete the survey, noting that the questions were thought provoking and that Councillors should respond openly and freely in relation to their own opinions.

2813 BROCHURES AND DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR PERUSAL.

2813.1 Clerk's & Councils Direct November 2024

2814 ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

2814.1 Councillor Horsfall asked about progress with the Smithy repairs. The Clerk confirmed the builders had been delayed on other jobs, but were still keeping him updated. A query was raised regarding whether the delays were because the quote for £6000 accepted in November 2023 was no longer viable. **Clerk to enquire.**

2814.2 Councillor Colville noted that work on the extension of the Rowley Road footpath had not been started on schedule and he had notified Councillor Wallace Redford who is chasing the matter.

2814.3 Councillor Bush asked if any Councillors had received complaints about the noise from the Roswood Farm Housing Development. A number of Councillors had noted the high pitched 'beep' from reversing vehicles, but none had received complaints from residents. Councillor Horsfall noted that reversing 'beeps' were a necessary evil associated with modern Health & Safety requirements and conjectured that most residents acknowledged this so were unlikely to complain.

2814.4 Discussions were held regarding the proposed footpath within the 15m Baginton Oak Tree Root Protection Zone. Questions were asked both regarding the need for the footpath and how it will be installed. The discussions were general and there were no matters arising at this time.

2815 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

2815.1 The next Ordinary meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 5th December 2024.**

2816 CLOSE - The meeting closed at 8:37pm.