

# **BAGINTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON**

### **THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2025 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	Andrew Parkes	
Councillor	Mike Meakin	
Councillor	Roger Horsfall	
Clerk	Phil Clark	
Public	4 members of the public were present.	

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

**2857. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, APOLOGIES & WELCOME**

2857.1 Declarations of interest were sought and none were received.

2857.2 The following had apologised: Councillor Josh Payne District Councillor  
Councillor Rob Newman  
Councillor Gary Colville  
Councillor Craig Biggerstaff

**2858. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.**

2858.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January, having been circulated, were approved without amendment. Proposed by Councillor Bush & seconded by Councillor Parkes.

**2859. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WALLACE REDFORD**

2859.1 Councillor Wallace Redford had sent various reports throughout the last month, which had been circulated to Councillors to keep them informed.

2859.2 Councillor Redford confirmed that attempts to relocate the 30mph sign outside Rosswood Bungalow had met with opposition and he will need to rethink his plans. Speed signs are only placed within a village at the point where houses are built on both sides of the main road. Although this is not the case for the current sign, nor for many other signs in the County, WCC Highways are now taking a much stricter approach and will not budge on this matter.

Councillor Meakin pointed out that the 30mph sign needs to be moved to protect pedestrians on the narrow footpath and also pointed out that the recently relocated sign on the Bubbenhall Road outside Segro Business Park had been placed significantly further along the road where buildings exist only on one side.

Councillors felt another letter should be written to WCC voicing concerns which Councillors will e-mail to the Clerk after the meeting. **Clerk to organise.**

2859.3 Councillor Redford suggested that work on the new Rowley Road pavement was running slightly behind schedule, but Councillor Goodwin commented on the quality of the

- workmanship in relation to the pavement and the speed with which it was being completed. Councillors agreed and thanked Councillor Redford for organising the work.
- 2859.4 Councillor Redford spoke briefly about devolution and the formation of a Unitary Authority, noting that despite opposition from various District and Borough Councils, it was moving forward and he predicted 2 years before it is in place. It was also noted that Warwickshire County Elections in May were still planned to go ahead.
- 2859.5 Councillor Redford handed the Clerk a WCC Highways pamphlet on potholes, asking for it to be scanned and circulated. **Clerk to organise.**
- 2859.6 Councillor Taylor asked about progress with installation of the A46 Bridge at the Stoneleigh Intersection, which was reported to have stalled through lack of money. Councillor Redford confirmed lawyers were involved between the contractors and developers due to a series of errors, issues and extra expenses, but he hoped work would commence again in the Summer.
- 2859.7 In relation to A46 works and HS2, Councillor Redford highlighted the planned closures throughout February. The Clerk confirmed these had been circulated to Councillors and advertised to residents both via Facebook and the village Newsletter.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Redford for his reports.

#### **2860. REPORTS FROM WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

- 2860.1 Councillor Payne had sent apologies prior to the meeting.
- 2860.2 Councillor Pam Redford had sent various reports throughout the last month, which had been circulated to Councillors to keep them informed.
- 2860.3 Councillor Redford specifically reported that the WDC Cost of Living Support Fund had been overwhelmed with applications and the process had subsequently slowed down. She wished to make Councillors aware that all applications will be dealt with, but if residents were to ask then delays were expected.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Redford for her reports.

#### **2861. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD.**

- 2861.1 A resident highlighted the mess being left behind by the contractors installing broadband throughout Baginton. Wire clippings, packets and wrappings, coffee cups etc. were being routinely left on the ground. Councillors suggested that rather than complaining to the contractors, a complaint should be made to the developers who initiated the works. Councillor Wallace Redford suggested it may be WCC and he would make enquiries.
- 2861.2 A member of the public reported a large pothole on the Mill Bridge. Councillor Horsfall suggested the exploratory hole was dug as part of the Bridge refurbishment in 2023 and was poorly patched. It was confirmed that the matter had been reported but the Clerk would chase again. **Clerk to action.**
- 2861.3 A resident stated that the Community Park Liaison Group would be re-launched with meetings from March 2025. Meetings would be held immediately prior to the planned Segro meeting with the Parish Council.
- 2861.4 A resident reported that the gable walls on the Bromleigh Villas and Edinburgh Villas maisonettes were leaning and a surveyor had confirmed it was because the metal ties on the building were corroding and losing their integrity. The properties were reported as being mostly WDC responsibility, so Councillor Pam Redford asked the resident for details and she would raise the matter internally.

## **2862. SOUTH OF COVENTRY (SoC) DEVELOPMENTS**

- 2862.1 Notes from the West Midlands Investment Zone meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> January were circulated to Councillors later on that day and a copy of the Planning Summary that Chris Elliott read at the meeting was circulated to Councillors on 24<sup>th</sup> January. There were no further comments from Councillors.
- 2862.2 The Segro proposal from 28<sup>th</sup> January to lock the Rowley Road car park 'out-of-hours' was discussed and Councillors approved of the idea. **Clerk to action.**
- 2862.3 The meeting with Jeremy Wright MP on 31<sup>st</sup> January regarding UKBIC noise was discussed. Councillor Goodwin stated that Jeremy's stance was that with just 2 or 3 residents complaining, the matter was not significant and he suggested a survey to collate public concerns. A resident suggested that posts on Facebook had received few additional responses from residents. Jeremy had suggested independent sound surveys and had given contact details of somebody he would recommend. Councillor Goodwin suggested that in addition to the physical noise problem, residents could be experiencing subliminal issues, but as new sound baffles were to be installed by April, he suggested waiting to see how well these work before revisiting this matter.

## **2863. POLICE MATTERS.**

- 2863.1 It was noted that following the Police Precept Consultation undertaken in January permission had been refused for a precept levy to be charged by the Police above that permitted by the regulators.

## **2864. BAGINTON EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE**

- 2864.1 The Film Night on 31<sup>st</sup> January was 'The Keeper', an inspirational true story.
- 2864.2 The next Film Night on 28<sup>th</sup> February will be the comedy drama 'Thelma'.
- 2864.3 Councillor Horsfall reported that attendance at the January film was 13 people, which did not cover costs. It was further reported that over the last 9 years, Film Nights had recorded a total loss of £450, but there were no plans to cancel it.

## **2865. AIRPORT MATTERS**

- 2865.1 There were no formal airport matters to report, but it was noted that the airport had been particularly busy throughout January.

## **2866. PLANNING**

- a. Planning decisions received since the last meeting**
- i. W/24/1247 – Relocation of Battery Energy Storage System at UKBIC, Rowley Road. **SUPPORT** response issued 4<sup>th</sup> October. **GRANTED** 16<sup>th</sup> December.
  - ii. DOV/24/0001 – To change Section 106 relating to W/22/1038 making all 66 houses affordable, rather than a mix of affordable and standard market homes - Land at Rosswood Farm. Original Parish Council Objection was **WITHDRAWN** 10<sup>th</sup> January. Permission was **AGREED** 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025.
- 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 2024.

- 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 2024.

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

- i. W/25/0041 - To increase the height of the Management Suite at Segro's Bubbenhall Road Management Suite by 1m. Circulated to Councillors 21<sup>st</sup> January with response required by 10<sup>th</sup> February. Councillors resolved to be **NEUTRAL** in relation to the application. **Clerk to report.**

**2867 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

2867.1 Significant closures of the A46 in February & April 2025 were circulated to Councillors and have been advertised locally in the Newsletter and on the Parish Council Facebook Page.

2867.2 The pavement work on Rowley Road, which was requested by the Parish Council, is now under way and nearing completion.

2867.3 Councillor Meakin reported general road degradation throughout Baginton, especially the road edges outside his home, around drains and gullies in Frances Road and Coventry Road by the Lunt car park. Councillor Wallace Redford stressed the importance of reporting these matters when they first appear so that they do not have the time to deteriorate further. Councillors suggested articles on Facebook and the village Newsletter. **Clerk to action.**

**2868 OPEN SPACE.**

- 2868.1 A report was received from Councillor Taylor regarding the initial Open Spaces Committee meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> January. There were 8 out of the 12 volunteers present, but election of a Chairman was deferred to the next meeting. Jobs had been allocated to cover the 5 areas owned by the Parish Council, which will be reported at the next meeting from 7:30pm on 26<sup>th</sup> February.
- 2868.2 Volunteers were thanked for continued work on surface water drainage on Church Road.
- 2868.3 Discussions were held regarding the £880 quotation to address 7 dead & dangerous trees in the pond area that had been identified by a local arboriculture company. Councillor Goodwin suggested that if the trees were dangerous, they should be addressed ASAP and that £880 seemed very reasonable. Councillor Horsfall asked about the WDC Planning 6-week lead time for work on trees in a Conservation Area. Councillor Pam Redford suggested that if a recognised arboriculture company had confirmed the trees were dead or dangerous, the 6-week lead time for WDC Planning was not required. Councillor Bush confirmed the arboriculture report had identified the trees as dangerous. A resolution was passed to get the work started ASAP, proposed by Councillor Goodwin, seconded by Councillor Parkes and passed by show of hands. **Councillors Bush and Horsfall to organise.**
- 2868.4 The Clerk confirmed that he had asked WALC about Playground Inspection Courses, but hadn't heard anything back yet.

**2869 GRANTS MATTERS TO NOTE**

- 2869.1 None

**2870 GENERAL MATTERS TO NOTE**

- 2870.1 None

**2871 FINANCIAL MATTERS TO NOTE.**

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| a. | <b>Currently Earmarked Funds</b>                    |                  |
|    | 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 25/01/2025            |                  |
|    | HSBC treasurers (community) account: -              | £4144.06         |
|    | HSBC savings (BMM) account: -                       | £36200.30        |
|    | <b>Total in Bank</b>                                | <b>£40344.36</b> |
| c. | <b>Reserves (Bank less earmark &amp; committed)</b> | <b>£18944.33</b> |
| d. | Bank Charges per month                              | <b>£8.00</b>     |

- e. It was resolved to pay the items below by electronic transfer, proposed by Councillor Goodwin, seconded by Councillor Parkes and passed by show of hands. **Clerk to action.**

	Value	Pay Number
Clerk's salary (40.1 hours @ SCP Level 7 £531.73)	£425.53	Pay 200
Clerk's Income Tax & NI (Includes PAYE Adjustment)	£106.20	Pay 201
Village Hall Invoice BVH-25-008 Room Rent	£20.00	Pay 202
Village Hall Invoice BVH-24-009 Room Rent	£10.00	Pay 203
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£561.73</b>	

- i. The Finance Committee meeting with the Clerk has been arranged for 10:00am on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February.
- ii. Smithy rent for £390.50 was paid in 2 stages on 5<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> January.
- iii. HSBC Safeguard phone review was completed on 28<sup>th</sup> January. Certificate of Compliance is awaited.

### **2872 CONSULTATIONS TO NOTE.**

- 2872.1 The South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP) Preferred Options consultation started on 10<sup>th</sup> January and runs until 7<sup>th</sup> March. Councillors complained that the documentation associated with the consultation is generally poorly organised and that the main interactive map didn't work properly for most Councillors who tried to understand the preferred options. Councillors suggested that the consultation period should be extended as the time is too short, especially when the consultation isn't working correctly, making consideration of the proposal nearly impossible. It was decided the Clerk should write to WDC highlighting their failure to consult effectively and requesting an extension. Councillor Pam Redford said she would also raise the issue internally. **Clerk to action.**
- 2872.2 Councillor Pam Redford stressed the importance of completing the survey within the allotted time, as the consultation had already been delayed and it was unlikely further extensions would be approved. It is essential that Councillors voiced their opinions. Several Councillors questioned whether their opinion would make any difference as WDC were both the authors and judges of the plan. Councillor Redford argued that the inspector is independent and if Councillors don't express an opinion then they have no cause to complain.
- 2872.3 Councillor Meakin asked about rumours that both Smith's and Russell's nurseries had been offered money for their land. Councillor Redford said she wasn't aware of the 2 properties being part of the WDC plans, but the Clerk produced a plan showing both businesses as potential residential sites. Councillor Redford confirmed she hadn't seen those plans, but also confirmed she had difficulties with the Interactive Map too. The Clerk confirmed his map was produced before the latest update and that he could no longer access the same plan.
- 2872.4 Councillor Pam Redford stated that the Preferred Options Plan did not mean that all approved sites would be utilised. Councillors argued that the Plan ran until 2050 and that during this period it was probable that every site approved in the Plan would be built on, so the time to object is now.

### **2873 BROCHURES AND DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR PERUSAL.**

None

**2874 ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

2874.1 Councillor Horsfall asked about work on the Smithy. **Clerk to chase.**

2874.2 Councillor Parkes noted that the Trinity Guild Rugby Club was now open again as both a club and an independent venue for events.

2874.3 Councillor Meakin noted that his home had been leafleted by a company offering super fast broadband, but when he contacted them to enquire about costs, they suggested that his postcode was not covered by their services. Councillors needed to be aware in case other residents asked them.

**2875 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.**

2875.1 The next Ordinary meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025.**

**2876 CLOSE**

The meeting closed at 8:20pm.