

**BAGINTON PARISH COUNCIL (BPC)**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON**  
**THURSDAY 10th APRIL 2025 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, BAGINTON.**

**PRESENTERS:**

Councillor Chris Goodwin	Parish Council Chairman
Mrs Frances Parkes	Village Hall Management Committee
Mr Nigel Thomas	Lucy Price Relief in Need Charity
Mr Phil Clark	Parish Clerk

**APOLOGIES:**

Councillor Wallace Redford	Warwickshire County Council
Councillor Pam Redford	Warwick District Council
Councillor Josh Payne	Warwick District Council
PCSO Ed King	Warwickshire Police
Ms Lesley Burnett	Lucy Price Sunday School Trust

**PUBLIC:** There were 16 members of the public present.

**INTRODUCTION**

The Annual Assembly fulfils a legal requirement to hold a Parish Assembly once a year between 1<sup>st</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> June that is open to all electors of the Parish. Unlike a Parish Council meeting, electors have a right to speak openly at this meeting and the Agenda is not fixed.

**WELCOME**

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:30pm, welcoming those present.

1. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024, having been circulated and approved at the May 2024 Parish Council Ordinary meeting were duly noted. There were no questions arising.

2. **PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Chris Goodwin gave a report covering last year's activities. A copy of the chairman's report is appended to these minutes.

2.1 There were no questions arising from the floor.

3. **REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

County Councillor Wallace Redford had apologised beforehand due to the Pre-election Period prior to the May elections and had not sent a report.

3.1 There were no County Council questions arising from the floor.

4. **REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

District Councillors Pam Redford and Josh Payne had apologised beforehand due to previous commitments. No reports were available and no questions arising from the floor.

**5. REPORT BY PAROCHIAL CHARITY REPRESENTATIVES.**

**5.1 LUCY PRICE RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY**

Mr Nigel Thomas presented a report on behalf of the Lucy Price Relief in Need Charity.

5.2 There were no questions arising from the floor.

The Chairman thanked Mr Thomas for his report, which is appended.

**5.3 BAGINTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Mrs Frances Parkes presented a report on behalf of Baginton Village Hall.

5.4 There were no questions arising from the floor.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Parkes for her report, which is appended.

**5.5 LUCY PRICE SUNDAY SCHOOL TRUST**

Ms Lesley Burnett had apologised and had sent no report.

5.6 There were no questions arising from the floor.

**6. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR.**

6.1 There were no general questions arising from the floor.

**7. CLOSURE.**

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance. The meeting closed at 7:42pm.

## **APPENDICES – ANNUAL REPORTS**

### **PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- Baginton Parish Council held 11 scheduled meetings over the last year, with an average of 5 members of the public attending each meeting.
- County & District Councillors have kept the Parish Council fully informed of matters via e-mail and personal reports at meetings, for which we thank them.
- Police maintained a presence within Baginton last year, updating us with regular reports, attending incidents within our Parish and organising both virtual and face-to-face meetings. Work has been focussed on antisocial driving on Rowley Road and antisocial behaviour in the Community Park.
- There were 23 planning applications made this year, compared to 21 last year and 15 the year before. The Parish Council considered each application carefully and lodged an objection to 6 applications.
- Baginton Events continued to organise a variety of entertainments for our community, for which we thank them.
- The Village Website, Newsletter, Notice Boards and Parish Council Facebook page continued to provide information for the community.
- Financially, the Parish Council performed well against its budget and the precept increase was again below 1p per day for a Band D household.
- Projects this year included a new safety fence for the Lucy Price Playground, structural repairs to the Baginton Forge and work has started to rejuvenate the village pond area including improved drainage on Church Road.
- Finally, volunteers have undertaken many projects and jobs throughout the year. There are too many people to mention, but the Parish Council wishes to thank them all.

Councillor & Chairman Chris Goodwin 10.04.2025

## **Report from the Trustees of the Lucy Price Relief in Need Charity to the Baginton Parish Meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

This report relates to the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

The trust was initially set up by Lucy Price in 1814 to fund and run the village school; in 1982 the Charity Commissioners restructured the trust into its current structure.

The trust was set up to support Baginton children and young persons up to the age of 25, who are “in need”. The trustees are very supportive of educational needs and also address cases of hardship brought to their attention. It is important that all village families are aware of the benefits that the trust can deliver to children and young persons.

### **Trustees**

Current trustees are:-

Appointed by the Baginton Parish Council, Louise Given (Chair), Nigel Thomas, Andrew Parkes and Rob Newman.

Appointed by the Baginton Parochial Church Council; Sue Williams and Lisa Deslandes

The trustees are not paid and do not receive any expenses.

### **Meetings**

Within the year we hold 4 meetings to consider grant applications (Usually on a Quarterly basis). Grant applications are only considered at Trustee meetings. Applications for funds are made on forms that are available from the clerk, Della Thomas and any of the trustees.

### **Auditor**

Luckman Duckett Parker are currently auditing the accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

### **Financial management**

The trust assets are split into two, a capital fund and an income fund. The capital fund is ring fenced and generates income and growth, which as and when required can be allocated to the income fund. The income fund provides the cash to support grant applications. The capital fund is expected to rise in line with inflation each year so that future generations of village children can enjoy the ongoing benefits.

The trust assets are invested in a diverse portfolio comprising of different asset classes to provide maximum potential returns within the agreed risk profile. The

fund objective is to maintain consistent long-term performance within a low to medium risk profile in order to protect the earnings and growth achieved to date. The portfolio value is approximately £1.8 million, and it continues to grow in line with expectations and the investment approach taken by the trustees remains cautious. The portfolio asset allocation includes commercial property and fixed interest which provides the defensive qualities to maintain the risk agreed profile and try to protect the capital value of the fund in volatile market conditions which we are currently experiencing.

## Grants

Grants are made for the following categories:

- University courses or equivalents
- A level courses or equivalents
- School uniform
- Extra-curricular activities such as music tuition, swimming, drama etc
- Extra-curricular tuition to bring up to national standards
- School trips
- Driving lessons
- Hardship issues
- Discretionary grants
- Christmas parties

## Expenditures

Total expenditure during the year was £47084 which included £7336 towards safety fencing around the Lucy Price playing field. Other grants included

• Academic Grants	£ 14000 (these included university, A level & equiv)
• School uniform	£ 1200
• School trips/outings	£ 2279
• Extra-curricular	£ 4038
• Discretionary	£ 6391
• Driving lessons	£ 300
• Swimming tuition	£ 5110
• Christmas parties	£ 1382
• Audit & admin costs	£ 5480
• Miscellaneous	£ 7336

It is important to emphasise that grants are available to all children and young people up to the age of 25, who live in Baginton. We hope that everyone is aware of this. If anyone needs advice on what to apply for and how to apply, then please contact a trustee for the necessary support.

On behalf of the Trustees

10<sup>th</sup> April 2025

## **Village Hall Committee - Chairmans Report 2025**

Baginton Village Hall is continuing to be a valuable asset in the village. Regular lettings play a large part in this both as a venue for numerous activities but also as a source of income.

The Hallmaster system for bookings which proved to be very effective and put us on a level with many other Village Halls, has been successfully trialed to include invoicing which makes payment for lettings a more straightforward process. This has been developed throughout 2024 and there are very few clubs who do not pay by bank transfer now. Alongside this, hiring fees have been reviewed and published to cover increasing costs.

Just over 93% of days in 2024 had a booking.

There were only 24 days out of the whole year with nothing booked and 6 of these were in the weeks before and after Christmas.

We have 15 regular bookings, 9 of which are weekly. Plus ad hoc bookings from known groups as well as numerous family parties and events. These lettings cover a varied range of activities from Karate to Art, Yoga to Dog Clubs, men and women, young and old.

Popularity bring its own problems.

Following issues with groups having parties who turn up early or stay later than agreed, not leaving the hall clean and making too much noise, we made the decision to stop having any parties unless they are for Baginton residents or people we know well who can be trusted to act appropriately.

The Warm Hub continues to go from strength to strength, activities have been organised and several organisations have visited the Hub throughout the year, such as the Rural Crime Team, the Fire Service and the Warwickshire Driving for Longer team which was very helpful and appreciated by participants. All visits and activities have gone down well and have been supported through regular visits by local councillors, police and clergy.

We registered Baginton Village Hall as a food business with Warwick District Council and implemented a Food Hygiene Record book that is completed each day the Warm Hub operates. WDC awarded the hall a food business hygiene rating of 5. This acknowledges and ensures those standards are maintained every week and when serving meals at the hub.

The Warm Hub café opened and served mince pies and mulled wine for the Christmas light switch on, on the evening of 8th December. The team of 7 regular volunteers plus 3 seasonal helpers put on a Christmas meal on 17th December with contributions of £300 from Winvic, with The Old Mill and The Oak providing varying components of the Christmas meal . There was music from Dave Willitts and Robert Taylor, the groups Christmas floral decorations were displayed and judged and a surprise visit by Father Christmas, his spritely elf and 'dogdeer' completed a hugely successful end of year event.

The village trail was postponed due to a clash with another local facility but I am pleased to say that will go ahead this year in conjunction with the National Big Lunch initiative at the beginning of June.

I continue to be amazed at the work put into making the village hall such a valuable asset to the village by our committee particularly Julie, Lucy and Della who give up so much of their time to deal with issues as they arise and make continuous improvements. I must also thank Simon our extremely reliable and helpful caretaker who does a fantastic job of keeping the hall shipshape. His positive 'can do' approach is very much appreciated by the committee.

My thanks go to all committee members for helping make the Village Hall a success, looking for ways to improve and involve even more of our residents.

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