

BAGINTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the parish council meeting of Baginton Parish Council

Held on 24th July 2025 at 7.30pm at Baginton Village Hall

Cllrs present: Cllr Bush, Cllr Biggerstaff, Cllr Taylor Cllr Meakin, Cllr Horsfall Cllr Parkes, and Cllr Newman

In attendance, County Cllr Edwards, and Tracie Ball, Clerk and 8 members of the public

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

41. **Apologies:** to receive apologies and approve reasons for absence. Cllr Goodwin, Cllr Colville, District Cllr Redford and District Cllr Payne

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 26th June 2025 - having been read and circulated be signed as a correct record. Proposed Cllr Parkes Second Cllr Horsfall unanimous

42. Declarations of interest

42.1 To declare any personal interests or prejudicial interests in items on the Agenda and their nature.
None

42.2 To receive, consider and approve any requests for dispensation relating to Agenda items.
None

43. Information items: to consider and discuss items for information and comment if appropriate:

43.1 County Councillor report

Second full council appointed Cllr George Finch (Reform) as leader of the Council. Liberals offered coalition before election. The proposal to pay for political advisors, has been passed in principle, but will need to decide what they will do. Public purse cost £150k.

Giga Factory – Cllr Edwards has requested that the Leader of the Council, Cllr Finch, issue a statement on the support WCC will be giving to the proposed airport / giga factory development

Trees have been cut, and bollards will be collected

Rowley Road grass verges, work to be scheduled

Cllr Bush reported the cobblestones around play area between the road, and the grass verge are coming away.

Cllr Horsfall report damage to the surface in the triangle in Church Road

ACTION Cllrs to send photos to the Clerk and to report via WCC website – Cllr Edwards will also speak to highways

43.2 District Councillors report - Cllr Payne

At July's Council meeting there was a discussion of the Government's Devolution White Paper. We discussed both proposals for a unitary, and strategic authorities. The council voted for Warwickshire to form two unitary authorities - one for North Warwickshire and one for the South. The Southern half (i.e. Warwick District) should merge with Stratford District Council. This is not yet a complete certainty, but thorough preparations are now being made in case it does happen. In a unitary authority, new 'Neighbourhood Area Committees' may complement Parish Councils at a very local level, but this not yet been decided.

The Administration is supporting Parish Councils to complete 'Wildlife Action Plans', which would be separate to the Neighbourhood Plans. Both Warwick District Council and WALC are offering a programme of guidance, should Parish Councils wish to adopt one of these plans. The Plans aim to boost biodiversity with an innovative, structured approach. The Council did a major policy review of Public Space Protection Orders, and a survey was available online. Despite the review, the process for setting up new PSPOs remains broadly the same.

Baginton

I agree that planning conditions for the Gigafactory should be discharged, in full, prior to the Planning Committee hearing. I will ask planning officers to ensure this is done. If it does go ahead, I have asked Senior Management to consider sending a questionnaire to all households. The feedback from this should inform the Construction Management Plan, if there is severe disruption to residents from the building work. I would strongly support a 'trust fund' model, of the type suggested by the Chief Executive in his recent emails, into which any Gigafactory investor could make voluntary contributions to fund community projects in Baginton.

43.3 Local Government Reorganisation in Warwickshire update

Nothing to report.

44. Public participation:

- Has a letter been sent to the resident on Coventry Road overgrown shrubbery, this has caused an accident – A letter has been sent, and resident has only just returned to the property. Clerk to report to WCC
- Millenium field, new Bench has been broken. BPC aware and are sourcing materials for repair.
- A resident advised they had been for 10 years fighting the Firefly Road development. – objections sent. – misrepresent the height. Landscaping 19m high, max 9m before. Set far too close to the road. No planting and screening as substation.
- A resident thanked the Council for the flyer, giving details about the Firefly development. WDC need to take the welfare of residents into consideration.
- Mill Hill sign knocked down Howes lane – WCC report.
- Bridge drains need cleaning – WCC report – A resident advised that the last time this area flooded, there were two ambulances and two fire engines, one with a dinghy, in attendance for one stranded car.
- Kerb stones near Stoneleigh Road and SEGRO need addressing.

19.48 Closed

45. South of Coventry (SoC) Development Update

County Cllr Edwards reported that with the new WCC he has asked the new leader Cllr George Finch, to pull full support and strongly advised others to email. georgefinch@warwickshire.gov.uk

46. Police matters Update

Next meeting 7pm to 9pm on Monday 15-SEP-2025 at Warwickshire Police Headquarters, Leek Wootton. Cllr Bush & Cllr Colville, to attend

Cllr Meakin asked that the position regarding E scooters in the village be addressed. County Cllr Edwards will raise at his next meeting with PCSO Ed King

47. Baginton Events Committee matters to note

Film Night

The July film is Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy on Friday 25th July.

There is no film in August.

48. Coventry Airport

Nothing to report

49. Planning Items

49.1 SEGRO – update

A formal objection has been drafted and circulated to Cllrs

RESOLVED: that the draft with some grammatical corrections - having been read and circulated be forwarded to WDC and any other matters be submitted individually by Cllrs. Proposed Cllr Bush Second Cllr Meakin unanimous

49.2 Planning decisions received since the last meeting

49.2.1 W/25/0736 - Installation of a temporary Bio-LNG refuelling station skid unit, a permanent Bio-LNG refuelling station and associated works. Unit 4A, Samaritan Way, Segro Park, Baginton, Coventry, CV8 3EE **Withdrawn**

49.2.2 W/25/0124/TC – Upgrade of existing base station, replacing a 15m tower with a 25m tower supporting 18 antenna and 4 dishes. AirAtlantique, Middlemarch Business Park. **NEUTRAL** response issued 12th March. **GRANTED with conditions**

49.3 To note applications awaiting WDC decision.

49.3.1 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 18th January 2024.

49.3.2 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 2024.

49.3.3 W/25/0125 - Landscaping, car parking, earthworks, strategic drainage features, a primary substation, demolition of existing structures, plus formation of the six approved access points and the main spine road within the site. Coventry Airport, Rowley Road. **OBJECTION** response issued 17th March.

- 49.3.4 W/25/0293 –Reserved matters pursuant to Condition 1 (landscaping, planting, parking, lighting, house design etc.) relating to W/22/1038 –Land AT Rosswood Farm. **OBJECTION** reported 7th April.
- 49.3.5 W/25/0265 –Reserved matters (building size, appearance, floor plan, site layout, landscaping, planting etc, plus power, noise and lighting) pursuant to a Gigafactory on Coventry Airport, Rowley Road. **OBJECTION** reported 8th April
- 49.3.6 W/25/0502 –Reserve Matters relating to the provision of a substation (landscaping, earthworks, access, appearance etc.) – Coventry Airport, Rowley Road. **OBJECTION** reported 3rd May.
- 49.3.7 DOC/25/0023 – Discharge of Conditions 5, 7 and 8 (Construction Management, Environmental and Landscape Plans) AT Rosswood Farm, Church Road. **OBJECTION** reported 3rd May.

49.4 New planning applications or matters received since the last meeting

49.4.1 Planning Application W/25/0816—Land West of Firefly Road, Baginton

Full application for the erection of commercial buildings, with associated infrastructure, landscaping, drainage, ground modelling and access - **OBJECTION** – leaflet circulate

49.4.2 W/25/0937 - Walkers Snack Foods Ltd Unit W, Siskin Parkway West, Middlemarch Business Park, Coventry, CV3 4PW - **NEUTRAL**

50. **Highways Matters to note**

50.1 Grass verges in Baginton - on a 4-6 week cycle, but if dangerous report to Cllr Edwards

50.2 Any further highways matters to report

Number of overgrown hedges and trees affecting footpaths. Cllr Bush suggested that the Open Spaces group adopt these issues.

51. **Open Spaces Committee matters to note**

Next meeting 2nd September. Report from last meeting see appendix 1

52. **General Open Spaces Matters** to consider/decide matters relating to each as required.

Cllr Bush is concerned about the representation given by DC Councillors with regards to planning issues. A letter of concerns re representation of village to be drafted and sent to councillors for consideration.

[ACTION Cllr Horsfall to email a draft to the Clerk.](#)

Cllr Taylor has received a quote for works at the Lucy Price Playing Field

[ACTION Cllr Taylor to work with the Clerk, and present recommendations at the September meeting](#)

53. **Finance – See appendix 2**

53.1 To approve accounts for payment.

RESOLVED: Payment schedule confirmed

53.2 To confirm payment of Clerk's and Councillors Expenses.

RESOLVED: Payment schedule confirmed

53.3 To confirm payment of honorariums.

RESOLVED: Payment schedule confirmed Proposed Cllr Bush – Second Cllr Taylor unanimous

53.4 Finance update for approval, to include bank reconciliation.

NOTED

53.5 To note payments received.

NOTED – Smithy Rent £390.50

53.6 Any further financial matters to consider

None

54. **Consultations to Note –**

None

55. **Matters relating to the parish from Councillors and Clerk** – to consider/decide matters relating to each as required.

55.1 Any other matters arising.

None

56. **Future Agenda Items – Councillors** are asked to use this opportunity to raise items for future agendas. Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision-making.

- An investigation into what can be done regarding drains at the bridge
- Maintenance for Lucy Price Playing Field

57. **Parish Council Communications (information for sharing)** - To receive suggestions for items for the Village website, Parish Council Facebook Page, and Baginton E-news.

An ENews has been established for Baginton residents to distribute information related to the village. Advertising content will not be included. If you would like to receive these updates, please email bagintonpc@gmail.com. Personal information provided will remain confidential and will not be shared. Facebook will also be used to post relevant information to the village.

58. **Date of Next Meetings** – To confirm Thursday 25th September 2025 for the for the next Parish Meeting at the Village Hall at 7:30pm.

If an interim meeting is required, an agenda will be sent to Councillors and be put on the website and in the Parish noticeboard **three** clear days before the meeting is held.

59. **Confidential matters:** to consider the exclusion of the public and press in the public interest for discussions and decisions in relation to either Personnel matters or Legal matters.

Exclusion of Press and Public

In accordance with Paragraph 1 (2) of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Parish Council is invited to Resolve that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following agenda items owing to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and the public interest would not be served in disclosing that information.

None

60. **Upcoming meetings**

Date	Meeting	Time	Location	Comments
25 th September	Baginton Parish Council	7.30 pm	Baginton Village Hall	
TBC	Police ASB		Virtual	
15 th September	WRE Police and Parish Liaison	7.00 pm	Leek Wootton Police HQ	
15 th September	SEGRO Liaison	4.15 pm	Management Suite	
2 nd September	WDC: IZone, Gigafactory etc	2.00 pm	Baginton Village Hall	
3 rd September	Openspaces	7.30 pm	Baginton Village Hall	

Meeting Closed 20:20

Signed..... Dated.....

Baginton PC – Open Spaces, Meeting 5, Notes.**02 July 2025, Committee Room, Village Hall.**

Attending: Rheba Horsfall, Roger Horsfall, Walter Bush, Robert Taylor, Andrew Robinson [Chair,] Anne Taylor, Ralph Johnson.

Apologies: Andrew Parkes, Michelle Gilkes, Tristan Patrick, Sarah Cusworth.

COMMUNICATIONS:

AR / RT to submit September Newsletter piece.

AR to prepare poster for village notice boards and send to Julie K.

WILDLIFE RECORDING:

AR and **MG** both apologized for being unable to make progress with identifying viable wildlife recording systems and producing an explanatory paper on the topic.

ROMAN WAY:

AP. Still chasing Brad's quote. AP had thanked those who tidied the Roman Way open space on 4/05/25. BPC's responsibilities for this area are still a bit vague.

LPPF

Hedge Gaps. AT/RT estimate about 10 hedge plants required. Will pursue in the Autumn. Free plants are available from Woodland Trust. **RJ** has contact details.

Weeds. Job half done – ran out of weedkiller. **RT** to complete. No progress.

Paint. No progress

Mulch failing near inclusive swings. **RT** awaiting quote.

Paint and mulch repair kit is in the 'container.'

Hopscotch jet washed by Kieran Dunphy and painted by Avril.

Chris Wattling has replaced some missing fixings and more have been sent to us FoC by Proludic for any future issues.

Concrete path down to 'train' under discussion. **RT WB**

A bigger and better 'NO DOGS' sign has been proposed.

Revised contact details on notice board needed.

MILLENNIUM FIELD: **RJ** progressing VE day tree memorial. All to seek out local self seeded saplings, save them, pot them up to see if we can create something in the Autumn. Free saplings are available from Woodland Trust. Will require BPC permission.

A request has been received to plant a commemorative tree. Site to be identified.

Bench near basket ball hoop damaged. **RHo** and **WB** looking at solutions

SPINNEY AND OAK GLADE:

Ditch and Pond. Awaiting a rain. Clay liner cracked but may swell again with rain. Our new Parish Clerk's partner can advise. Monitor over the 25/26 winter.

Installation of bins complete.

Wildlife cameras being considered.

Smithy gutters. £4000 quote. Parish Clerk and **WB** seeking funds.

AOB.

Animal shelters: Tim Jardine has said he will produce some over the summer but the more the merrier. So keep building or begging.

Other green spaces: SEGRO's progress on delivering anything resembling their promises on their open spaces remains glacial. They have now purchased the Whitley South site and instead of the spacious office and research park we were promised by JLR, SEGRO say they need to build 'sheds' to get a return on their investment so there will be little in the way of green areas and probably more noise, light and traffic 24/7.

NEXT MEETING; Wednesday, 3rd September 7.30, Village Hall committee room – enter via side door.

Cash movements from 27/06/2025 to 20/07/2025

APPENDIX 2

Date	Description	Debit Amount	Credit	Balance
Treasurers Account				
27/06/2025	Opening Balance			£ 2,189.11
27/06/2025	Lakeside Grass cutting	£ 711.00		£ 1,478.11
27/06/2025	T Ball June salary	£ 413.74		£ 1,064.37
27/06/2025	HMRC June salary	£ 118.42		£ 945.95
18/07/2025	Eath Cottage Smith Rent		£390.50	£ 1,336.45
20/07/2025	Closing balance	£ 1,243.16	£390.50	£ 1,336.45
Bank Balance at	20/07/2025	£ 1,336.45	Difference	£ -

Instant Deposit Account

27/06/2025	Opening Balance			£ 33,221.28
20/07/2025	Closing balance			£ 33,221.28
		£ -	£ -	£ 33,221.28
Bank Balance at	20/07/2025	£ 33,221.28	Difference	£ -
			Total Bank	£ 34,557.73

Payments to be authorised

	<u>Supplier</u>	Details	inv no	Amount	PAY no
	Lakeside	June 2 visits	LAKBPC547	£ 489.00	245
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	Village Hall	Hire 5/6 and 26/6		£ 20.00	246
	T Ball	July salary		£ 413.74	247
	HMRC	July salary		£ 118.42	248
	D&P Signs	Brass Plate	DP20204	£ 36.00	249
	W Bush	Expenses	bench & cement	£ 250.31	250
	T Ball	Expenses	printing	£ 62.06	251
due 29/8	T Ball	August salary		£ 413.74	252
due 29/8	HMRC	August salary		£ 118.42	253
due 1/9	Office Costs and Overheads			£ 250.00	254
due 1/9	Litter Pick Honorarium			£ 140.00	255
due 1/9	Website Honorarium			£ 62.50	256
				£ 2,596.19	

Reserves

Charity Donated Monies Held by Council	£ 1,330.29
Earmarked Funds (Lucy Price Playground)	£ 9,378.50
Earmarked Funds (Election Expenses)	£ 5,585.66
Earmarked Funds (Badge of Office)	£ 118.45
Earmarked Funds (Bus Shelters & Notice Boards)	£ 1,000.00
Earmarked Defibrillator Consumables & Service	£ 500.00
Earmarked Smithy Maintenance & Repair	£ 750.00
Total Earmarked Reserves	£ 18,662.90

Reserves (Bank less earmark & committed)**£ 15,894.83**Notes

Precept	£ 19,438.00		
Transfers	£ 5,000.00	From D/A to C/A	end of July