

**BAGINTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON**  
**THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022 AT OUR VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor	Julie Keightley	Chairman
Councillor	Chris Goodwin	Vice Chairman
Councillor	Robert Taylor	
Councillor	Walter Bush	
Councillor	Mike Meakin	
Councillor	Roger Horsfall	
Councillor	Rob Newman	
Councillor	Steve Williams	
Councillor	David Hewer.	
Clerk	Phil Clark.	
Public	2 members of the public were present.	

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

**2127. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, APOLOGIES & WELCOME**

2127.1 Declarations of interest were sought and Councillor Hewer highlighted an ongoing interest in planning item W/21/1313.

2127.2 The following had apologised: Councillor Wallace Redford - County Councillor  
 Councillor Pam Redford - District Councillor  
 Councillor Trevor Wright - District Councillor

**2128. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.**

2128.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021, having been circulated, were approved without amendment. Proposed by Councillor Keightley & seconded by Councillor Meakin.

**2129. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WALLACE REDFORD**

2129.1 Councillor Wallace Redford had apologised beforehand and sent a short report indicating that last month 4 deaths had been reported in the County due to COVID, that infection rates continue to rise and that both George Elliot and University Hospital were at 94% capacity, but this was not specific to COVID only.

2129.2 Councillor Hewer asked about the new Bubbenhall Road junction. Councillor Keightley confirmed the Localities Officer had visited the site, but no report had been received yet.

2129.3 Councillor Hewer pointed out that traffic was still cutting across the land in front of the stable yard as a short cut and a physical barrier such as a fence is needed. **Clerk to report.** Post meeting note: temporary physical barriers have been added since meeting.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Redford for the report.

**2130.REPORTS FROM WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

2130.1 Councillor Pam Redford and Councillor Trevor Wright had apologised beforehand. They had circulated reports as they were received throughout the previous month.

- .2130.2 Councillor Hewer highlighted the new entrance road with dropped kerb opposite the Alvis site and asked if planning permission had been given. **Clerk to investigate.**
- 2130.3 Councillor Williams pointed out that areas of Frances Road has sunk over previous years and that large puddles of water continue to form and are slow to drain. **Clerk to report.**
- 2130.4 Councillor Hewer stated that both Oak Close and Church Road were also experiencing problems with standing water. **Clerk to report.**
- 2130.5 Councillor Horsfall asked when the hedge/undergrowth on Mill Hill opposite the allotments would be cut. The Clerk confirmed that a request had been sent to WDC but he would chase it. **Clerk to action.**

### **2131. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD.**

- 2131.1 A member of the public asked if pedestrian access across the Mill Hill Bridge would be maintained during its closure to traffic. Councillor Keightley suggested that as a temporary bus stop had been installed on Howes Lane, the implication was pedestrians were still allowed to cross the bridge.
- 2131.2 A resident asked when the footpath next to the allotments will be open. Councillor Keightley indicated that the closure notice was up until April 2022.

### **2132. SOUTH OF COVENTRY (SoC) DEVELOPMENTS**

- 2132.1 The Parish Council had been informed that the SoC sites will be patrolled over the Festive Season to protect equipment, land and other property.
- 2132.2 A short report was received from Councillor Bush following the meeting with SEGRO on 15<sup>th</sup> December.
- i. A new deputy director has been appointed to manage the development.
  - ii. The position of the new substation and the lack of protective landscaping around it was discussed. New deputy director will investigate and report back.
  - iii. It was confirmed that a barrier had now been put in place at the new Bubbenhall Road junction to prevent cars dazzling other vehicles with their headlights.
  - iv. Traffic monitoring had commenced in conjunction with County Highways.
  - v. Access to the Country Park was being investigated as many of the entrances do not appear to comply with current legislation.
  - vi. The road markings on the new Rowley Road roundabout was raised as a potential issue once factories open and traffic increases.
  - vii. Both District and County Councillors were able to attend the December meeting, so both are aware of ongoing issues.
- 2132.3 Councillor Meakin asked when the Country Park would re-open. Councillor Bush confirmed this was discussed at the meeting and the Deputy Director will look into it.
- 2132.4 Councillors were reminded that we are invited to visit UKBIC on 12<sup>th</sup> January at 3:00pm. Four confirmed they were able to attend, with 2 others indicating they wished to attend but could not commit yet. **Clerk to confirm arrival details.**
- 2132.5 Notice was received that SoC meetings are every 3 months on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, starting 9<sup>th</sup> March and continuing on 8<sup>th</sup> June, 14<sup>th</sup> September and 14<sup>th</sup> December.
- 2132.6 Questions were asked whether the professional noise survey at UKBIC had been completed. **Clerk to enquire.**

**2133. POLICE MATTERS.**

2133.1 Reports on the Mill Hill speed checks were received on 30<sup>th</sup> November.

2133.2 It was noted that additional Village patrols started over the Festive Season, following a successful application at the Community Forum.

2133.3 Two suspicious youths were reported as being seen by a number of residents, both during the day and night. Councillor Keightley to talk with local PCSO when he is next in the village. **Chairman to action.**

**2134. BAGINTON EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE**

2134.1 The committee plan to restart film nights in January, but have not yet secured a film.

**2135. AIRPORT MATTERS**

2135.1 An airport open day has been organised for Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

**2136. PLANNING**

a. **The following planning decisions were received since the last meeting.**

i. No notices received.

b. **To note applications awaiting WDC decision.**

i. W/21/1370 – Outline planning application with all matters reserved apart from access for the development of battery manufacturing facility with ancillary battery recycling capability including landscaping, car parking, access and associated works, Coventry Airport.

**OBJECTION** reported 20<sup>th</sup> September. **To be discussed at the WDC Planning meeting 11<sup>th</sup> January.** Councillor Keightley indicated she had registered to speak at the meeting. It was highlighted that Health, Safety and Wellbeing was being compromised by building the factory in a residential area, unlike any other battery gigafactories in the UK. The safe tackling of a battery fire so close to residential was of particular concern. Councillor Keightley highlighted that if WDC Planning were minded to grant the application, it could still be called in by the Secretary of State.

ii. W/21/0558 – Erection of 1 bungalow. 4 the Smallholdings, Stoneleigh Road. **OBJECTION** issued 8<sup>th</sup> September.

iii. W/21/1313 – Two dwellings on former Sunday School site on Church Road, Baginton. **SUPPORT** issued 8<sup>th</sup> September.

iv. W/21/1443 – Position, access, appearance, layout, landscaping and scale of the primary substation – Gateway South, Coventry Airport. **OBJECTION** reported 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

v. W/21/1527 - Position, access, appearance, layout, landscaping and scale of the first plot 4A on Gateway South, Coventry Airport. **NEUTRAL** response reported 10<sup>th</sup> October.

vi. W/21/0711 – Erection of a single storey dwelling, The Granary, Church Road. **NEUTRAL** response reported 10<sup>th</sup> October.

vii. W/21/1655 – Reserved matters relating to the Gateway South Community Park. **NEUTRAL** response reported 10<sup>th</sup> October.

viii. W/21/1591 – Rear storey ground extension – No. 74 Mill Hill. **SUPPORT** reported 10<sup>th</sup> October.

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

i. 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. **Clerk to issue letter of SUPPORT.**

**2137 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
- 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

2137.1 Highways England confirmed that both Tollbar and the New Rowley Road roundabouts were multiple usage, (Cars, cycles, motorcycles, pedestrians, including elderly or disabled users). As such, Traffic Light timings comply with all current regulations for multiuse roundabouts.

2137.2 Several Councillors highlighted that the lane markings on the Tollbar roundabout were confusing and potentially dangerous, but this is outside the Parish.

2137.3 Notice was received that Mill Hill will be closed at the bridge for up to 5 days from 10<sup>th</sup> January to allow the bridge to be surveyed.

**2138 OPEN SPACE.**

2138.1 It was noted that the new climbing nets on the Lucy Price Playground have been fitted to the refurbished equipment.

2138.2 An estimate of £7580 for further work on the existing Playground has been received with details in the report that Councillor Taylor had circulated prior to the meeting.

2138.3 It was noted that as the Lucy Price Playground was inspected during the refurbishment, we will not be paying for a separate inspection from HAGS this year.

2138.4 The work on designing the new areas of the Playground has begun and a meeting with the developers is scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> January.

2138.5 The future of Bagot's Castle and the degree of Parish Council involvement beyond that already approved as a representative on any controlling committee was discussed. Councillor Hewer highlighted that his preferred option is to pass custodianship to the Parish Council and he will discuss options with his solicitor and approach the Parish Council with a proposal for the future of the Castle for their consideration. Councillors were open to this approach.

### **2139 GRANTS**

2139.1 Grants for the Playground have been confirmed from Lucy Price Relief in Need Charity (matched funding), SEGRO, Baginton Events and Baginton Lions FC.

2139.2 Grants via the WDC RUCIS scheme of £21707 have now been approved, with a number of additional conditions attached.

2139.3 Baginton Events are still awaiting details on the transfer of the Baginton Lions FC storage container.

**2140. HOUSING & GENERAL MATTER.** None to report.

### **2141 FINANCIAL MATTERS.**

#### **a. Currently Earmarked Funds**

Earmarked Charity Donated Monies	£1330.29
Earmarked Funds (Lucy Price Playground)	£6652.50
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>£15342.79</b>

b. To advise Bank balances as at 22/12/2021

HSBC treasurers (community) account: -	£ 5737.27
HSBC savings (BMM) account: -	£ 24001.03
<b>Total in Bank</b>	<b>£ 29738.30</b>

c. **Underlying Reserves (Bank minus Earmarked) £14395.51**

*This is subject to approximately £3500 earmarked for the remaining months of the current budget.*

#### **d. Bank Charges**

Monthly Account management	£8.00
Fees per Cheque	£1.00

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	102110
Thompsons Invoice # 186	£122.66	102111
Reid's – Playground Nets Invoice # 4744	£315.00	102112
Un-cashed Cheques – None	£0.00	
Cash needed in Current Account	<b>£856.13</b>	

- i. The draft budget for 2022/2023 was approved. Proposed by Councillor Keightley, seconded by Councillor Meakin and carried by show of hands. **Clerk to report precept to WDC**
- ii. The village hall grass cutting reimbursement of £322.80 was requested on the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and was paid into our account on the same day.
- iii. Notice of an additional cut of the village hall grass was made and the £26.90 reimbursed to us on 16<sup>th</sup> December.
- iv. It was resolved to cease payment by cheque and implement direct internet banking transfer payments to minimise business banking charges. Proposed by Councillors Keightley, seconded by Councillor Newman and carried by show of hands. **Clerk to action.**
- v. Changes to our pension T's & C's have been reviewed by the RFO and have no impact on our current provisions. Responses have been made to our pension provider.
- vi. The Smithy rent for £390.50 was received on 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

#### **2142. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS.**

2142.1 None

#### **2143 BROCHURES AND DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR PURUSAL**

- i. Countryside Voices – Winter 2021.
- ii. LCR Magazine – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2021.

#### **2144 ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

- 2144.1 It was noted that the proposed merger of Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon District Councils had been formally submitted for consideration to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.
- 2144.2 Councillor Horsfall suggested that on 2 occasions, grounds maintenance work was undertaken on the Millennium Field when it was doubtful it was needed and that he had challenged the operator.
- 2144.3 Councillor Horsfall informed those present that the old bus shelter benches now needed to be removed from storage. Councillor Hewer offered to help. It was suggested the benches are installed for public use somewhere in the village.
- 2144.4 Councillor Taylor brought the Community Park brochure to the meeting and highlighted several promises that were not being fulfilled. Councillor Keightley stated that the brochure was available electronically and that she would send a link to Councillors. Any queries could either be raised directly by the Clerk, or brought to the next SEGRO meeting.

#### **2145 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.**

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

#### **2146 CLOSE**

The meeting closed at 8:24