

BAGINTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 4th March 2021 VIA ZOOM

PRESENT:

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| Councillor | Wallace Redford | County Councillor |
| Councillor | Pam Redford | District Councillor |
| Councillor | Trevor Wright | District Councillor |
| Councillor | Julie Keightley | Chairman |
| Councillor | Chris Goodwin | Vice Chairman |
| Councillor | Robert Taylor | |
| Councillor | Walter Bush | |
| Councillor | Steve Williams | |
| Councillor | Rob Newman | |
| Councillor | David Hower | |
| Councillor | Mike Meakin | |
| Councillor | Roger Horsfall | |

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| Clerk | Phil Clark. |
| Public | 6 members of the public were present. |

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm, welcoming those present.

1973. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, APOLOGIES & WELCOME

1973.1 Declarations of interest were sought and none were declared.

1973.2 The following had apologised:- None

1974. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

1974.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held via ZOOM on 4th February 2021, having been circulated, were approved without amendment. Proposed by Councillor Keightley & seconded by Councillor Horsfall.

1975. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WALLACE REDFORD

1975.1 Councillor Redford confirmed that over the last week there had been 1 further death attributed to COVID and across the County the infection rate is falling. However, within Warwick District there is a slight rise with 4 wards in Leamington Spa and Whitnash in the top 10 hotspots.

1975.2 Kenilworth & Southam is running at 40.7% of residents vaccinated so far, which is the top for the County.

1975.3 Over 3000 laptops have been donated for home learning use.

1975.4 An order has been placed for 3 more drain jetting machines. This work is carried out by WCC themselves and is not subcontracted.

1975.5 Councillor Hower complimented the Pound Lane COVID testing facility.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Redford for his report.

1976.REPORTS FROM WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- 1976.1 Councillor Pam Redford confirmed a new discretionary grant scheme had been launched by WDC and details were on their website, but the cut-off date for applications is 12th March.
- 1976.2 Councillor Wright warned about bogus grant claims from fraudsters, highlighting that genuine WDC communications will be from an address with @warwickdc.gov.uk. An investigation is looking into what level of fraud has taken place during lockdown.

The Chairman thanked Councillors Redford and Wright for their reports.

1977. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD.

- 1977.1 A member of the public kept the Parish Council informed of progress with the clearance of litter and debris from Rowley and Bubbenhall Roads. UKBIC and Buckingham responded positively and it is hoped this will bring a significant improvement.
- 1977.2 A member of the public highlighted there were still litter issues, especially in the Country Park areas, which are owned and managed by the developers.
- 1977.3 Councillor Hewer stated that litter along the A45 was particularly bad. Councillor Wallace Redford suggested this would be a matter for Highways England. Clerk to write to Coventry City Council and Highways England highlighting the issue. **Clerk to action.**
- 1977.4 A member of the public asked if other local Parish Councils were organising litter picks between villages. Councillor Pam Redford confirmed Bubbenhall regularly litter picked, but she was unsure about Stoneleigh.
- 1977.5 Councillor Pam Redford will ask WDC to attend Stoneleigh Road as a lot of litter has been uncovered now the hedges have been flailed.
- 1977.6 A resident asked about 'No HGV' signage on Frances Road. The Clerk confirmed a request had been submitted to WCC Highways.

1978. SOUTH OF COVENTRY (SoC) DEVELOPMENTS

- 1978.1 The map showing intended sites for ANPR cameras on the Haul Road was circulated to Councillors on 6th February.
- 1978.2 Excessive vibration was reported in Oak Close and Buckingham has attributed it to compacting of the Haul Road.
- 1978.3 The report at the last meeting of excessive vibration experienced around The Oak Public House was reported to Buckingham, who denied responsibility, and they have liaised with the resident directly.
- 1978.4 As discussed at our previous meeting, litter surrounding the SOC developments was raised directly with UKBIC, Buckingham and SEGRO.
- 1978.5 Councillor Hewer highlighted a constant whining noise heard in parts of Baginton and asked if we knew what was causing it. He had confirmed it is not coming from the new development on Rowley Road. Councillor Pam Redford will report it to WDC Environmental Health.
- 1978.5 It was noted that a meeting with SEGRO and Buckingham will be held later this month and Councillor Hewer asked if the issues with flooding on Bubbenhall Road could be raised.

1979. POLICE MATTERS.

- 1979.1 Public Space Protection Order signs (PSPO) were installed at the bottom of Baginton village near the Bridge and at the top of Baginton near the chicane.
- 1979.2 A van was stolen from Bosworth Close on 21st February.
- 1979.3 Councillor Hewer confirmed he had erected a Police notice on the British Legion car park confirming the area was being monitored by Police and suggested that a physical barrier at the car park entrance may be beneficial to prevent it being used during lockdown.

1979.4 Councillor Meakin suggested that a physical barrier may be a problem for those who use the British Legion car park for legitimate reasons.

1980. BAGINTON EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

1980.1 A meeting of the Events Committee is scheduled for 10th March via ZOOM.

1980.2 Councillor Bush asked what was happening with tickets sold for last year's event and Councillor Horsfall confirmed this would be one of the items discussed at the meeting.

1981. AIRPORT MATTERS

1981.1 Councillor Horsfall confirmed he had attended an airport meeting on 3rd March to discuss airport operational matters and he confirmed the airport was again fully operational, but traffic volume was still very low and likely to remain low.

1981.2 Councillor Hewer expressed great concern over the proposed Gigafactory on the airport site, but other Councillors highlighted there were no plans available and it was too early to draw any firm conclusions on the proposal. The Chairman agreed that to do so would be to predetermine any application, which Councillors are duty bound to consider with an open mind. It was also highlighted that if at any time in the future the airport ceases to operate, something will occupy the site and a battery factory might not be the worst option. **Clerk to circulate information as it is received.**

1981.3 Councillor Wright confirmed that WDC Councillors would support the Parish Council position regarding the site, once plans have been produced and been discussed. He also confirmed they would oppose the site being taken out of Green Belt as this would allow all sorts of development, including housing.

1982. PLANNING

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

- i. W/20/0020 – Reserved matters related to scale, layout, appearance, lighting, landscaping etc of the car showroom in Zone 2 of the Whitley South (Rowley Road) development. Circulated to Councillors on 15th February. **NEUTRAL** response reported 25th February along with a letter of concern regarding the timing of the showroom development, which was to support the new JLR technology campus. **GRANTED** 2nd March.
- ii. W/20/1541 – Garage at No.12 Coventry Road. Circulated to Councillors 21st November with **OBJECTION** issued 9th December. **GRANTED** 3rd March.

b. To note applications awaiting WDC decision.

- iii. W/20/0808 - Affordable housing at Rosswood Farm, Coventry Road. **NEUTRAL** response reported 6th July. **NEUTRAL** response reiterated on 13th November, reiterating our previous reservations.
- iv. W/20/1483 – Reserved matters related to appearance, layout, parking, lighting, landscaping etc. for office building on Zone 3 of Whitley South (SEGRO Offices). Circulated to Councillors on 30th September with **NEUTRAL** response reported 19th October.
- v. W/20/1404 – Retrospective application for a miniature railway at Russell's Garden Centre, Mill Hill. Circulated to Councillors 28th October. **SUPPORT** response issued 13th November.
- vi. W/20/1901 – Application regarding reserved matters from W/18/0522 in relation to landscape bunding. Circulated to Councillors on 7th December. **NEUTRAL** response issued 18th December.

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

- i. W/20/1902 – Retrospective application to install a chillier unit at Unipart Logistics, Middlemarch Business Park, CV3 4UP. Circulated to Councillors on 6th February, with **SUPPORT** issued 24th February.

- ii. W/20/1909 - Erection of a new detached garage, plus conversion of the existing garage into a 2 storey side extension. Circulated to Councillors on 6th February, with **NEUTRAL** response issued 24th February.

1983 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 18 locations

- Andrews Close
- Bosworth Close
- Bubbenhall Road (excluding area at stables & Oakey Hill)
- Bubbenhall Road at Stables
- Church Road
- Coventry Road – Blocked drain @ Greenthatch
- Frances Road
- Friends Close
- Kimberley Road
- Hall Drive
- Holly Walk
- Mill Hill
- Mylgrove
- Oak Close –
- Roman Way
- Rowley Road
- Stoneleigh Road
- Underhill Close

1983.1 Councillors were notified that full restoration of the Mill Hill Bridge is due to start mid-April and that the work will require some road closures and traffic lights to allow safe working. Improvements to pedestrian safety have been requested of WCC Highways separately.

1983.2 The pothole at the end of Oak Close was filled within 2 days of being reported.

1983.3 The drains at the end of Oak Close were cleared on 10th February.

1983.4 The kerbstones on Frances Road have again been dislodged by a HGV. A request for repair along with new warning signage was submitted to WCC Highways on 22nd February and the repair was confirmed as being completed.

1983.5 Councillor Wallace Redford confirmed that David Elliston had been promoted and the new contact for WCC Highways was Ryan Machin.

1983.6 Councillor Meakin highlighted that the drains at the top of Mill Hill had still not been cleared. The Chairman clarified that drains were being cleared across the region in priority order. Councillor Wallace Redford suggested reporting the issues again now that Ryan Machin was in post at WCC Highways. **Clerk to report.**

1984 OPEN SPACE. - None to report

1985 GRANTS – None to report.

1986. HOUSING & GENERAL MATTER. None to report.

1987. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

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| a. | To advise Bank balances as at 25/02/2021 | |
| | HSBC treasurers (community) account: - | £ 1243.47 |
| | HSBC savings (BMM) account: - | £ 32530.76 |
| | Total..... | £ 33774.23 |

Data as of 1st April 2020 (as within end of year accounts).

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| Nominally ring fenced Monies | £1330.29 |
| Committed Funds (Lucy Price Playground) | £15000.00 |
| Underlying Council Reserves..... | £12630.43 |

b. To confirm items for payment:-

| | Value | Cheque No. |
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| Clerk's salary (37 hour per month @ NJC Level 7 - £418.47) | £418.47 | 102057 |
| Office Costs & Overheads | £250.00 | 102058 |
| Litter picker Honorarium | £140.00 | 102059 |
| Website Management Honorarium | £62.50 | 102060 |
| ZOOM reimbursement to Website Manager | £43.17 | 102061 |
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| Un-cashed Cheques - None | | |
| Cash needed in Current Account (Inc Un-presented cheques) | £914.14 | |

- c. The Smithy rent was requested on 24th February.
 d. The Annual Governance review will take place on 8th March.

1988. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS.

- 1988.1 The WCC Local Transport Key Theme Consultation was circulated to Councillors on 23rd January, with response required by 18th March.
 1988.2 The draft WDC Homelessness Strategy Consultation was circulated to Councillors on 6th February, with response required by 7th March.
 1988.3 The Annual Assembly due in April 2021 is under consideration as restrictions may again require it to be postponed or cancelled.

1989. BROCHURES AND DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR PURUSAL

- i. Clerks & Councils Direct – March 2021
- ii. LCR Magazine Issue 1 – 2021.

1990. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

- 1990.1 An update on the Warwick District Council and Stratford upon Avon Unitary Authority was distributed to Councillors for their information on 8th February.
 1990.2 Councillor Wallace Redford reminded those present that the County Council elections will take place on 5th May and the Purdah period begins from 19th March.
 1990.3 Councillors Pam Redford asked for Councillor views on the proposed merger between WDC and Stratford upon Avon Councils.
 1990.4 Councillor Wallace Redford implied that any merger between WDC and SuA Councils would be temporary, with a single unitary County authority resulting which would include Rugby Borough, Nuneaton & Bedworth plus North Warwickshire, which will ultimately be a Government decision based on Politics and Finance.
 1990.5 Councillor Pam Redford highlighted that physical meetings within WDC would commence from Mid May, but finding Social Distancing venues for 44 Councillors plus assorted Officers was a problem.

Several Councils are seeking an extension to virtual meetings where no suitable alternative is available. This may be true of our Annual Assembly.

1991 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting: **Thursday 1st April 2021** @ 7.30pm, Baginton Village Hall or via virtual meeting (to be confirmed)

1992 The meeting closed at 8:35pm.