

**BAGINTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON**  
**THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023 AT BAGINTON VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor	Julie Keightley	Chairman
Councillor	Chris Goodwin	Vice Chairman
Councillor	Robert Taylor	
Councillor	David Hewer	
Councillor	Mike Meakin	
Councillor	Roger Horsfall	
Councillor	Walter Bush	
Councillor	Rob Newman	
Councillor	Gary Colville (appointed by co-option Ref: 2367.3)	

Clerk                      Phil Clark

Public                      7 members of the public were present.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:30pm and welcomed those present, wishing all a Happy New Year.

**2367. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, APOLOGIES & WELCOME**

2367.1 Declarations of interest were sought and none were received.

2367.2 The following had apologised:

Councillor Wallace Redford	County Councillor
Councillor Pam Redford	District Councillor
Councillor Trevor Wright	District Councillor

2367.3 The Co-option procedure was followed for the two candidates who had shown an interest in becoming a Councillor to fill the existing vacancy. Some debate was held regarding whether any new Councillor should be co-opted just 4 months from the next full election. It was clear that any vote was going to be close and the possibility existed that neither candidate would receive the outright majority required, leaving the vacancy open. After further discussions, Mr Jarrod Reynolds withdrew his application. Mr Gary Colville was duly elected and joined the existing Councillors for the remainder of the meeting. Proposed by Councillor Goodwin, second by Councillor Bush and carried by show of hands with 7 in support and 1 abstention. **Clerk to contact Councillor Colville with relevant information.**

**2368. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.**

2368.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022, having been circulated, were approved without amendment. Proposed by Councillor Keightley & seconded by Councillor Meakin.

**2369. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WALLACE REDFORD**

2369.1 Councillor Wallace Redford had apologised prior to the meeting and had nothing new to report that had not already been circulated to Councillors.

2369.2 Councillor Hewer raised concerns with mud and eroded verges along the Bubbenhall Road. He reported several near-miss incidents with vehicles using the centre of the road to avoid the damaged verges and mud patches. Councillor Keightley confirmed she had also travelled the road and agreed with Councillor Hewer's assessment. It was suggested that a street cleaner should remove the mud as a priority due to safety concerns. **Clerk to contact Councillor Wallace Redford.**

The Chairman thanked Councillor Redford for his report.

### **2370.REPORTS FROM WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

- 2370.1 Councillors Pam Redford and Trevor Wright had apologised prior to the meeting and had nothing new to report that had not already been circulated to Councillors.
- 2370.2 Councillor Taylor reported on a response received from SEGRO via Councillor Pam Redford. The report was with regard to the lack of solar panels as a green supplement to the power requirements of the SEGRO buildings. It was highlighted that the national grid site's power system was not designed to put power back into the grid on such a scale. This will take up to 5 years for the power supplier to address. SEGRO will be installing limited panels to meet the immediate buildings' planned usage, but the full potential can't be met until the power supplier has completed their work, but the building structures and roofs have been reinforced to ultimately carry an array of panels.
- 2370.3 Councillor Goodwin highlighted a series of accidents on the Firefly Road to A45 slip road. This possibility had been raised previously by Councillor Williams. It had been concluded this was a Highways England matter, not County Highways. Councillor Williams had been pursuing this matter separately. Progress is to be reviewed and reported to Councillors. **Clerk to action.**

The Chairman thanked Councillors Redford and Wright for their ongoing reports.

### **2371. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD.**

- 2371.1 A member of the public asked about the toppled signs on Rowley Road. The Chairman highlighted the matter had been reported to County Highways on 8<sup>th</sup> December and was an item later on the Agenda.
- 2371.2 Reports of standing water on the corner of Oak Close and Coventry Road were reported. This is an ongoing matter, with the drain continually blocking after it has been cleared.
- 2371.3 A member of the public reiterated Councillor Goodwin's comments on the poor layout of the Firefly Road / A45 slip road. Several Councillors indicated they did not use the slip road as they also perceive it as dangerous.
- 2371.4 Queries were raised about the lane markings for the traffic light controlled junctions of Firefly Road and the A45 slip road. People reported numerous vehicles being in the wrong lane and some were cutting across lanes of traffic to exit on the correct road. Councillor Keightley highlighted that a resident had driven Councillor Wallace Redford around the area to view the situation. Councillor Redford agreed the situation was poor and had asked County Highways to review the layout.
- 2371.5 A member of the public reported that Tollbar traffic island had similar problems to 2371.4 above. Following the white lines on the island from Rowley Road intending to exit for Binley Woods actually guides you to the wrong junction.
- 2371.6 Updates were sought on UKBIC Environmental Licensing. Residents agreed to chase it themselves.

### **2372. SOUTH OF COVENTRY (SoC) DEVELOPMENTS**

- 2372.1 It was noted that the WDC Master Planning meeting scheduled for 4<sup>th</sup> January had been postponed. A new date has yet to be confirmed.
- 2372.2 A report was received regarding the meeting with SEGRO on 14<sup>th</sup> December. With the opening of the new haul Road behind Oak Close, questions were raised regarding why so many HGV's were still passing through Baginton. No conclusive answer was received from SEGRO, but Councillors suggested difficulties negotiating the new haul road to Stoneleigh Road dogleg junction, poor signage and sat-nav equipment not being updated to show the haul road is now open for use.

### **2373. POLICE MATTERS.**

- 2373.1 Police report that 41 uninsured vehicles were removed from Warwickshire roads during the week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> December.
- 2373.2 Since 21<sup>st</sup> November, Police have stopped 408 vehicles on suspicion of drink driving, with 102 arrests made. Operation Limit continued through Christmas and the New Year.
- 2373.3 On 8<sup>th</sup> December, 14 lorries were stopped on the M6 to check gross weights and load security. A total of 9 road traffic offences were reported. All drivers passed breathalyser tests.

**2374. BAGINTON EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE**

2374.1 There was no film in December.

2374.2 The next film night on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January will be 'Edie', a drama about an 83 year old woman who decides to fulfil a lifelong dream to climb Mount Suilven in Scotland.

2374.3 Next Party in the Park is scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> July 2023, with electronic tickets being available soon. Plans are also in place to help those without internet access to get tickets.

2374.4 The Baginton Events accounts are currently being audited.

**2375. AIRPORT MATTERS**

2375.1 There were no new airport matters to report.

**2376. PLANNING****a. Planning decisions received since the last meeting**

- i. W/22/1038 – Outline permission with all matters reserved save for access for up to 66 dwellings (now 63), Land at Roswood Farm, Coventry Road. **OBJECTION** issued 21<sup>st</sup> July. Further revised documents were circulated to Councillors 19<sup>th</sup> October, but these did not alter our original comments. Application was put before WDC Planning Committee on 10<sup>th</sup> /11<sup>th</sup> January and was **GRANTED** on a 6 to 4 majority. The total number of houses approved for the Roswood site was confirmed as 119.

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

- i. W/22/1730 - Reserved matters relating to layout, landscaping, access, appearance etc relating to the proposed Rugby Club. **SUPPORT** reported 2<sup>nd</sup> December.
- ii. W/22/1704 – Reserved matters relating to layout, landscaping, access, appearance etc relating to Plot 3A on Gateway South. Circulated to Councillors 7<sup>th</sup> November. **SUPPORT** response reported 25<sup>th</sup> November.

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

- i. W/22/1955 – Installation of 648 solar panels on the roof of Aubrey Allen Butchers, Siskin Parkway East. Circulated to Councillors 19<sup>th</sup> December. **SUPPORT** response issued 5<sup>th</sup> January
- ii W/23/0020 – Single storey side and rear extension, new front porch and garage rebuild – No. 70 Mill Hill. Raised at meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> January, having been received earlier that day, and to be circulated to Councillors with response required by 2<sup>nd</sup> February. **Clerk to action**

**2377 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 – Drainage issues
- Church Road – Standing water
- Coventry Road - Lamp out at mini roundabout. Puddling opposite The Row.
- Frances Road – Puddling where road has sunk
- Friends Close – Lamp out
- Firefly Road
- Kimberley Road
- Hall Drive

- Holly Walk
- Mill Hill
- Mylgrove
- Oak Close – some standing water
- Silver Eagle Way
- Roman Way – Lamp out at entrance
- Rowley Road
- Stoneleigh Road
- Underhill Close

2377.1 Renovation of the eastern side of Mill Hill Bridge was completed in December, with some scaffolding removed 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> December. The traffic lights and pedestrian bridge will remain until repairs to the western side and the parapet hit by a car are completed in January. Councillor Taylor noted that Russell's Nursery and some residents close to the traffic lights had noted access and egress issues. He promoted the £800,000 separate pedestrian bridge, which Councillor Wallace Redford indicated may be put forward for consideration as a capital project.

2377.2 The 2 signs knocked-down on Rowley Road were reported on 8<sup>th</sup> December.

2377.3 Leaf blowing and street sweeping were undertaken by WDC on 12<sup>th</sup> December.

2377.4 The water leak on Mill Hill was reported to Severn Trent on 15<sup>th</sup> December and was fixed week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> December.

2377.5 The road at Bubbenhall Bridge was closed from 9<sup>th</sup> January for drainage works. Councillor Hewer suggested that the volume of water flowing down the hill towards the bridge had been underestimated and the drainage works were inadequate.

### **2378 OPEN SPACE.**

2378.1 The Clerk sought recommendations regarding an appropriate structural engineer, or similar, to provide an independent assessment of the Smithy's structural integrity and the works needed to address any issues found. Councillor Hewer suggested he could also provide some contacts.

### **2379 GRANTS MATTERS TO NOTE**

2379.1 No new grant matters to report.

### **2380 GENERAL MATTERS TO NOTE**

2380 The battery in the Village Hall defibrillator was replaced on 20<sup>th</sup> December. The reimbursement for Councillor Keightley is included in the payment list below. Councillor Hewer asked if the battery was rechargeable or recyclable. **Clerk to ask supplier.**

### **2381 FINANCIAL MATTERS TO NOTE.**

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

Earmarked Charity Donated Monies	£1330.29
Earmarked Funds (Lucy Price Playground)	£10000.00
Earmarked Funds (Election Expenses)	£6000.00
Earmarked Funds (Badge of Office)	£142.35
Earmarked Funds (Bus Shelters & Notice Boards)	£860.00
Earmarked Defibrillator Consumables & Service	£250.00
Earmarked Smithy Maintenance & Repair	£1000.00
<b>Total Earmarked Reserves</b>	<b>£19582.64</b>

b.	To advise Bank balances as of 06/01/2023	
	HSBC treasurers (community) account: -	£ 4545.73
	HSBC savings (BMM) account: -	£ 31822.04
	<b>Total in Bank</b>	<b>£ 36367.77</b>

c. **Reserves (Bank less earmark & committed) £16785.13**

d. Bank Charges per month **£8.00**

e. A resolution was made to approve the payments below to be made by electronic transfer. Proposed by Councillor Keightley, second by Councillor Goodwin and passed by show of hands.

	Value	Pay Number
Clerk's monthly salary (40.1 hours @ NJC Level 7)	£466.36	Pay 056
J Keightley (Defibrillator Battery Reimbursement)	£377.99	Pay 057
Cash needed in Current Account	<b>£844.35</b>	

- i. The £390.50 Smithy Rent was received on 24<sup>th</sup> November.
- ii. The £17002 precept request for 2023 / 2024 was issued to WDC on 6<sup>th</sup> December.

### **2382 CONSULTATIONS TO NOTE.**

2382.1 WDC Local Plan – Issues and Options Consultation was circulated to Councillors on 12<sup>th</sup> January, with response by 6<sup>th</sup> March.

### **2383 BROCHURES AND DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR PERUSAL.**

- i. Clerks & Council Direct – January 2023

### **2384 ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

2384.1 Councillor Hewer asked about the possibility of adult fitness equipment being installed within the village. It was highlighted that this had been investigated almost a decade ago and had failed to progress. Councillors agreed the concept could be investigated again, but this is best undertaken after the May 2023 elections when a new Council will serve for 4 years to oversee any works.

2384.2 Councillor Hewer asked about how elderly residents were going to get groceries now the shop has closed. It was highlighted that the number of residents using the Village Shop was low, which in part explains the closure. It was suggested that volunteers are sought through the Newsletter to help elderly residents with on-line orders. Councillor Hewer offered to help residents in The Row.

### **2385 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.**

2385.1 Next Ordinary Meeting: **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 @ 7.30pm**, Baginton Village Hall.

**2386 CLOSE** - The meeting closed at 8.15pm.