

BAGINTON PARISH COUNCIL (BPC)
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON
THURSDAY 21ST APRIL 2022 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, BAGINTON.

PRESENT:

Councillor	Trevor Wright	Warwick District Council
Councillor	Julie Keightley	Parish Council Chairman / (Baginton United Charity)
Councillor	David Hewer	
Councillor	Robert Taylor	
Councillor	Rob Newman	
Sue Williams	(Lucy Price Relief in Need)	
Lucy Jones	(Village Hall Management Committee)	
Public	1 member of the public was present.	

APOLOGIES:

Councillor	Wallace Redford	Warwickshire County Council
Councillor	Pam Redford	Warwick District Council (WDC)
Councillor	Chris Goodwin	Parish Council Vice Chairman
Councillor	Walter Bush	
Councillor	Mike Meakin	
Councillor	Roger Horsfall	
Councillor	Steve Williams	
Louise Given	Lucy Price Relief in Need Chairman	
Alison Beese	Village Hall Management Committee Chairman	
Phil Clark	Baginton United Charity Chairman	

The Chairman opened the meeting at 8.00pm, welcoming those present and explained that it is a legal requirement to hold a parish meeting once a year between 1st March and 1st June that is open to all electors of the parish. Unlike a parish council meeting, electors have a right to speak at this meeting.

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 11th April 2019, having been circulated and approved at the May 2019 Parish Council Ordinary meeting were duly noted. There were no questions arising.

2. PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman 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 previous commitments. No report was available

4. REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

District Councillor Trevor Wright delivered a report on behalf of our District Councillors. The Chairman thanked Councillor Wright for his report, which is appended.

4.1 A member of the public asked for clarification on the housing being built by WDC and the social housing that WDC is taking over where it is being offloaded. They asked whether the 54 new affordable homes to be built in Baginton would be adopted by WDC. Councillor Wright suggested that this would be likely if they were offered to WDC.

5. REPORT BY PAROCHIAL CHARITY REPRESENTATIVES.

5.1) LUCY PRICE RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY

Sue Williams delivered a report for the Lucy Price Relief in Need Charity.

5.2 Councillor Wright suggested that there are grants available that align with some of the categories of payment that could be explored.

Sue was thanked. Her report is summarised within the appendix.

5.3) BAGINTON UNITED CHARITY

The Parish Council Chairman delivered a report on behalf of Baginton United Charity. A copy of the report is appended.

5.4 There were no questions arising from the floor.

5.5) BAGINTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Lucy Jones presented a report on behalf of Baginton Village Hall. She also explained that decorating and refurbishment work would be taking place this year and that grants have been obtained for this work. Electricity costs are rising dramatically and it was suggested that the Hall should look at whether there is sufficient lagging in the roof above the heating grids.

5.6 Councillor Wright advised that there are grants available for installation of new systems that can reduce energy consumption to help with climate change.

The Chairman thanked Lucy for her report, which is appended.

5.7) LUCY PRICE SUNDAY SCHOOL TRUST

There was no report provided by the Lucy Price Sunday School Trust.

5.8 A member of the public asked if there is still a Sunday school. A trustee who was present explained that there is a space in the church where the Sunday school can be held, but there are no children currently attending church. Plans are being looked at for a building in the church grounds.

6. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR.

6.1 A member of the public thanked all Councillors, trustees and volunteers for their work.

7. CLOSURE.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance. The meeting closed at 8:40pm.

APPENDICES – ANNUAL REPORTS**NOTES FOR CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT
FOR 21st APRIL 2022 MEETING**

- Baginton Parish Council held 10 meetings over the last year. Councillor attendance is listed in Appendix I.
- Despite COVID restrictions, County & District Councillors have kept the Parish Council fully informed of all matters, for which we thank them.
- Police maintained a presence within Baginton last year, which included undertaking specific speed checks on Coventry Road and Mill Hill, plus additional foot patrols during the Christmas period and working with the landowner to address nuisance from bikes trespassing on the flood plain.
- There were 19 planning applications made this year, compared to 20 last year and 16 the previous year. The Parish Council considered each application carefully and lodged an objection to 3 applications.
- Where COVID restrictions have allowed, Baginton Events continues to organise a variety of entertainment events for our community.
- The Village Website, Newsletter, Notice Boards and Parish Council Facebook page continue to provide information for the community.
- Financially, the Parish Council operated stringently against its budget. A series of successful cost savings have allowed for a slight increase in bank reserves to further administer the Parish.
- Work has started to re-establish our Lucy Price Playground. We thank the project team led by Councillor Taylor and the Lucy Price Relief in Need Charity, WDC, SEGRO, Coventry Gospel Hall Trust, Baginton Events and Baginton Lions FC for grants and equipment totalling about £90,000 to aid the project.
- 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, Julie Keightley 21.04.2022

ATTENDANCE OF COUNCILLORS AT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS
APRIL 2021 to APRIL 2022

There have been 10 meetings of the Council, including one extraordinary meeting in the last year. The following attendances were recorded:

Councillor	Julie Keightley	Chairman	10
Councillor	Chris Goodwin	Vice Chairman	8
Councillor	Walter Bush		9
Councillor	David Hewer		9
Councillor	Roger Horsfall		7
Councillor	Rob Newman		9
Councillor	Mike Meakin		9
Councillor	Robert Taylor		10
Councillor	Steve Williams		10
Clerk	Phil Clark		10

Average attendance by the public 5 per meeting

End of year report 2021/22

During 2021/22 We have been very focused on securing various grants and support for business during the Covid Pandemic, the local community, housing, the homeless, rough sleepers and various levels of support for the declared Climate Emergency.

Gigafactory Proposals

The Gigafactory has caused much concern around our elected area particularly in Bagington and Bubbenhall. This very complex situation has taken up a significant amount of time to deal with and Cllr Pam Redford & Cllr Trevor Wright has spent many hours working with planning officers, the local community and the developers to understand and mitigate any actions. The first element was to ensure that Coventry Airport **WAS NOT** removed from the Green Belt and that when **OUTLINE** planning permission was granted significant restrictions were included in the 106 agreements. This was successful and you can be assured that we will continue to work on ensuring that the Communities concerned are represented and that we can gain mitigation and support for any disruption and concerns.

Coventry Gateway South

Coventry Gateway South has continued to develop and the area is being reclaimed from being a tip for many years. The area is being cleared and the promised Country Park and Water Pools are in place and expected to be open in May 2022. Having visited the site we noted that wildlife is beginning to become established and we are sure will flourish. We will continue to work with the developers to ensure they stand by their commitments in a joined-up way to other developments including HS2.

HS2

As with previous years we continue to work with HS2 to minimise the effect on the community. We have regular and ongoing meetings with all those affected where possible introducing solutions. You can be assured we will continue to be involved representing the community as necessary as we have in the past 5 years plus.

The A46/A45 restructure and Westwood Heath Link Road

Over the past 12 months there has been many issues and plans put forward and the long-awaited restructure of the A46 Stoneleigh junction has now started which once completed will hopefully help with the local traffic issues.

Parish Councils and General Council meetings

All meetings have been problematic due to the various Covid restrictions with many migrating to on-line or reduced capacity meetings.

During the past year both Cllr Pam Redford & Cllr Trevor Wright have continued to support and attend Parish Council Meetings, Council meetings and Community issue meetings (such as HS2) including working along side our MP Jeremy Wright on various issues.

We have also continued to be members of the following committees. And Project Boards

- Overview & Scrutiny
- Planning
- Licensing & Regulatory
- Health & Wellbeing
- Transition

Below is a list of elements introduced in the wider community all of which your elected councillors were involved in.

Warwick District Council tax

Frozen for 2022/23

Whilst this may seem like a minor element it is in recognition of the cost-of-living increases.

Merger of services with Stratford

Work has started in terms of merging services with Stratford to maintain cost effectiveness and quality of services.

This DOES not include a full political merger which is subject to a final decision of the Government

- **Covid Support Grants**

During the past year WDC have secured and distributed over £53M in government support grants to many different businesses including: -

- Business restart grants
- Sport and leisure clubs
- Hospitality & Leisure sector
- Small business offering services (such as hairdressers)
- Community Projects

- **Arts Organisations Awarded Recovery Grants**

Warwick District Council's Arts Team were also successful in securing over £256,000 from Council England's (ACE) Culture Recovery Fund Grants.

This will ensure the future viability of the Art Section's cultural offer, which includes exhibitions, events and workshops at Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum and a programme of live performance and film at the Royal Spa Centre.

- **Building New Homes to boost the affordable council house supply**

In the past year Warwick District Council formed a Housing Company partnership with Milverton Homes Vistry Linden to deliver 620 new quality homes in Kenilworth over the next 8 years. This commitment from the council will accelerate the provision of housing, including much-needed affordable housing, in the district.

Warwick District Council, investing £60 million into the joint venture, will receive 248 affordable homes which are zero- carbon and built to 'national development space' standards. Milverton Homes will receive a further 62 for private rent, enabling an excellent quality product for this market.

This investment will help to tackle some of the affording housing issues locally and provide a source of revenue to the council for future investments.

Funding to tackle rough sleeping

In support of the plans to tackle rough sleeping in the area Warwick District Council secured £835,000 of central government funding to help to support a range of ambitious local schemes.

Confirmation of the funding will allow the Council to continue with a number of projects to assist those facing homelessness and to provide permanent homes for those previously found sleeping rough. This includes the purchase and refurbishment of a range of accommodation in the district where the residents can receive professional support to assist them in turning their lives around, so that they can achieve their long-term goals and potential.

- **WDC welcome up to 50 families from Afghanistan**

In 2021 WDC welcomed up to 50 families from Afghanistan as well as sourcing suitable housing to accommodate around 100 people identified through the government's Afghan Relocation Assistance Policy (ARAP) scheme, Warwick District Council's housing team will be working alongside Warwickshire County Council, public health and community groups to prepare for a safe and smooth integration for those resettling here. At the same time, Stratford-on-Avon District Council has been working to identify privately rented self-contained accommodation for up to 25 families and is encouraging local landlords to get in touch if they have a property to let.

The funding for this was secured from the Central Government Home Office as part of the resettlement programme and not from local council tax payments.

- **Electric charging points**

During 2021 the number of electric charging points were increased by 40 in **Warwick District Council OWNED** car parks making a total of 60 overall, with more planned for 2022.

** Please note these are in addition to any planned charging points by Warwickshire County Council.*

- **Funding support secured from central government and is available to create more energy efficient homes**

In 2021 /22, WDC has been successful in securing grants for a number of schemes amounting to over £4m from BEIS (department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy) this will be used to retrofit over 270 Council properties to improve the energy performance and reduce carbon emissions

In addition to this....

- **WDC have been awarded an additional grant to help low-income households out of fuel poverty**

Dozens of homes in the district will have permanently reduced fuel bills and more energy efficient homes following our success at securing government funding of over £2.5m awarded by the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) Home Upgrade Grant scheme to Warwick District Council to support households that are on a low income and considered 'off-grid', meaning they are reliant on alternative fuel sources such as bottled gas or oil to heat their homes.

The grant will pay for energy efficiency measures such as wall and roof insulation as well as new low-carbon heating systems, thermostats and room heating controls.

The funding will be targeted at the least energy efficient properties with an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rating of D-G

Finally. If you didn't know....

We spend around 25-35 hours per week on our community business as we cover 5 wards in our area. Our roles are **UNPAID** and in effect we are volunteers who care about our community.

We do get an expense allowance to pay for our office services, travel etc and these amounts are published on the Warwick District Council web site

Abuse (both online and in person) has unfortunately increased during the pandemic

WE are YOUR Warwick District Councillors working for OUR COMMUNITY.

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Report from the Trustees of the Lucy Price Relief in Need Charity to the Baginton Parish Meeting of 21st April 2022

This report relates to the financial year ending 31st December 2021.

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, David Hewer 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.

Trustees are appointed to serve until the elections in May 2023.

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 have finalised the accounts for the year ending 31st December 2021. Their report to the trustees was approved at a recent trustee meeting.

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 risk has reduced in recent years in order to try and protect the capital value of the portfolio, the most recent risk profile was calculated to be approximately 3.1 (on a scale of 1-10). 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, drama etc
- Extra-curricular tuition to bring up to national standards
- School trips
- Driving lessons
- Hardship issues
- Discretionary grants
- Village swimming club
- Christmas parties

Expenditures

Total expenditure during the year was £44248 and the main elements of expenditure were:

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•	Academic Grants	£ 18930 (these included university, A level & equiv)
•	School uniform	£ 850
•	School trips/outings	£ 2326
•	Extra-curricular	£ 1189
•	Discretionary	£ 5983
•	Driving lessons	£ 1800
•	Swimming tuition	£ 1667
•	Christmas party/gifts	£ 1300
•	Audit, admin & post	£ 4815

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 claim and how to claim then please contact a trustee for the necessary support.

Louise Given
On behalf of the Trustees
18th April 2022

Baginton United Charities
Statement of Accounts

For period 1st Jan 2021 – 31st Dec 2021

Income: £154.94 Dividend from Charities Investment Fund (COIF)

Expenditure: £0

Assets at 31st December 2021: -

COIF value £6025.96 (293 units at 2056.64p each)

HSBC Bank account £2139.84

Total Assets £8164.80

REPORT

COVID has significantly restricted that ability of the Charity to make gifts and donations over the last few years.

In addition to this, our Bank has also now introduced a £5 per month management charge for our account, which over a year will absorb half of our income.

At the Trustee meeting on 6th January, the continued viability of the Charity was discussed. It was concluded that the best future for the Charity would be if we could amalgamate with another local Charity to maximise our efficiency. This option is currently being explored.

Baginton Village Hall Committee

Chairman's Annual Report for 2021:

I appreciate all of the committee members' help over the last year. Without you the villagers wouldn't have this fabulous venue to continue using.

We have continued to maintain the hall and grounds. Having replaced blown window units in the main hall, which have given a new lease of life to the hall; purchased folding rectangular tables, along with streamlining the store cupboard. Outside, it's taken several weekends with a small working party to start to de-weed the borders and tidy the car park of leaves, before having some of the larger trees pollarded.

The village hall accounts system has moved from paper to electronic spreadsheets, making it easier for the Treasurer and Lettings officer in their committee jobs, along with updating the lettings pricing structure and how the Newsletter invoicing is handled.

We are still a very profitable charity and that is solely due to the hard work from the committee members.

Hopefully, during the next year, our maintenance and refurbishment program will continue.

Thanks again to the committee for their continued help.

Treasurer's Report:

We have a balance of £44493 at 31/12/2021.

Alison Beese