

BAGINTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON

THURSDAY 2nd November 2023 AT BAGINTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT:

Councillor	Josh Payne	District Councillor
Councillor	Chris Goodwin	Chairman
Councillor	Walter Bush	Vice Chairman
Councillor	Gary Colville	
Councillor	Rob Newman	
Councillor	Roger Horsfall	
Councillor	Mike Meakin	
Councillor	Andrew Parkes	

Clerk Phil Clark

Public 2 members of the public were present.

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

2563. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, APOLOGIES & WELCOME

2563.1 Declarations of interest were sought and none were received.

2563.2 The following had apologised: Councillor Wallace Redford – County Councillor
Councillor Pam Redford - District Councillor
Councillor Robert Taylor

2564. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

2564.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 5th October, having been circulated, were approved without amendment. Proposed by Councillor Goodwin & seconded by Councillor Colville.

2565. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WALLACE REDFORD

2565.1 Councillor Wallace Redford had apologised and sent his reports during the previous month.

2565.2 Councillor Horsfall asked what the term 'orphaned land' meant in relation to Councillor Redford's report on the JLR site. **Clerk to action.**

The Chairman thanked Councillor Redford for his reports.

2566. REPORTS FROM WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

2566.1 Councillor Pam Redford had apologised and sent her reports during the previous month.

2566.2 Councillor Josh Payne had been in touch with WDC contract services about areas of grass that had not been cut in Baginton, which were mentioned at a previous meeting. He asked for more specific details of locations. **Clerk to action.**

2566.3 Councillor Payne had been working with WDC departments on fly-tipping, which is becoming prevalent in Parishes within his Cubbington & Leek Wootton Ward. He highlighted the 2 new positions that had been filled in the department and suggested that the Chantry Heath Lane hotspot was now being cleared on a regular basis.

- 2566.4 Councillor Goodwin indicated that the fly-tipping in Baginton Spinney had been there for 6 weeks. Councillor Payne said he was not familiar with the area and could we give him more details. **Clerk to action.**
- 2566.5 Councillor Goodwin allowed a resident to speak at this point. The resident highlighted fly-tipping on private land outside The Lunt Roman Fort and at the Segro site opposite the Midland Air Museum. The resident had informed the land owners. Councillor Colville indicated that he had been in touch with Coventry City Council regarding the Segro site fly tipping and they were also looking into it.
- 2566.6 Councillor Payne spoke about bus services in his Ward and asked what services were like in Baginton. Councillors generally thought that services had fallen below the number for the village to function properly and that those services which were retained did not operate at key commuting, shopping and school times. Complaints had been received from residents, but the bus operators were trying to reduce cost from non-profitable services. Councillor Payne indicated that surveys on bus services were being undertaken in Cubbington to collate data and asked in Councillors would push similar surveys in Baginton. Councillors welcomed the opportunity.
- 2566.7 Councillor Payne asked about the loss of the village shop and Post Office and whether WDC could help reinstate it. Councillor Bush explained that the business had been in decline for years, depending primarily on passing trade and local workmen, with very little income generated from residents. A combination of factors including WDC banning workmen from Baginton to reduce traffic and the opening of the Haul Road bypass had caused profits to plummet. Post Office Ltd would never re-open the Baginton branch and nobody came forward with an offer for the shop. Councillor Payne asked if the thriving garden centres had helped support the shop and whether this could be exploited. Councillor Goodwin pointed out that the garden centres had very different retail structures, being destination shopping rather than local or passing trade. Councillors agreed that a traditional village shop was probably not viable in the current village environment.
- 2566.8 Councillor Payne asked further about pavement parking, which had been raised at a previous meeting. Councillor Goodwin indicated the matter would be discussed later in the meeting.

The Chairman thanked Councillors Payne and Redford for their reports.

2567. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD.

- 2567.1 A member of the public had expressed concerns that the main drain from his property that runs under Holly Walk carriageway was starting to collapse. **Clerk to investigate.**
- 2567.2 The Country Park Liaison Chairman reported on the Country Park phase 2 along Bubbenhall Road, highlighting the loss of Buckingham Group and the need to re-apply for environmental licences was delaying progress.
- 2567.3 With regards to phase 1 of the Country Park on Rowley Road, the Liaison Chairman reported that Buckingham had been looking into seating, benches, signage etc. for the park, which is now being delayed while new contractors are sought.
- 2567.4 With regards to planting on phase 1 of the Country Park, the Liaison Chairman reported that Whiting Landscapes will be replacing many of the trees and shrubs that have died since they were planted, but it was also highlighted that the soil and growing environment created in the bunds and other landscaped areas were not ideal for growing larger trees and shrubs.

- 2567.5 The Country Park Liaison Chairman indicated that meetings with Segro and the park management company (Peterson Associates) were very sporadic, with the liaison group having little input into the ongoing design and maintenance issues.
- 2567.6 Councillor Meakin expressed concern about deep and potentially dangerous ruts that had appeared in the phase 1 footpaths after heavy rain. The Liaison Chairman suggested the compressed aggregate path was not what was promised during the consultation for the Country Park. Councillor Horsfall suggested it was the bare minimum required to fulfil the S106 requirements imposed on the developers by WDC.

The Chairman thanked the Country Park Liaison Chairman for the reports and the efforts of the team.

2568. SOUTH OF COVENTRY (SoC) DEVELOPMENTS

- 2568.1 Councillor Bush had asked Segro if the painted hoardings along Rowley Road could be reduced to 4ft to offer views over the countryside towards Coventry and reduce the options for graffiti. Segro had indicated that the hoarding belonged to JLR and we were free to contact them regarding this. **Clerk to action.**

2569. POLICE MATTERS.

- 2569.1 The next Parish Council meeting with Warwickshire Police has been confirmed as 20th November from 7:00pm to 9:00pm with venue to be confirmed closer to the date. Councillor Parkes has volunteered to attend.
- 2569.2 The Police have appointed a new Road Safety Office to liaise directly with the growing number of Community Speed Watch groups, which are up from 56 to 72 in the last 18 months. This no longer falls under the Safer Neighbourhood Team.
- 2569.3 It was confirmed that concerns regarding speeding traffic now falls under the Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership.
- 2569.4 The Clerk noted that specific areas in Baginton would receive a Police Survey regarding antisocial people and car activity around Rowley Road and the Country Park. Councillor Colville welcomed the survey and would encourage local residents to voice an opinion.
- 2569.5 Councillor Goodwin revisited concerns about pavement parking, which was originally discussed at the previous meeting. The Clerk had been in touch with various groups including the Police Road Safety Unit, Baginton's Police Safer Neighbourhood Team, Warwickshire Police Enforcement and WCC. Previous suggestions of the Parish Council organising a leaflet campaign in specific areas of Baginton were strongly advised against. The Safer Neighbourhood Team would organise a Police targeted leaflet drop if the Parish Council could indicate an area of the village. Councillors agreed that Coventry Road from the Dakota Guest House to the Oak Public House was a specific area for action. **Clerk to report.**

2570. BAGINTON EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

- 2570.1 The film night on 20th October was the comedy 'Joyride'.
- 2570.2 The next film night on 24th November will be the drama 'Allelujah' with Jennifer Saunders.
- 2570.3 The Bonfire Event is scheduled for Saturday 4th November and the risk assessment was sent to our insurers on 11th October. Councillors discussed safety during storm Ciaran which was passing over the UK at the moment and whether the event should be postponed. The organisers would make a decision later that evening.

2571. AIRPORT MATTERS

2571.1 Councillor Payne indicated that he was part of the WDC Specialist Committee relating to the airport and would be happy to feed back anything he could, but the committee was quiet at the moment with no immediate matters to discuss.

2571.2 Councillor Horsfall reported that the next Airport Liaison meeting was scheduled for 14th November.

2572. PLANNING

a. Planning decisions received since the last meeting

- i. W/23/1042 – A 2-storey side extension at No. 28 Oak Close. Circulated to Councillors on 15th August. **NEUTRAL** response issued 8th September. **REFUSED** 30th October.

b. To note applications awaiting WDC decision.

- ii. W/23/1243 – Installation of solar panels on facility roof – UKBIC, Rowley Road. **SUPPORT** response issued 2nd October
- iii. W/23/1361 – Loft conversion with 2 front and 1 rear dormer, plus the erection of a single storey rear extension at The Hollies, Holly Walk, Baginton. **NEUTRAL** response issued 26th October.

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

- i. W/23/1446 – Installation of 10 illuminated signs, 2 non-illuminated signs and 6 flags all bearing the DHL Logo on the outside of Unit 4A, Samaritan Way, Segro Park. Circulated to Councillors 17th October with response required by 3rd November.
- ii. Item i. above was discussed regarding whether the numbers of illuminated signs were excessive and whether unnecessary light pollution would be an issue for the village, especially for the new houses planned opposite The Oak public house. It was resolved to report a neutral stance, but to express concerns about the illumination being kept to a practical and not excessive level. Proposed Councillor Goodwin, seconded by Councillor Newman and passed by show of hands. **Clerk to report.**

2573 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
- Coventry Road
- Frances Road
- Friends Close
- Firefly Road
- Kimberley Road
- Hall Drive
- Holly Walk

- Mill Hill
- Mylgrove
- Oak Close
- Silver Eagle Way
- Roman Way
- Rowley Road
- Stoneleigh Road
- Underhill Close

2573.1 The pavement on the Mill Hill service road has been marked for repair and potholes on the service road have been filled.

2573.2 Councillors asked about new cameras that had been installed on the link road between the Bubbenhall and Stoneleigh Roads. **Clerk to ask Councillor Wallace Redford.**

2574 OPEN SPACE.

2574.1 The Clerk met with builders on 23rd October and is awaiting a quotation. This may take a couple of weeks as bespoke metal plating beams need to be priced to fit the Smithy timbers. Plating the beams will require some of the electrical cables to be re-routed. **Clerk to circulate builder's website details.**

2574.2 The proposed footpath between Church Road and the bus stop on Coventry Road was discussed. Reservations about disturbing the roots of established trees were voiced, but the developers (Lovell Partnership) were being strictly monitored and must use a no-dig technique. It was resolved to give permission to build the path across our land, subject to approval by WCC Highways and WDC Planning.

2574.3 WDC have created 2 new posts to help deal with fly tipping.

2574.4 The fly tipping in the Pond & Spinney area originally reported on 24th September was re-reported by Councillor Pam Redford on 6th October with a new reference No. 449841. This was chased again by the Clerk on 16th October. Discussed previously in point 2566.4 above.

2574.5 The hedges were cut around the Lucy Price Playground, Church Road and Kimberley Road on the week commencing 30th October.

2575 GRANTS MATTERS TO NOTE

2575.1 No new grant matters to report.

2576 GENERAL MATTERS TO NOTE

2576.1 None received.

2577 FINANCIAL MATTERS TO NOTE.

a. Currently Earmarked Funds

Earmarked Charity Donated Monies	£1330.29
Earmarked Funds (Lucy Price Playground)	£9574.00
Earmarked Funds (Election Expenses)	£6000.00
Earmarked Funds (Badge of Office)	£118.45
Earmarked Funds (Bus Shelters & Notice Boards)	£860.00
Earmarked Defibrillator Consumables & Service	£250.00
Earmarked Smithy Maintenance & Repair	£0.00
Total Earmarked Reserves	£18132.74

- b. To advise Bank balances as of 25/10/2023
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| HSBC treasurers (community) account: - | £ 3733.11 |
| HSBC savings (BMM) account: - | £ 32646.16 |
| Total in Bank | £ 36379.27 |
- c. **Reserves (Bank less earmark & committed)** **£18246.53**
- d. Bank Charges per month **£8.00**

- e. A resolution was passed to pay the items below by electronic transfer. Proposed by Councillor Goodwin, seconded by Councillor Horsfall and passed by a show of hands.

	Value	Pay Number
Clerk's monthly salary (40.1 hours @ NJC Level 7)	£466.36	Pay 101
Thompsons #016	£688.62	Pay 102
Cash needed in Current Account	£1154.98	

2578 CONSULTATIONS TO NOTE.

- 2578.1 It was noted that the joint Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick District South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP) has been significantly delayed, with public consultation pushed back to autumn 2024 at the earliest.

2579 BROCHURES AND DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR PERUSAL.

- 2579.1 Warwickshire Outlook – Winter 2023

2580 ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

- 2580.1 The vacant Councillor position was referred to WDC who confirmed on 27th October that no election is required and the Parish Council can proceed with co-option. **Clerk to action.**
- 2580.2 In anticipation of co-option being allowed, our Policy was updated in line with the latest WALC update. Circulated to Councillors 29th October.
- 2580.3 Councillor Colville has volunteered to join the Parish Council Emergency Committee.
- 2580.4 Councillor Parkes has agreed to be one of the Parish Council representatives on the Lucy Price Relief in Need Charity.
- 2580.5 Councillor Bush asked about the 5-year review of our Neighbourhood Plan in relation to the Local Plan delays announced in 2578.1 above. The review group had asked for more information from WDC, but had received nothing yet. It was suggested that as a minimum, we should report to WDC that we were undertaking our 5-year review as required, but the lack of an emerging WDC Local Plan was preventing a conclusion. **Clerk to action.**
- 2580.6 Councillor Colville agreed to join the Neighbourhood Development Plan Review Group with Councillors Bush and Taylor.
- 2580.7 Councillor Colville indicated that Smith's Nurseries were prepared to cut back the hedges on the Stoneleigh Road to widen the path outside their site, but a traffic management system would need to be in place to allow a safe operation. Smith's also indicated that widening the path, lowering the speed limit at their site and the re-positioning of the Baginton Village sign to place them within the village boundary was greatly appreciated. **Clerk to liaise with WCC.**

2581 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

2581.1 The next ORDINARY meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 7th December 2023** at Baginton Village Hall from 7:30pm.

2582 CLOSE - The meeting closed at 8.35pm.