

BAGINTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 2nd February 2023 AT BAGINTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT:

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	Walter Bush	
Councillor	David Hewer	
Councillor	Gary Colville	
Councillor	Roger Horsfall	
Councillor	Mike Meakin	
Clerk	Phil Clark	

Public 3 members of the public were present.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:30pm and welcomed those present and introduced Councillor Colville to those who had not met him at the previous meeting.

2387. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, APOLOGIES & WELCOME

2387.1 Declarations of interest were sought and none were received.

2387.2 The following had apologised: Councillor Robert Taylor
Councillor Rob Newman

2388. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

2388.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12th January 2023, having been circulated, were approved without amendment. Proposed by Councillor Keightley & seconded by Councillor Hewer.

2389. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WALLACE REDFORD

2389.1 Councillor Wallace Redford asked if the 'strike bulletins' he circulated were of any use. The Clerk confirmed that although the updates were very useful initially, media coverage and business advertising of their own strikes were now the primary form of notice and it would be OK if WCC's duplicate bulletins were to cease.

2389.2 Councillor Redford confirmed that an order had been issued to clean mud from the Bubbenhall Road and then the deep ruts at the edge of the road will be filled and made safe with the tailings he has requested.

2389.3 With regards to the natural springs that cause water on the Bubbenhall Road, controlling their impact is proving difficult. Councillor Hewer stated that a drainage diversion had been put in place 10 years ago that had proved effective, but this was probably not working correctly or was being overwhelmed by an increasing water table. Councillor Redford said he would order a survey to check the extent and condition of the drainage system in the area.

2389.4 Councillor Redford discussed pedestrian safety at the Mill Hill Bridge. He confirmed that due to the cost and permissions required, a separate pedestrian footbridge was not a viable option. However, a traffic-light controlled single-track carriageway for vehicles crossing the bridge and a wider, safer footpath and cycleway occupying the rest of the bridge could be looked into. He stressed that pursuing this was not going to be quick, but asked if the Parish Council would support it. Councillor

Keightley highlighted that this was one of the options that had already been ratified by the village in the Neighbourhood Plan and adopted by the Parish Council through its Baginton 'Wish List'.

Councillor Meakin suggested that this option would look better than a separate footbridge running alongside the existing Grade 2 stone traffic bridge. Councillor Hewer suggested that the chicane by the allotments may need to be removed if the lights cause traffic to back-up. Councillor Goodwin asked if traffic could be controlled via 'give-way' or 'priority' systems rather than traffic lights, but Councillor Redford indicated the line-of-sight across the bridge would probably not permit this.

Councillor Keightley proposed that Councillor Redford should pursue an investigation into the feasibility of the single-track option, second by Councillor Meakin and passed by show of hands.

Councillor Redford will update us on any progress.

- 2389.5 Councillor Hewer spoke to Councillor Redford about water and potholes along Watery Lane. Councillor Redford confirmed that they were investigating.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Redford for his report.

2390. REPORTS FROM WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

2390.1 Councillors Pam Redford confirmed that the Covent Garden car park in Leamington would close permanently from 12th February and alternative parking areas were listed on the WDC website.

2390.2 Councillor Redford also confirmed that National Lottery grants of up to £10000 were available for Parish Councils, Community Groups and Charities who wished to organise events and activities to celebrate King Charles III Coronation. Councillor Hewer asked if Coronation Mugs would be supplied by WDC. Councillor Redford confirmed these would need to be sought privately.

2390.3 Councillor Wright confirmed there were a number of extensive road projects underway locally, especially around Leamington. Works in the Thickthorne A452 / A46 roundabout area were causing significant delays and should be avoided.

2390.4 Councillor Wright confirmed that the precept was still being discussed and should be agreed within the next two weeks. WDC are trying to hold things steady whilst not jeopardising long term projects.

2390.5 Councillor Horsfall suggested that whilst noise was still audible when close to the UKBIC site, noise was no longer impacting on Baginton. Councillor Pam Redford confirmed that works with acoustic barriers had been completed in mid-December and was please they had made a difference. Councillor Colville confirmed that he noticed background noise was significantly reduced during his astronomy nights.

The Chairman thanked Councillors Redford and Wright for their reports.

2391. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD.

2391.1 No matters were raised by the public.

2392. SOUTH OF COVENTRY (SoC) DEVELOPMENTS

2392.1 There were no new South of Coventry matters to report. The next meeting is in March and the date has yet to be confirmed.

2393. POLICE MATTERS.

2393.1 The Police HGV super cab continued to operate, with 77 offences recorded over 5 days, including phone, seatbelts, speeding and drug driving offences.

2393.2 Councillor Goodwin highlighted an abandoned car in the Rowley Road car park, which had not moved for more than a month and whose tyres were now flat. Councillor Wright suggested reporting it before somebody set it alight and created a bigger problem. **Clerk to inform Police.**

2394. BAGINTON EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

2394.1 The film night on Friday 27th January was 'Edie'.

2394.2 The next film on 24th February is the comedy 'Phantom of the Open'.

2394.3 Next Party in the Park is scheduled for 8th July 2023. Tickets will be on sale soon.

2394.4 The Baginton Events accounts have been audited.

2395. AIRPORT MATTERS

2395.1 An increase in training and leisure flights were noted.

2395.2 It was reported that investigations were ongoing with respect to small aircraft deviating from their approved flight plan.

2395.3 A local business reported they had been approached by the owner of land assigned for the proposed Gigafactory. They were still seeking a possible investor for the site and would keep local businesses appraised every 3 to 6 months.

2396. PLANNING**a. Planning decisions received since the last meeting**

- i. W/22/1704 – Reserved matters relating to layout, landscaping, access, appearance etc relating to Plot 3A on Gateway South. Circulated to Councillors 7th November. **SUPPORT** response reported 25th November. **GRANTED** 30th January.

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 2nd December.
- ii. W/22/1955 – Installation of 648 solar panels on the roof of Aubrey Allen Butchers, Siskin Parkway East. Circulated to Councillors 19th December, with response required by 6th January. **SUPPORT** response issued 5th January
- iii. W/23/0020 – Single storey side and rear extension, extended porch and rebuilt garage – No. 70 Mill Hill. Circulated to Councillors 13th January with response required by 2nd February. **NEUTRAL** response reported 27th January.

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

- i. W/23/0037 – A 2-storey side extension – No. 66 Mill Hill. Circulated to Councillors 23rd January with response required by 9th February. Councillor Keightley suggested this was in keeping with other developments in the street and posed no impact on the street scene. It was also noted that the immediate neighbour had entered a letter of support. **NEUTRAL** stance was proposed by Councillor Keightley, second by Councillor Goodwin and passed by show of hands. **Clerk to report.**
- ii. W/23/0040 – Reserved Matters (Access, layout, landscaping, appearance etc.) for pumping station and substation circulated to Councillors 2nd February with response required by 22nd February. Councillor Keightley highlighted where the proposed development lay in relation to Baginton, as this was not clear from the applicant's documents. Councillors to consider further and respond to the Clerk. **Awaiting Councillor responses.**

2397 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 – 2 Lamps 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

2397.1 The toppled signs on Rowley Road have been actioned.

2397.2 Councillor Hewer noted the 'Baginton' signpost into Howes Lane on the A45 slip road from Festival Island was too small. Councillor Goodwin highlighted that the Parish Council had bought the sign as there was none beforehand.

2398 OPEN SPACE.

2398.1 Three structural engineers have been identified to provide an independent assessment of the Smithy's structural integrity and the works needed to address any issues found. These are in the process of being contacted.

2398.2 Monthly checks on Playground safety continues and has identified a number of teething issues as the new equipment beds-in. These are being reported to our supplier and solutions being sought. It was confirmed that the badly designed bolts on the ninja trail have been replaced. Of note – touch-up paint from the suppliers came in 2.5L tins at £455 for all 5 colours. We have the RAL colour code and are seeking alternative suppliers of smaller volumes.

2398.3 Councillor Meakin highlighted a glass tabletop that had been left in the Country Park off Rowley Road. Councillor Keightley confirmed this needed to be reported to the Park Management Company. **Clerk to action.**

2398.4 Councillor Horsfall reported excessive litter at the entrance to the Lunt Fort and asked if Coventry City Council could be asked to keep their land clear. Councillor Goodwin highlighted that while our Baginton litter-picker continued to clear the litter, the Lunt were unlikely to see there is a problem that needs addressing. Councillor Keightley suggested the Lunt are contacted directly. **Clerk to action.**

2399 GRANTS MATTERS TO NOTE

2399.1 No new grant matters to report.

2400 GENERAL MATTERS TO NOTE

2400.1 None

2401 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
Total Earmarked Reserves	£19582.64

b. To advise Bank balances as of 25/01/2023

HSBC treasurers (community) account: -	£ 3693.38
HSBC savings (BMM) account: -	£ 31822.04
Total in Bank	£ 35515.42

c. Reserves (Bank less earmark & committed) £15932.7**d. Bank Charges per month £8.00****e. The items below were resolved to be paid by electronic transfer, proposed by Councillor Keightley and second by Councillor Goodwin and passed by a show of hands.**

	Value	Pay Number
Clerk's monthly salary (40.1 hours @ NJC Level 7)	£466.36	Pay 058
Cash needed in Current Account	£466.36	

2402 CONSULTATIONS TO NOTE.

2402.1 South Warwickshire Local Plan – Issues and Options Consultation was circulated to Councillors on 12th January, with response by 6th March.

2403 BROCHURES AND DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR PERUSAL.

- i. None

2404 ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

2404.1 Councillor Pam Redford asked if the Parish Council had a contact for reporting graffiti on the Rowley Road JLR hoardings. Clerk confirmed that the original contact had since left. JLR had been approached several times for a new contact and had not responded. Rob Young at WDC Planning had also been approached for a contact name. Councillor Redford said she would chase Rob Young for a contact name.

2405 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

2405.1 Next Ordinary Meeting: **Thursday 2nd March 2023** @ 7.30pm, Baginton Village Hall.

2406 CLOSE - The meeting closed at 8.03pm.