

# **BAGINTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON**

### **THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024 AT BAGINTON VILLAGE HALL**

#### **PRESENT:**

Councillor	Pam Redford	District Councillor
Councillor	Chris Goodwin	Chairman
Councillor	Walter Bush	Vice Chairman
Councillor	Gary Colville	
Councillor	Mike Meakin	
Councillor	Robert Taylor	
Councillor	Rob Newman	
Councillor	Roger Horsfall	
Councillor	Craig Biggerstaff	
Clerk	Phil Clark	

Public                  1 members of the public were present.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:30pm and welcomed those present. Mr Craig Biggerstaff was confirmed as the newly co-opted Parish Councillor and was introduced to those present.

#### **2603. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, APOLOGIES & WELCOME**

2603.1 Declarations of interest were sought and none were received.

2603.2 The following had apologised: Councillor Wallace Redford          County Councillor  
Councillor Josh Payne                  District Councillor  
Councillor Andrew Parkes

#### **2604. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.**

2604.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December, having been circulated, were approved without amendment. Proposed by Councillor Goodwin & seconded by Councillor Colville.

#### **2605. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WALLACE REDFORD**

2605.1 Councillor Wallace Redford had sent various reports during the last month but could not attend the meeting and sent his apologies. There were no new matters to report.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Redford for his reports.

#### **2606. REPORTS FROM WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

2606.1 Councillor Pam Redford had also sent various reports during the last month and had no new matters to report.

2606.2 Councillor Meakin asked if flood defence improvements had lapsed in the District due to lack of money and diverted resources. Councillor Redford indicated that flood defences were an issue for the Environment Agency and not WDC. She added that the WDC Resilience Team were there to support Communities during flood events, but had no influence over defence works.

2606.3 Councillor Taylor asked if properties in Roman Way were in danger of flooding due to their proximity to the River Sowe. Councillor Goodwin suggested the only habitable building in Baginton known to flood was The Old Mill public house. Roman way had never been flooded, nor have any residents voiced concerns over this possibility.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Redford for her reports.

### **2607. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD.**

2607.1 No matters had been raised prior to the meeting.

2607.2 No matters were raised at the meeting.

### **2608. SOUTH OF COVENTRY (SoC) DEVELOPMENTS**

2608.1 Councillor Bush reported that at the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> December, Segro were made fully aware of the extent of anti-social behaviour and criminal activity on their Community Park and the surrounding roads. They are willing to help in any way they can.

2608.2 At the meeting it was agreed that the Rowley Road car park could be locked at night. A combination padlock will be supplied. Councillor Colville agreed to be the 'keyholder' contact for Segro and would pass the combination to other trusted residents. Councillor Goodwin volunteered to help with the gate. Segro are producing signage warning that the gates will be locked overnight. It will fall to the Parish Council to decide on opening / closing times and to advertise them clearly.

2608.3 Councillor Bush noted that once the second larger phase of the Country Park in Zone A is completed, Segro will be appointing security for the whole development and will take back responsibility for managing the car park.

2608.4 With regards to naming of the Community Park, Segro reserve the right to name it themselves. Segro suggested that if the Parish Council took responsibility for the Park's upkeep, we could choose our own name. However, Councillors quickly rejected this suggestion.

2608.5 With regards to using Segro ANPR to monitor antisocial drivers, Councillor Bush reported that the ANPR was linked only to an employee database for the various manufacturing sites and would not identify racing cars and other driver antisocial behaviour.

2608.6 Councillor Bush reported that nobody knew who owned and managed the CCTV cameras on Rowley Road. Suggestions were Coventry City Council or Highways England and a definitive answer is being sought.

2608.7 Councillors were reminded of the visit to UKBIC site from 3:00pm on 17<sup>th</sup> January. UKBIC to be informed of numbers attending. **Clerk to action.**

### **2609. POLICE MATTERS.**

2609.1 No Police matters had been raised prior to the meeting.

2609.2 Councillor Goodwin reported that he and others had seen considerable Police activity around the Rowley and Firefly Road area. One driver had been seen in handcuffs, whilst at least 6 cars have been impounded. Others report seeing unmarked Police cars parked in the area at various times. Councillors hope that this level of Police activity will deter 'events' from being organised in the area and the culprits will move elsewhere.

2609.3 WDC reported that introduction of CCTV in the Rowley / Firefly Road would only be considered if the vehicle problems persist after County Highways have completed their road layout alterations and the Police have concluded their operations in the area. CCTV is a last resort that needs to be heavily supported by Police evidence once other measures

have been fully implemented. Councillor Redford pointed out that the road alterations are secondary to the ongoing flooding issues.

2609.4 A vehicle was taken from Holly Walk on 2<sup>nd</sup> January and items were taken from a vehicle on The Oak car park on 3<sup>rd</sup> January. Several people were arrested attempting to take tools from vehicles outside the Dakota Guest House on 2<sup>nd</sup> January.

### **2610. BAGINTON EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE**

2610.1 There was no film night in December.

2610.2 The film on 26<sup>th</sup> January will be the biographical drama 'Elvis'.

2610.3 Party in the Park 2024 is scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> July and preparations are progressing.

2610.4 Councillor Goodwin asked about the Millennium Field alcohol licence and it was confirmed it allowed 5 events per year and was renewed by Direct Debit each July. The licence is available to view upon request with Councillor Goodwin holding the original and the Events Committee holding a valid copy.

### **2611. AIRPORT MATTERS**

2611.1 Next Airport meeting is May 2024.

### **2612. PLANNING**

#### **a. Planning decisions received since the last meeting**

None

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

- i. W/23/1704 – Non-illuminated signs on units 4B and 4C, Samaritan Way, Segro Park.  
**NEUTRAL** response reported 29<sup>th</sup> December.

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

- i. W/23/1725 Demolition of existing buildings and rebuild on new buildings and site layout at Unipart Logistics on Middlemarch Business Park. Circulated to Councillors on 12<sup>th</sup> December with response required by 11<sup>th</sup> January. Councillors discussed this site rebuild and offered a neutral stance. **Clerk to report.**

### **2613 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 – Standing Water
- Coventry Road
- Frances Road
- Friends Close
- Firefly Road
- Kimberley Road

- Hall Drive
- Holly Walk
- Mill Hill – Standing Water
- Mylgrove
- Oak Close
- Silver Eagle Way
- Roman Way
- Rowley Road
- Stoneleigh Road
- Underhill Close

2613.1 The Mill Hill service road pavement was resurfaced week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> December.

2613.2 A resident cleared debris and leaves from the drain grills at the A46 underpass on Mill Hill to aid drainage of the standing water on 28<sup>th</sup> December.

#### **2614 OPEN SPACE.**

2614.1 The Smithy renovations have been discussed with the tenant and he is happy with the plans as described. The Parish Council is awaiting confirmation of a start date from the builders to start work. Councillors agreed that if the proposed date is acceptable to the Smithy tenant, then we should agree and the matter does not need referring back to the Parish Council for a decision.

#### **2615 GRANTS MATTERS TO NOTE** - None

#### **2616 GENERAL MATTERS TO NOTE** - None

#### **2617 FINANCIAL MATTERS TO NOTE.**

a.	<b><u>Currently Earmarked Funds</u></b>	
	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
	<b>Total Earmarked Reserves</b>	<b>£18132.74</b>
b.	To advise Bank balances as of 25/12/2023	
	HSBC treasurers (community) account: -	£ 2152.07
	HSBC savings (BMM) account: -	£ 32798.55
	<b>Total in Bank</b>	<b>£34950.62</b>
c.	<b>Reserves (Bank less earmark &amp; committed)</b>	<b>£16817.88</b>
d.	Bank Charges per month	<b>£8.00</b>

- e. It was resolved to pay the bill below by electronic transfer. Proposed by Councillor Goodwin, seconded by Councillor Colville and passed by show of hands.

	Value	Pay Number
Employer NICs November	£3.80	Pay 110
Clerk's monthly salary (40.1 hours @ SCP Level 7)	£503.66	Pay 111
WDC Election Expenses	£300.00	Pay 112
Clerk's Income Tax	£2.60	Pay 113
Cash needed in Current Account	<b>£810.06</b>	

- i. The Village Hall grass cutting reimbursement and rent for £921.80 was paid on 13<sup>th</sup> December.
- ii. The precept for £18277 was reported to WDC on 19<sup>th</sup> December.
- iii. It was agreed that a meeting date was needed for the Finance Committee to review the accounts before the end of March. **Clerk to chase.**

### **2618 CONSULTATIONS TO NOTE.**

2618.1 The Warwickshire Fire and Rescue consultation was circulated to Councillors on 2<sup>nd</sup> January with response required by 10<sup>th</sup> March. Councillor Pam Redford explained that a restructuring of current services was necessary as insufficient on-call fire fighters were available to fulfil the existing operational schedule, but that Councillor Wallace Redford was more familiar with the consultation. Councillor Goodwin asked Councillors to familiarise themselves with the proposal, but to wait for Councillor Wallace Redford's comments at following meetings.

### **2619 BROCHURES AND DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR PERUSAL.**

2619.1 None received.

### **2620 ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

2620.1 Councillor Bush asked if any further communication had been received from the Developers about redevelopment of the Village Pond. The Clerk confirmed that the Developers had passed the plans and proposal to their Solicitors to draw-up the appropriate agreements and we would be sent copies for consideration.

2620.2 It was explained that when the surface water flows from our pond, it enters the stream on a neighbouring property, which ultimately flows into the River Sowe. The owner of the neighbouring property had refused permission to widen, dredge or divert the stream, placing the onus on the Developers to maintain an outflow that does not overwhelm the stream.

2620.3 Councillor Meakin asked if that were possible if a quick succession of storms were seen similar to those over the last month. Councillor Goodwin stated that attenuation ponds would initially capture the surface water and feed it away at a controlled rate. Councillor Bush questioned whether the size of the attenuation ponds and exit flow rates could be balanced to prevent flooding if a series of storms arrive in quick succession. The Clerk suggested that the Parish Council would need to take advice from WCC Flood Assessment Team and that we could still object to the plans if we were unhappy.

2620.4 Councillor Meakin suggested that recent heavy rain had again extensively eroded paths on the Community Park. Councillor Pam Redford offered to raise it at the next Segro meeting.

2620.5 Councillor Pam Redford asked about how our Neighbourhood Plan review was going, emphasising that we should not get ahead of the WDC Local Plan as the latter may make our work redundant. Councillor Bush reiterated that the Review Team were keeping in close contact with WDC to ensure they were working in parallel as much as possible.

**2621 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.**

2621.1 The next ORDINARY meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024** at Baginton Village Hall from 7:30pm.

**2622 CLOSE** - The meeting closed at 8.06pm.