

BAGINTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 1st December 2022 AT BAGINTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT:

Councillor	Wallace Redford	County Councillor
Councillor	Pam Redford	District Councillor
Councillor	Julie Keightley	Chairman
Councillor	Chris Goodwin	Vice Chairman
Councillor	Robert Taylor	
Councillor	David Hewer	
Councillor	Mike Meakin	
Councillor	Walter Bush	
Councillor	Rob Newman	

Clerk Phil Clark

Public 4 members of the public were present.

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

2347. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, APOLOGIES & WELCOME

2347.1 Declarations of interest were sought and none were received.

2347.2 The following had apologised: Councillor Trevor Wright - District Councillor
Councillor Roger Horsfall

2347.3 It was noted that Councillor Williams had resigned from the Parish Council. A vacancy has been advertised. WDC has been informed and will contact us after 7th December to advise on responses to the statutory election period. Councillor Keightley noted the 20 year service as Clerk & Councillor that Mr Williams had provided to Baginton, which was appreciated by all.

2348. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

2348.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 3rd November 2022, having been circulated, were approved without amendment. Proposed by Councillor Keightley & seconded by Councillor Taylor.

2349. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WALLACE REDFORD

2349.1 Councillor Wallace Redford had nothing new to report that had not been circulated previously.

2349.2 Councillor Taylor reported that measurement of the Mill Hill Bridge footpaths showed a failure to meet National Standards. Councillor Wallace Redford highlighted the bridge was listed, which limits any changes that can be made. Councillor Meakin suggested that pavements were a relatively recent addition and were not part of the listed status. Councillor Wallace Redford referred to his previous e-mail on this matter (circulated 25th November), and suggested that Scott Tompkins as the Planning and Design Development Senior should be contacted and asked for CIL / S106 money to be allocated to resolving the pedestrian safety issue. Councillor Keightley highlighted that pedestrian improvements had been part of the Village wish list for over a decade. A petition with 1000 names would force the matter to be considered, but this is not feasible with the number of residents and it is already included in the Neighbourhood Development Plan. Councillor Meakin and Councillor Goodwin both suggested a single carriageway across the bridge controlled by traffic lights would allow for one pavement to be widened. This should be the option requested through

Scott Tompkins and the Neighbourhood Plan supporting evidence should be included in the request. **Clerk to action.**

The Chairman thanked Councillor Redford for his report.

2350.REPORTS FROM WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- 2350.1 Councillor Pam Redford reported that car parking was free on Sundays in WDC car parks.
- 2350.2 It was noted that a broadband fibre post had been installed near Andrew's Close.
- 2350.3 Councillor Taylor highlighted his discussions with SEGRO and National Grid regarding use of renewable energy on their development sites. Item is to be raised at next SEGRO meeting, due mid December.
- 2350.4 Councillor Hewer raised concerns about mud on the road at the Gateway South development. Councillor Pam Redford confirmed she would send an e-mail to Buckingham. Councillor Goodwin noted that road cleaning was being carried out regularly from his viewpoint.

The Chairman thanked Councillors Redford for her reports

2351. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD.

- 2351.1 A member of the public asked if the speed check group were still operating. Chairman suggested asking the coordinator.
- 2351.2 A member of the public raised issues with the litter on Rowley Road. The Chairman highlighted that the area identified was the responsibility of Coventry City Council.

2352. SOUTH OF COVENTRY (SoC) DEVELOPMENTS

- 2352.1 The next meeting with Andrew Day regarding the Masterplanning Framework is scheduled for 4th January from 10:00am at Leamington Town Hall.
- 2352.2 Councillor Taylor had asked why SoC buildings were not using solar panels to supplement their energy needs. WDC's response was circulated to Councillors on 16th November. (see also 2350.3 above).
- 2352.3 The Country Park Liaison Group had their inaugural meeting with SEGRO.
- 2352.4 The next SEGRO meeting for Councils is scheduled for mid December.
- 2352.5 Councillor Meakin asked about the 'Welcome to Baginton' sign near The Oak Public House. The Clerk confirmed it was an enamelled sign and would cost around £1500 to refurbish, the majority connected with shipping. Councillor Meakin suggested cleaning and painting in situ. Councillor Newman offered to take a look to see if it is something he could arrange to be done.
- 2352.6 Councillor Meakin asked if the Coventry City Private Property sign on the new Community Park was due to be removed. The Country Park Liaison Group coordinator offered to progress this.

2353. POLICE MATTERS.

- 2353.1 Police report catching 4680 speeding drivers in Warwickshire during the 2 weeks starting 17th October. Of these, 74 are facing prosecution.
- 2353.2 Police have an active campaign to ask residents not to buy e-scooters as they are not legally allowed on public roads, pavements, public spaces etc. They are for private land use only. A total of 31 e-scooters have been seized in the last 6 months.
- 2353.3 An incident on Mill Hill had been reported to the Police on behalf of a resident – Broken stones thrown at house and window at 3pm on Saturday 26th November.

2354. BAGINTON EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

2354.1 The film on 25th November was 'Wild Rose'.

2354.2 There is no film in December.

2354.3 Bonfire Night took place on 5th November

2354.4 Next Party in the Park is scheduled for 8th July 2023

2355. AIRPORT MATTERS

2355.1 There were no new airport matters to report.

2356. PLANNING**a. Planning decisions received since the last meeting**

- i. W/22/1523 – Single storey front extension - No.18 Mill Hill. **SUPPORT** reported 7th October. **GRANTED** 15th November.
- ii. W/21/1655 – Reserved matters relating to the Gateway South Community Park. **NEUTRAL** response reported 10th October. **GRANTED** 31st October.

b. To note applications awaiting WDC decision.

- i. W/22/1038 – Outline permission with all matters reserved save for access for up to 66 dwellings, Land at Rosswood Farm, Coventry Road. **OBJECTION** issued 21st July. Further revised documents were circulated to Councillors 19th October, but these did not alter our original comments.

c. New planning applications or matters 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 with response by 25th November. **SUPPORT** response reported 25th November.
- ii. W/22/1730 - Reserved matters relating to layout, landscaping, access, appearance etc relating to the proposed Rugby Club. Circulated to Councillors 15th November with response required by 2nd December. **SUPPORT** issued 2nd December, with reservations on floodlights. Proposed by Councillor Keightley with second by Councillor Goodwin. Carried by show of hands.

2357. 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

- 2357.1 Mud on the road by the airport was reported to Buckingham, who swept the road clean.
- 2357.2 Notice was received that a night closure of Firefly Road for resurfacing, from 19th to 22nd December.
- 2357.3 Hedges were cut on Lucy Price Playground, Kimberley Road etc. as agreed. Invoice for payment is listed in financial section.
- 2357.4 Heavy and prolonged rain mid November cause various areas of standing water in Baginton. None were impassable and none could be classed as 'Flooding'. Most drained to leave 'Puddles' within 24 hours of the rain stopping.
- 2357.5 The Bridge was closed on 24th November for works to switch to the downstream side. Renovation work is due to be completed mid December, but repairs of the western parapet will take place in January.
- 2357.6 It was highlighted to WCC that both the temporary pedestrian footbridge and traffic lights at the Mill Bridge had provided significant benefits to pedestrian safety and traffic control with no reported drawbacks. This reinforces these measures being high on the village 'wish list'. WCC response was circulated to Councillors on 25th November.
- 2357.7 A new Kimberley Road street sign was installed week commencing 21st November.
- 2357.8 The S106 money for extending the footpath into Baginton via Rowley Road was discussed. Councillor Wallace Redford explained that it could be a dual footpath and cycle path, but this would require more money and take longer to do as a new assessment and design would need to be carried out. Councillor Goodwin suggested that the footpath only proposal should be approved, without the added complications of a cycle path at this time. Councillor Taylor argued for a dual footpath and cycle path, but appreciated it was probably wiser to get the footpath sorted now. Pavement only proposed by Councillor Goodwin and second by Councillor Keightley. Carried by show of hands. Councillor Wallace Redford asked for the Clerk to formally write to him with the decision. **Clerk to action.**

2358 OPEN SPACE.

- 2358.1 Councillor Hewer's assessment of The Smithy was circulated to Councillors on 23rd November. A project of this size would require grant money. An independent structural report was suggested, both to support any grant application and as it has been 20 years since the Parish Council took responsibility for The Smithy. Proposed by Councillor Keightley & supported by Councillor Hewer. Carried by show of hands.
- 2358.2 Questions were raised regarding the robustness of the fixings on the angled step unit of the Lucy Price Playground. The suppliers have contacted the manufacturers and new fixings will be posted to them.

2359 GRANTS MATTERS TO NOTE

- 2359.1 No new grant matters to report.

2360 HOUSING & GENERAL MATTERS TO NOTE

- 2360 There were no new housing matters.

2361 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 25/11/2022

HSBC treasurers (community) account: -	£ 3687.77
HSBC savings (BMM) account: -	£ 34293.71
Total in Bank	£ 37981.48

c. Reserves (Bank less earmark & committed) £18398.84**d. Bank Charges per month £8.00****e. Resolve to authorise items for proposed payment by electronic transfer**

Proposed by Councillor Keightley & Second by Councillor Newman – Passed by show of hands..-

	Value	Pay Number
Clerk's monthly salary (40.1 hours @ NJC Level 7)	£466.36	Pay 048
Office Costs & Overheads	£250.00	Pay 049
Litter Picking Honorarium	£140.00	Pay 050
Website Management	£62.50	Pay 051
Clerk's Backdated Pay	£280.70	Pay 052
Thompsons #0223 Hedge cutting	£1080.00	Pay 053
Thompsons # 0226	£282.00	Pay 054
Robert Taylor – Lucy Price Playground Tool Reimbursement	£7.98	Pay 055
Cash needed in Current Account	£2569.54	

- i. The Smithy Rent was requested on 24th November.
- ii. The draft budget was circulated to Councillors in mid November, indicating a zero precept increase, as agreed at the November meeting. Proposed with no amendments by Councillor Keightley and second by Councillor Newman. Carried by show of hands. **Clerk to report.**
- iii. To note the Government's revised National Salary Award pay offer has been accepted for 2022 / 2023, backdated to 1st April 2022. Figures are included in the payments listed above. Proposed by Councillor Keightley, Seconded by Councillor Hewer and carried by show of hands.
- iv. The Village Hall grass cutting refund and rent for a total of £545.00 was paid into our account on 15th November.

2362 CONSULTATIONS TO NOTE.

2362.1 None received

2363 BROCHURES AND DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR PERUSAL.

- i. Outlook – Winter 2022
- ii. Countryside Voices – Autumn / Winter 2022.

2364 ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

- 2364.1 The Village Hall's Warm Hub and Community Cafe, Tuesdays from 10:00 to 12:00, running from 1st November was attended by 15 residents on the first date, with 7 helpers who set up, ran and cleared the room. 17 attendees were reported on 8th November and similar numbers on 15th November and 22nd November.
- 2364.2. The January meeting has been moved to Thursday 12th as the hall is being redecorated and may not be finished by the scheduled date of 5th January.
- 2364.3 The Baginton Christmas Light Switch On is scheduled for 6:00pm on 4th December, with an informal gathering at the Village Hall afterwards.
- 2364.4 Green Bin collection was discussed, with a note that collections since the permit scheme was introduced have been poor in some areas of Baginton.
- 2364.5 Concerns were raised about elderly and vulnerable residents during the planned power cut on 6th December. The village warm hub will be open on that day. The Chairman highlighted that a helpline was advertised for vulnerable people.
- 2364.6 Councillor Pam Redford voiced approval of the SEGRO Country Park liaison group and asked to be advised if there were any issues that weren't being addressed.

2365 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

- 2365.1 Next Ordinary Meeting: **Thursday 12th January 2023** @ 7.30pm, Baginton Village Hall.

2366 CLOSE - The meeting closed at 8.28pm. The Chairman wished all a Happy Christmas.