

BAGINTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 9th January 2020 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, BAGINTON.

PRESENT:

Councillor	George Illingworth	WDC Chairman
Councillor	Pam Redford	District Council
Councillor	Julie Keightley	Chairman
Councillor	Chris Goodwin	Vice Chairman
Councillor	Walter Bush	
Councillor	Roger Horsfall	
Councillor	David Hewer	
Councillor	Mike Meakin	
Councillor	Steve Williams	

Clerk Phil Clark.

Public 12 members of the public were present.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm, welcoming those present.

1760. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & APOLOGIES

1760.1 Declarations of interest were sought and none were declared.

1760.2 The following had apologised: County Councillor Wallace Redford
District Councillor Trevor Wright
Councillor Robert Taylor
Councillor Rob Newman

1761. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

1761.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on 5th December 2019, having been circulated, were approved without amendment. Proposed by Councillor Keightley & seconded by Councillor Horsfall.

1762 WARWICK DISTRICT CHAIRMAN GEORGE ILLINGWORTH

1762.1 Councillor Illingworth introduced himself and thanked Councillors for his invitation to our meeting, which is the 19th Parish Council meeting he has attended since being elected as Chairman in 2019.

1762.2 Councillor Illingworth told those present that he is not a stranger to Baginton, having frequently used our facilities for leisure and recreation, along with working extensively alongside the Parish Council on items such as the public inquiry into the Coventry & Warwickshire Gateway application.

1762.3 Councillor Illingworth stated that following the recent elections, no party had overall control within WDC, which gives a balanced Council.

1762.4 Councillor Illingworth reminded those present that PCSO Ed King had been presented with an award for outstanding service, which was acknowledged and supported by all those present.

1762.5 Councillor Illingworth indicated that he wished to observe our meeting rather than actively participate, but he would contribute where he felt it appropriate to do so.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Illingworth for his contributions.

1763. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WALLACE REDFORD

1763.1 Councillor Wallace Redford had apologised, but did send a copy of a letter issued to a resident who had complained about a series of road issues, which indicated all items had been marked for repair. The resident was present at the meeting and praised WCC for their prompt response.

1764. REPORTS FROM WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

1764.1 Councillor Pam Redford indicated that following an approved increase in the Police precept for 2019, Police numbers were higher than last year and officers were now starting to be deployed in our rural areas. Road safety and cyber crime are currently Police priorities. The 2020 Police precept consultation is now live. There is a delay of about 12 months between approved financial increases followed by recruitment and deployment, but benefits and resources are now filtering through to rural areas following last year's approved increase. The Police are also sharing resources with other emergency services, which had saved a combined £35 Million.

1764.2 Councillor Taylor had submitted a question regarding HS2, who previously declined to comment on issues due to Purdah. Councillor Redford confirmed she was continuing to push for answers. Councillor Illingworth commented that there was no clear decision on the future of HS2, but contractors were still 'moving forward' in line with the initial clearance plan for the rail line, with no 'restoration' budget available. Councillor Illingworth also commented that a consultation from HS2 regarding the appearance of bridges, viaducts and other necessary infrastructure was currently live, which suggests utilitarian constructions that are not sympathetic to the historical aspect of areas affected.

1764.3 Councillor Taylor had submitted a query regarding the WDC Climate Emergency Commitments in June 2019, regarding a promised update within 6 months. Councillor Illingworth confirmed that the Committee report had been submitted within the 6 month lead time and due to elections, Purdah, Christmas and the New Year, the decision will be taken in February 2020.

1764.4 Councillor Redford informed those present of the Coventry & Warwick NHS Trust Stroke consultation and handed out brochures, encouraging all to participate.

1764.5 Councillor Redford mentioned the WDC RUCIS grant scheme, which has rationalised the rural and urban aspects into a unified scheme from a single pot of money and was applying more weight to energy conservation, renewable resources, disabled access and community facilities. Councillor Hewer commented that he found the RUCIS scheme very difficult to access and he had been refused grants for items that he considered should be covered. Councillor Redford asked for details and Councillor Illingworth supported looking into the situation. **Councillor Hewer to follow up.**

The Chairman thanked Councillor Redford for her report.

1765. REPORT FROM CITIZEN HOUSING

1765.1 Jon Wood (Citizen Housing), Maria Sheridan (Delta Planning) and Eleanor Deeley (Deeley Construction) attended the meeting to discuss the building of affordable housing at the top of Friends Close in accordance with WDC Local Plan Policy H3 (Affordable Housing on Rural Exemption Sites)

1765.2 The representation indicated that 6 houses may not be financially viable, but 9 or 12 houses would be a better option, provided the Parish Council would support the proposal.

1765.3 Councillor Williams expressed concerns that building properties at the top of Friends Close could be a prelude to far larger developments on the adjoining Green Belt land.

1765.4 Councillor Hewer suggested that Baginton's supply of affordable housing had been slowly depleted and needed to be renewed to keep the village accessible to younger families. Councillor Horsfall suggested that any future developments on the adjoining land could take place anyway and we

should take advantage of the desired affordable housing proposal whilst it was on offer. Councillors Goodwin and Keightley both suggested that affordable housing was key to a sustainable village.

- 1765.5 Councillor Keightley proposed supporting up to 12 houses, seconded by Councillor Goodwin and passed by 5 votes to 1, with 1 abstention.
- 1765.6 Mr Jon Wood asked how the Council's decision would be reflected in practice. The Chairman agreed that we would issue a letter of support and where necessary would attend the meeting with WDC planners alongside the developers. Councillor Goodwin suggested further targeted research focusing specifically on affordable housing needs. Councillor Williams suggested repeating a full housing needs survey, but it was agreed that any new research should focus exclusively on affordable housing within Baginton. **Clerk to action via newsletter & website.**
- 1765.7 WDC Councillor Pam Redford offered her support and asked to be copied into any letters issued by the Parish Council. **Clerk to action.**

1766. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD.

- 1766.1 A member of the Public commented that he had promptly received a very constructive letter from WCC Highways following his complaint and was very pleased.
- 1766.2 A member of the public asked if the 'Christmas tree for sale' sign at Russells could now be removed.
- 1766.3 A resident asked about the refurbishment of the pavement along Coventry Road. Councillor Pam Redford suggested that nothing can be addressed during the winter months, but work would commence when the weather allows.
- 1766.4 Questions were raised regarding works in fields alongside the Bubbenhall Road. Councillor Hewer indicated they were archaeological surveys prior to potential developments and warehousing.
- 1766.5 A question was raised about ivy growth within the village. Mixed concerns were expressed regarding benefits and detriments. Councillors agreed that any action from volunteers would need to be carefully monitored.
- 1766.6 A representative of Baginton Green Ltd indicated that the tree fallen from their land onto the Village Hall site was being addressed. He was thanked by the Chairman.
- 1766.7 A resident asked if a representative from the Rowley Road development could attend our meeting for questions and updates. Councillor Goodwin had met with the developers previously and suggested there was little possibility of any reports other than a monthly written update.
- 1766.8 It was indicated that the edges of Kimberley Road had been worn away by traffic and it was asked if these could be back-filled with hardcore. Councillor Redford offered to take a look.

1767 SOUTH OF COVENTRY DEVELOPMENTS

Including Whitley South, Gateway South, King's Hill Housing, Dalehouse Lane Developments, HS2 Infrastructure, UKBIC, Rosswood Farm Housing, etc.

- 1767.1 Rowley Road traffic lights were removed over Christmas, but have now returned.
- 1767.2 The new roundabout on Rowley Road is constructed, although it still needs surfacing, road marking, signage and lighting refinements etc.
- 1767.3 It was noted that the Parish Council had registered a concern with WDC Enforcement and WDC Planning regarding potential noise issues from the primary substation in Zone 4 of Whitley South.
- 1767.4 Next South of Coventry meeting is due on 26th March from 10:00am at WDC Riverside House.

1768. POLICE MATTERS.

- 1768.1 The next Community Forum will be on Tuesday 11th February at Cubbington Village Hall, 7:00pm for a 7:30 start.

1768.2 It was confirmed that the WRE Newsletter had been discontinued in favour of more 'immediate' notifications through Community Messaging, Face book and other social media devices.

1769. BAGINTON EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

1769.1 2020 Party in the Park tickets are now on sale at £10 for the event on 11th July 2020. A number of tickets are being held back for residents.

1769.2 Next Film Night will be on 31st January 'Manchester by the Sea'.

1769.3 BBC Coventry & Warwick Radio interviewed our Events Committee Chairman on 1st January.

1770. AIRPORT MATTERS – There were no airport matters to report.

1771. PLANNING

a. The following planning decisions were received since the last meeting.

- i. W/19/0600 – Technical details relating to Wigley Road, off Rowley Road, Baginton. **NO OBJECTION** reported 17th May. **WITHDRAWN.**
- ii. W/19/1800 – Removal of condition 5 (retention of garage). White Lodge Barn, Stoneleigh Road, Baginton. **NO OBJECTION** issued 29th November. **GRANTED** 16th December.
- iii. W/19/1870 – Signage at Unit 1, Imperial Park, Siskin Parkway West. **NO OBJECTION** reported 15th December. **GRANTED** 21st December.

b. To note applications awaiting WDC decision.

- i. W/19/1620 – Building of new Church car park (26 spaces) and a new Sunday School with kitchen and toilet facilities. Land to rear of Royal British Legion Club and Churchyard. **OBJECTION** issued 8th December and **OBJECTION** reissued 13th December, following review of reworked documents. Councillor Horsfall asked if we should have had a decision by now and Councillor Keightley said that if it was going to committee, then the next meeting is in February.

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

None

1772 HIGHWAY MATTERS.

1772.1 Summary of known Highways issues, by area.

1. Major Matters reported previously and awaiting action

None

2. Minor Matters reported previously and awaiting action from 18 locations

- Andrews Close
- Bosworth Close
- Bubbenhall Road (excluding area at stables & Oakey Hill)
- Bubbenhall Road at Stables
- Church Road – **lighting out**
- Coventry Road (short length of footpath awaiting reconstruction) – **lighting out**
- Frances Road
- Friends Close
- Kimberley Road
- Hall Drive
- Holly Walk
- Mill Hill

- Mylgrove
- Oak Close
- Roman Way
- Rowley Road
- Stoneleigh Road (Speed sign on floor)
- Underhill Close

1772.2 Councillor Williams had circulated information on electronic speed signs at £3500 each. It was agreed that these devices may be of benefit to the village, but further research was required before monies are spent. Maintenance costs need to be assessed, as this is the reason why WCC have taken the decision not to install new electronic signs within the County.

1772.3 A proposed joint Baginton & Bubbenhall bus service survey was discussed and agreed, but with the proviso that the results are examined by Baginton Parish Council prior to reporting to WCC. **Clerk to action.**

1773 OPEN SPACE.

1773.1 The Lucy Price Playground development is ongoing. Publishing a series of potential items for comment will be the next step. **Clerk to action**

1773.2 The quotation for tree work on the Oak Glade was received for £1290. Councillor Keightley proposed the quotation be accepted. Seconded by Councillor Horsfall and carried by a show of hands. **Clerk to action**

1774 GRANTS

1774.1 The Community Forum currently has about £7000 available and the last date to submit an application is 20th January 2020.

1775. HOUSING & GENERAL MATTER. - None

1776. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

a. To advise Bank balances as at 03/01/2020

HSBC treasurers (community) account: -	£ 1383.62
HSBC savings (BMM) account: -	£ 30125.58
Total.....	£ 31509.20

Data as of 1st April 2019 (as approved in end of year accounts).

Nominally ring fenced Monies	£1330.29
Committed Funds (Lucy Price Playground)	£12000.00
Underlying Council Reserves.....	£15047.14

b. To confirm items for payment:-

	Value	Cheque No.
Clerk's salary for previous month (NJC Level 7 - £406.40 net)	£406.40	102002
Cheques not cashed - None		
Cash needed in Current Account (Inc Un-presented cheques)	£406.40	

c. The Smithy rent was received on 16th December.

d. The budget for 2020 / 2021 was approved, proposed by Councillor Keightley & seconded by Councillor Goodwin, then passed by show of hands. **Clerk to report Precept.**

- e. The Village Hall grass cutting reimbursement and rent (£408.50 total) was received on 1st January and is not included in the above figures.

1777. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS.

- 1777.1. A flyer on the WCC Heritage and Cultural Strategy was circulated to Councillors on 9th December. Consultation to begin in the New Year.
- 1777.2 The WDC Consultation on Developer Contributions was circulated to Councillors on 14th December, with response required by 21st February. It was noted that the document gave ideas of what the council should expect to be provided for future developments.

1778. BROCHURES AND DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR PURUSAL

- i. Clerk & Councils Direct – January 2020.

1779. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

- 1779.1 Councillors are reminded that the current village improvement 'Wish List' was circulated on 10th March 2020. Councillors are invited to continue to make suggestions.
- 1779.2 Notice had been received from September 2020, that any new Baginton child joining Priors Field would not be eligible for free transport. Councillor Williams suggested a further letter of complaint.
Clerk to action.
- 1779.3 A comment was made regarding hedges / shrubs on Frances Road and Hall Drive growing too large and obscuring traffic at junctions.
- 1779.4 Councillor Bush indicated that a call-in letter was being considered regarding the King's Hill development and proposed that we should write a letter of support. Seconded by Councillor Williams and passed by show of hands. Councillor Redford indicated a WDC meeting was to be held soon and she would feed back accordingly. **Councillor Bush to circulate call-in letter.**
- 1779.5 Sing 2020 Baginton with Robert Taylor and Dave Willetts is taking place at the British Legion club on Friday 13th March. Tickets are £5 in aid of children's cancer and chromosome disorder charities.

The meeting closed at 8:55pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting: **Thursday 6th February 2020** @ 7.30pm, Baginton Village Hall.