

BAGINTON PARISH COUNCIL (BPC)
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 6th DECEMBER 2018 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, BAGINTON.

PRESENT:

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| Councillor | Wallace Redford | County Council |
| Councillor | Pam Redford | District Council |
| Councillor | Trevor Wright | District Council |
| Councillor | Julie Keightley | Chairman |
| Councillor | Chris Goodwin | Vice Chairman |
| Councillor | David Hewer | |
| Councillor | Roger Horsfall | |
| Councillor | Robert Taylor | |
| Councillor | Walter Bush | |
| Councillor | Rob Newman | |
| Councillor | Steve Williams | |
| Councillor | Nigel Thomas | |

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| Clerk | Phil Clark. |
| Public | 14 members of the public were present. |

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed all present.

1500. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & APOLOGIES

1500.1 Declarations of interest were sought and none were declared.

1500.2 The following had apologised: None

1501. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

1501.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on 1st November 2018, having been circulated, were approved without amendment. Proposed by Councillor Keightley & seconded by Councillor Hewer.

1502. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WALLACE REDFORD

1502.1 Councillor Wallace Redford confirmed that any Community Forum grant requests needed to be received by 19th or 20th January for the meeting on 20th February.

1502.2 Councillor Redford confirmed that the repairs to the collapsed drain at the Bubbenhall Bridge and the adjacent field had been completed, along with clearing of the grips.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Redford for his report.

1503. REPORTS FROM WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

1503.1 Councillor Pam Redford confirmed that the Leamington Spa Old Town regeneration consultation was live and urged all present to make comment.

1503.2 Councillor Redford reported that HS2 were prepared to help with labour for local projects at times where they had spare capacity.

1503.3 Councillor Trevor Wright confirmed that at a meeting with HS2, Mark Whittingham (independent adviser) had been invited to visit our Ward to better understand the area, our communities and how the HS2 development will affect them. It was also confirmed that the complaints process should take 21 working days and that a number of new HS2 information websites were available.

1503.4 It was confirmed that plans for the building of the new WDC headquarters at Covent Garden were to be submitted soon, following completion of a tree survey in both the current and proposed location in order to maximise retention of fauna and flora in the areas.

- 1503.5 It was confirmed that the Covent Garden car park was now in a very serious condition, with several floors closed completely for safety reasons.
- 1503.6 Councillor Wright confirmed that concerns had been expressed that WDC policies tend to concentrate on the main urban areas of Leamington and Warwick, often at the detriment of the smaller population living in rural areas.
- 1503.7 Councillor Keightley expressed concern that the housing development proposed for the WDC site at Riverside House would contain NO affordable housing. Councillor Wright confirmed that the housing development at Station Approach (W/15/0905) has 75% affordable housing to compensate for the shortfall at Riverside House.

The Chairman thanked Councillors Redford and Wright for their report.

1504. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD.

- 1504.1 A member of the public highlighted that the narrow paths on Baginton Bridge were not wide enough for modern pushchairs. Councillors were aware of this and it was on our list of issues within the village.
- 1504.2 A member of the public complained that work at Whitley South was being undertaken without full permission and without completion of pre-commencement conditions. The Chairman stated that the earthworks and enabling works being undertaken did have permission.
- 1504.3 A member of the public complained that excessive mud and debris was being allowed to gather on Rowley Road due to the Whitley South development. **Clerk to complain.**
- 1504.4 A member of the public complained that a drain down Oakey Hill and another outside No.15 Coventry Road were blocked. **Clerk to investigate.**
- 1504.5 A complaint was received of an ivy covered tree on Mill Hill in danger of collapse. **Clerk to investigate.**
- 1504.6 A complaint was received that large vehicles were again eroding the verges down Oakey Hill.
- 1504.7 A group of approximately 10 residents attended to express significant concern about the new WCC Transport to School Policy, where free transport will only be provided to a new entrant's nearest school (as defined by Google maps). If another school is preferred, the parents would need to pay for transport. Points made were as follows:
- i. Chairman highlighted this was National Policy, not just WCC.
 - ii. County Councillor Wallace Redford agreed, but highlighted WCC were not compelled to adopt National Policy and could make changes or exemptions.
 - iii. It was highlighted that this policy was geared around urban children, with little thought for rural communities, as suggested previously in 1503.6 above.
 - iv. Councillor Redford confirmed that other rural villages had complained to him and that the more complaints issued to the portfolio holder, the greater chance of changes to the policy.
 - v. It was stated that when our Village School was closed, Baginton children were guaranteed admission to Prior's Field Infants school as our priority school. Permanent free transport to Prior's Field was implied in the agreement, but no specific guarantee of free transport has yet been found in writing, although a member of the public present at the meetings at that time confirmed it was guaranteed.
 - vi. Councillors resolved to pay £30 for a search at the Records Office. **Clerk to raise cheque.**
 - vii. A meeting between residents and Jeremy Wright MP had been productive, but the focus remained on finding a written agreement referring to free transport to Prior's Field.
 - viii. The Chairman had looked through the folder associated with the School Closure, but did not find any documents that reference free transport.
 - ix. Councillor Wallace Redford was meeting with the Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder the next day. The Parish Council gave our full support for him to argue our case.
 - x. Other points made include:
 - o Splitting siblings between schools
 - o Removing choice for parents who can't afford additional transport
 - o Not cost effective for WDC, as the village will need multiple transport going to multiple schools.
 - o Priority/Catchment School no longer attracts free transport

1505 WHITLEY SOUTH – No new comments were received.

1506. POLICE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MATTERS

- 1506.1 The latest Safer Neighbourhood Newsletter was circulated to Councillors on 16th November, with reports of theft of fuel and equipment from a storage unit on Rowley Road between 12th and 16th October.
- 1506.2 Notice was received of a burglary at The Row on the evening of 15th November.
- 1506.3 Notice was received of theft of a vehicle on the night of 22nd November and the theft of items from a second vehicle in the same area on the same night.
- 1506.4 Complaints were received that Police are not responding sufficiently quickly to village issues and that there are too few Police available.
- 1506.5 Councillor Pam Redford pointed out that 50 new officers were being recruited, but this was for the whole of Warwickshire and would be a mixture of beat and office staff.

1507. BAGINTON EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

- 1507.1 The bench to replace the broken item on the Millennium Field had been ordered.

1508. AIRPORT MATTERS

- 1508.1 A meeting was on 20th November reported that aircraft movement was up 5% over last year.
- 1508.2 It was reported that since the habitat on the Whitley South site had been stripped for the JLR development, birds roosting on the airport site had become a problem. It was envisaged the situation would become worse if Gateway South was also granted.
- 1508.3 It was reported that should Brexit go ahead, depending upon the terms of the deal, Custom Control may need to be reintroduced to the airport, which may prove prohibitive for its continued existence.

1509. PLANNING

- a. The following planning decisions were received since the last meeting.**
- i. W/18/1717 – Reserved matters (size, layout, access, appearance, landscaping) Zone 4 UKBIC – Whitley South (W/16/0239). **OBJECTION** issued 10th October. **GRANTED** 8th November.
 - ii. W/18/2025 – Provision of a new car park on land behind the Royal British Legion Club. Circulated to Councillors 1st November. **WITHDRAWN** 15th November.
 - iii. W/18/1917 – Erection of sign (not illuminated), Carbon 207, Middlemarch Business Park. **NO OBJECTION** reported 19th November. **GRANTED** 30th November
- b. To note applications awaiting WDC decision.**
- i. W/18/0522 – Gateway South Development – Commercial development of land to the south & west of Coventry Airport & Middlemarch Industrial Estate, Coventry. **OBJECTION** sent 2nd May.
 - ii. W/18/0643 – Site clearance and mixed use development of up to 2500 dwellings with associated infrastructure and amenities. Land at King's Hill, Stoneleigh. Circulated to Councillors 2nd May with response required by 7th June. **OBJECTION** sent 22nd May.
 - iii. W/18/1942 – Variation of condition 13 (W/16/0239) to allow occupation of Zone 4 prior to occupation (8500m²) of the JLR site. **NO OBJECTION with Comments** reported 3rd November.
 - iv. W/18/1739 – Erection of a 2 storey home on land adjacent to The Maze, Coventry Road. Circulated to Councillors 26th October. **NO OBJECTION** issued 16th November.
- c. New planning applications or planning matters received since the last meeting.**
- i. W/18/0522 – Amendments, revisions and further information. Land South of Coventry Airport, behind Coventry Road and along Bubbenhall Road (Gateway South). Circulated to Councillors on 11th November with response required by 30th November. **OBJECTION** reported 29th November. Councillor Bush was given approval to speak on behalf of the Parish Council at the Planning Committee meeting on December 12th where this item is being decided. All agreed that a call-in to the Secretary of State was necessary, should the application be granted by WDC.

- ii. W/18/2060 – Construction of 2 storey modular type offices to North of existing factory. Walkers Snack Foods, Middlemarch Business Park. Circulated to Councillors 16th November, with response required by 6th December. **Clerk to report NO OBJECTION.**
- iii. W/18/2098 – Landscaping, profiling and layout of the Country Park associated with the Whitley South development. Circulated to Councillors on 16th November, with response required by 6th December. **Clerk to report NO OBJECTION, with comments on car park & site security.**
- iv. W/18/2099 – Variation of Conditions 21 and 25 of W/16/0239 (Whitley South) to reflect the completion of the road works and new layout of Tollbar island. Circulated to Councillors 16th November, with response required by 6th December. **Clerk to report NO OBJECTION with comments on traffic flow.**
- v. W/18/2149 – Sports ground, club house and parking for Trinity Guild Rugby Club. Rock Farm, Baginton. Circulated to Councillors 22nd November with response required by 12th December. **Clerk to report NO OBJECTION.**
- vi. W/18/2142 – Erection of an extension to an existing warehouse. World of Book, Siskin Parkway, Middlemarch Business Estate. Circulated to Councillors 28th November with response required by 19th December. **Clerk to report NO OBJECTION.**

1510 HIGHWAY MATTERS.

1510.1 Summary of known Highways issues, by area.

1. Serious matters reported previously and awaiting action

- Bubbenhall Road (at stables & Oakey Hill) – **Now repaired.**

2. Areas with no reported significant issues (alphabetical) at date of meeting.

- Andrews Close
- Bosworth Close
- Bubbenhall Road (main road excluding area at stables & Oakey Hill)
- Church Road
- Coventry Road – Pothole on speed bump at Lucy Price Playground (marked for repair)
- Frances Road
- Friends Close
- Kimberley Road
- Hall Drive
- Holly Walk
- Mill Hill – pavements marked for repair
- Mylgrove
- Oak Close
- Roman Way – new speed sign on order
- Rowley Road
- Stoneleigh Road
- Underhill Close

1510.2 The speed hump by the Lucy Price Playground was repaired on 11th November.

1510.3 The 30mph road sign at the entrance to Roman Way has been replaced.

1510.4 The leaf blower and road sweeper were seen in the Village on 16th November.

1510.5 Following recent heavy rain, standing water was reported by the lay-by opposite The Row, next to the Lunt car park entrance, along Church Road and at the Oak Close junction with Coventry Road. **Clerk to report.**

1511. OPEN SPACE.

1511.1 Councillor Horsfall indicated that moles on the Millennium Field were not an issue, but he was still seeking somebody who will deal with rabbits in a public area.

1511.2 The hedges along the Lucy Price Playground and along sections of Church Road were cut on 14th November.

1511.3 Questions were raised about banning dogs from the Millennium Field, due to the volume of dog waste being left behind, especially on the football pitches. New 'we are watching you' fluorescent signs were suggested. No conclusion was drawn by the Council.

1511.4 A resident noted that routine maintenance work was carried out on the trees on Mill Hill on 3rd December.

1512 GRANTS

1512.1 Defibrillator located at Baginton Village Hall to be applied for at February Community Forum. Approximately £1250 plus installation. The Village Hall has agreed to cover the cost of the installation.

1513. DATA PROTECTION (GDPR), HOUSING & GENERAL MATTERS None to note.

1514. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

a. To advise Bank balances as at 25/11/2018

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| HSBC treasurers (community) account: - | £ 1991.63 |
| HSBC savings (BMM) account: - | £ 28233.53 |
| Total..... | £ 30225.15 |

Data as of 1st April 2018 (as approved in end of year accounts).

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| Nominally ring fenced Monies | £1330.29 |
| Committed Funds (Lucy Price Playground) | £9000.00 |
| <u>Underlying Council Reserves.....</u> | <u>£13155.46</u> |

b. To confirm items for payment:-

| | Value | Cheque No. |
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| Clerk's net salary for previous month (£382.51 Gross) | £382.51 | 101949 |
| Office Costs & Overheads | £250.00 | 101950 |
| Litter Picking Honorarium | £135.00 | 101951 |
| Website Management Honorarium | £62.50 | 101952 |
| Peter R Thompson (invoices 1088 & 1089) | £549.79 | 101953 |
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| Cheques not cashed – None | | |
| Cash needed in Current Account (Inc Un-presented cheques) | £1379.80 | |

- i. A local business owner has donated £200 towards the cutting of the Lucy Price Playground hedge, for which we offer our thanks.
- ii. The Smithy rent was requested on 24th November.
- iii. Comments were received on the draft Budget for 2019/2020, circulated to Councillors on 25th November. Councillors were minded to approve the budget in its current state. To be presented at next meeting.

1515. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS. None to note.

1516. BROCHURES AND DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR PURUSAL

- a. Clerks & Councils Direct – November 2018.
- b. Countryside Voice – Winter 2018.

1517. ANY OTHER BUSINESS. None to note.

1518 The meeting closed at 8:45pm.

1519. DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Next Parish Council Meeting: **Thursday 3rd January 2019** at 7:30pm in Baginton Village Hall.