

BAGINTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 5th MARCH 2020 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, BAGINTON.

PRESENT:

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| Councillor | Trevor Wright | District Councillor |
| Councillor | Julie Keightley | Chairman |
| Councillor | Chris Goodwin | Vice Chairman |
| Councillor | Walter Bush | |
| Councillor | Robert Taylor | |
| Councillor | Steve Williams | |
| Councillor | Rob Newman | |

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| Clerk | Phil Clark. |
| Public | 7 members of the public were present. |

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

1800. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST&APOLOGIES

1800.1 Declarations of interest were sought and none were declared

1800.2 The following had apologised:

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| Councillor Wallace Redford | County Council |
| Councillor Pam Redford | District Council |
| Councillor David Hewer | |
| Councillor Mike Meakin | |
| Councillor Roger Horsfall | |

1801. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

1801.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on 6th February 2020, having been circulated, were approved without amendment. Proposed by Councillor Keightley & seconded by Councillor Williams.

1802. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WALLACE REDFORD

Councillor Wallace Redford had apologised before the meeting and had sent a report beforehand.

- 1) Holly Walk parking, Fire Service has visited and will be sending a report.
- 2) Bubbenhall Road, Bridge/ Stables, road sweeper has been ordered.
- 3) Bubbenhall bridge, culvert under road has been jetted.
- 4) Grips have been cleaned, WCC ditches are currently being cleared, plus new grips have been created locally
- 5) Road sign near Smiths Nursery, Scheduled to be replaced.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Redford for his report.

1803.REPORTS FROM WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

1803.1 Councillor Trevor Wright confirmed that the HS2 protests at Crackley Woods, Cubbington Wood, Stoneleigh Park and other sites were gathering momentum, with Extinction Rebellion joining the cause. However, a formal repossession order has been issued and protester arrests could ensue.

- 1803.2 It was confirmed that the Climate Change Emergency Fund had been approved by WDC. A referendum will now be placed before the electorate in May. Councillor Wright confirmed that safeguards were in place to prevent funds being used for other purposes.
- 1803.3 Councillor Williams asked if the referendum is likely to be approved. Councillor Wright suggested that turn-out for this type of referendum can be low, so a small majority can swing the decision either way.
- 1803.4 Councillor Wright highlighted the Secretary of State 'Call-in' letter from WDC re regarding the King's Hill development. The Chairman confirmed that Baginton Parish Council had submitted a similar letter of support for a call-in.
- 1803.5 WDC is adopting Health England advice on Coronavirus and will not be issuing their own advice.
- 1803.6 Councillor Wright asked for feedback regarding how the closure of the A45 for the installation of the new bridge affects Baginton. **Clerk to action.**
- 1803.7 Councillor Pam Redford reported that she was still pursuing investigations into New House on Church Road, particularly in respect of their main gate.

The Chairman thanked Councillors Wright and Redford for their reports.

1804. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD.

- 1804.1 'Flood' warning signs were suggested by a member of the public. It was unclear who would hold and deploy the signs safely in adverse conditions. The idea was felt to be unnecessary as the flooded area under the A46 Bridge was clearly visible to those approaching it and was due to a blocked drain that needs cleared to prevent reoccurrence. **Clerk has reported.**
- 1804.2 Reports were received of a delivery lorry damaging the Church Road intersection. Chairman and Clerk visited the site and decided the damage was minimal. A member of the public had already contacted the delivery company regarding this matter and the Clerk has sent a video of the incident to WDC. No further action required.
- 1804.3 Whilst Councillor Wallace Redford reported that the 30mph sign at Smith's Nurseries had been scheduled for repair, a member of the public complained that it had taken 5 months.
- 1804.4 A member of the public asked why drains at the Lunt Fort, Echo Cottage and Ivy Cottage were still blocked. Clerk suggested that the current weather had been exceptionally wet and stormy, so they may simply have been overwhelmed. **Clerk to monitor.**
- 1804.5 It was acknowledged that the main pavement on Coventry Road was being repaired, but questions were asked about other areas such as Mill Hill Service Road. The Chairman confirmed that other areas of the Village were not scheduled for repair on this round.
- 1804.6 A complaint was received regarding bushes protruding from a private residence across a verge and potentially restricting views for traffic pulling out of a junction.
- 1804.7 A note was made that as the land alongside Bubbenhall Road / Oakey Hill was being stripped of vegetation and developed, the road was becoming increasingly flooded. It was again suggested that the exceptionally wet and stormy weather may be overwhelming the drainage systems.
- 1804.8 It was reported that the Charity Cycle Ride originally scheduled for 30th August had been moved forward 1 week to 23rd August.
- 1804.9 Potholes on Coventry Road along the Millennium Field and Village Shop following the bad weather are becoming a hazard and need reporting. **Clerk to action.**

1805. SOUTH OF COVENTRY (SoC) DEVELOPMENTS

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

- 1805.1 An update was received regarding Gateway South, Whitley South and the A45 Bridge, which was circulated to Councillors on 4th March.
- 1805.2 A Buckingham's notice of works was delivered to homes in Baginton on 3rd March.
- 1805.3 Councillor Pam Redford made specific requests for information regarding activity on the Gateway South site. A copy was circulated to Councillors on 9th February.
- 1805.4 WDC Enforcement confirmed on 10th February they were looking into Councillor Redford's e-mail request (1805.3 above) and would response in due course.
- 1805.5 Baginton Parish Council issued a 'call in' letter both to the Secretary of State and the Minister of State (Housing, Communities and Local Government) asking for the King's Hill planning development to be called in.
- 1805.6 An Environmental Permit for UK BIC (5 ton per annum for solvent use to coat metal parts) was circulated to Councillors on 2nd March. Councillors agreed that a letter outlining our concerns should be sent.
- 1805.7 Councillor Williams raised several concerns regarding the UK BIC Environmental Permit. Of particular concern were the following:
- i. 3m tall chimneys as an addition to the site were not part of the original application and are not accommodated within the bunding protections and were a hazard for the airport.
 - ii. Stack filter replacement & emission checks are too infrequent for a site within 150m of a village.
 - iii. No noise monitoring data is available from the emission stacks & boilers so close to residential properties.
 - iv. Important items of Environmental Data are redacted and are not available for public consideration. Both Chairman Keightley and WDC Councillor Wright highlighted that these details would be available to authoritative bodies such as WDC, WCC, Environmental Agency etc. for their consideration.
 - v. Emergency discharge assessments of the potentially harmful substances lack details regarding venting, water courses and prevailing winds towards Baginton.

Councillors agreed that being such a prestigious and ground-breaking operation, UK BIC should strive for more than the **MINIMUM** standards regarding their environmental permit.

Their focus should be on protecting both their immediate workforce **AND** the local Community.

The site should be encouraged to seek their environmental management ISO Standard certification as a matter of priority.

Councillor Keightley proposed that our response should say that any permit granted must insist on the most stringent controls to cover the delivery, storage, use, disposal and accidental release of the chemicals

Councillor Wright suggested that we can request measures to be built into the permit to cover our concerns and offered to proof read any response submitted by Baginton Parish Council. **Clerk to organise.**

1806. POLICE MATTERS.

1806.1 The off road motorbikes riding on land between the Old Mill and Festival Island was reported to the Police, who have acknowledged the problem.

1806.2 A black Mercedes was stolen from a driveway in Roman Way on the evening of 22nd February. Thieves entered the property through an unlocked door and took the car keys from the home.

1807. BAGINTONEVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

1807.1 The 2020 Party in the Park tickets are now on sale for our next event on 11th July 2020.

1807.2 Next Film Night will be on Friday 27th March 'The Good Liar'.

1807.3 The Events Committee AGM is due to take place on Monday 6th April.

1808. AIRPORT MATTERS – No matters to report.

1809. PLANNING

- a. **The following planning decisions were received since the last meeting.** – None.
- 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. **WITHDRAWN** 13th February.
- b. **To note applications awaiting WDC decision.**
- i. W/19/1887 – Detached dormer bungalow in garden of No. 12 Coventry Road. Circulated to Councillors on 12th January with response required by 7th February. **OBJECTION** reported 7th February. **GRANTED** 4th March.
- c. **New planning applications or planning matters received since the last meeting.**
- i. W/19/2101 – Change of use from office to residential dwelling. Stags Head Farm, Bubbenhall Road. Circulated to Councillors on 14th February, with response required by 3rd March. **NO OBJECTION** reported 25th February. **GRANTED** 5th March.
- ii. W/20/0020 – Reserve matters related to scale, layout, appearance, lighting, landscaping etc of the car showroom in Zone 2 of the Whitley South (Rowley Road) development. Circulated to Councillors on 15th February, with response required by 28th February. **NEUTRAL** response reported 25th February along with a letter of objection regarding the showroom development in general, which was only approved to support the new JLR technology campus, which has now been postponed for at least 5 years.

1810 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 18 locations

- Andrews Close
- Bosworth Close
- Bubbenhall Road (excluding area at stables & Oakey Hill)
- Bubbenhall Road at Stables
- Church Road– **lighting out**
- Coventry Road– **lighting out**
- Frances Road
- Friends Close
- Kimberley Road
- Hall Drive
- Holly Walk
- Mill Hill
- Mylgrove
- Oak Close
- Roman Way

- Rowley Road
- Stoneleigh Road
- Underhill Close

- 1810.1 Stoneleigh Road will be closed from Smith's Nurseries to Chantry Heath Lane from 3rd to 6th March.
- 1810.2 Extensive standing water was reported to WCC Highways on 14th February.
- 1810.3 Frances Road street light No.1 was reported as broken on 14th February and has now been repaired.
- 1810.4 The road sweeper went through the village on 17th February, focusing on the removal of surface debris on drains along Mill Hill and Coventry Road and again on 25th February.
- 1810.5 The flytipping along Bubbenhall Road (2 sites) were reported on 18th February and has now been removed.
- 1810.6 The bus survey was printed in the March Newsletter. **Clerk to collate responses.**
- 1810.7 Coventry Road pavement repairs continued from 3rd March.
- 1810.8 Excessive mud was reported on Rowley Road in early March. **Clerk to report.**

1811 OPEN SPACE.

- 1811.1 The Lucy Price Playground equipment survey was launched in February, with folders at the Village Shop, Village Hall, Website and with articles both in the Newsletter and our Facebook page. Responses are being logged.
- 1811.2 Councillor Wright suggested that Simon Richardson (WDC Green Space Expert) was available to advise on the Lucy Price Project.
- 1811.3 Four new 'No Dogs' signs were purchased specifically for the Lucy Price Playground and have been installed by the Clerk, with thanks to the benefactor.
- 1811.4 The final crown lifting work was undertaken on trees in the Oak Glade on 25th February.
- 1811.5 Volunteers estimated the wet-pour area on the Lucy Price Playground at 400 square meters. Algae and moss clearance of the area using a proprietary cleaner compatible with public areas was estimated at £150. Councillors supported the purchase of cleaner. A member of the public offered to supply the cleaner at cost value, which was appreciated by Councillors.

1812 GRANTS

- 1812.1 Baginton Village Hall presented at the Community Forum on 11th February and was awarded £775 towards tables.
- 1812.2 A new Severn Trent Community Fund has been launched for Health and Wellbeing projects. Outdoor gym equipment has been suggested. **Clerk to investigate.**
- 1812.3 A letter was sent to the WRE Community Forum, supporting its continued operations.

1813. HOUSING & GENERAL MATTER.

- 1813.1 The draft letter from Baginton Parish Council supporting the development of up to 12 affordable houses on land adjoining Friends Close was received by the developers with thanks.
- 1813.2 Councillor Pam Redford offered a further letter of support to the development on Friend's Close.
- 1813.3 In addition to the 6 people who expressed interest in new affordable homes identified in the 2019 survey, the Newsletter article has generated interest from 5 more new people who have family links to Baginton.
- 1813.4 Councillor Pam Redford sent a letter of support for 12 affordable homes at the top of Friends Close, which was passed to Delta Planning.
- 1813.5 Councillor Wright offered to support the application once it is submitted to WDC Planning.

1814. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

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| a. | To advise Bank balances as at 24/02/2020 | |
| | HSBC treasurers (community) account: - | £ 1989.32 |
| | HSBC savings (BMM) account: - | £ 28125.58 |
| | Total..... | £ 30114.90 |

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

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| 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.

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| Clerk's salary for previous month (NJC Level 7 - £406.40 net) | £406.40 | 102006 |
| Office Costs & Overheads | £250.00 | 102007 |
| Litter Picking Honorarium | £135.00 | 102008 |
| Website Management Honorarium | £62.50 | 102009 |
| Crown lifting at Oak Glade | £300.00 | 102010 |
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| Cheques not cashed – 102004 (Playground Inspection) | 180.00 | |
| Cash needed in Current Account (Inc Un-presented cheques) | £1333.90 | |

- c. The Smithy rent was requested on 24th February
d. The HSBC 'Safeguard' interview took place on 27th February. Clerk & Chairman were present and HSBC confirmed our account will be signed off as quality checked.

1815. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS.

1815.1 An acknowledgement was received from Councillor Izzy Seccombe regarding our letter detailing our continued opposition to WCC's Free School Transport Policy and how it affects Baginton children. A full response from the policy officers will follow, however Councillor Seccombe did state that Baginton could not be treated as an exception.

1816. BROCHURES AND DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR PURUSAL

- i. LCR Magazine – Winter 2020.
- ii. Clerks & Councils Direct – March 2020.

1817. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

1817.1 Councillors are reminded that the current village improvement 'Wish List' was circulated on 10th March 2019. Councillors are invited to continue to make suggestions for the list.

1817.2 Notice was received that the new spine road linking Rowley Road to the Gateway South development will be called **ORCHARD WAY**, in accordance with Councillor suggestions from 6th February.

1817.3 M K Bailey asked if they could carry out litter picking as part of their community involvement and the Clerk suggested they concentrate on areas not covered by our litter picker, namely Rowley Road, Bubbenhall Road and Stoneleigh Road.

1817.4 Warwick District Council voted to support an increase in budget to cover the Climate initiative. This will now be put to a Referendum in May.

1817.5 Councillor Goodwin asked for a copy of our simple 'wish list' items that can be directed towards current workforces. **Clerk to action.**

1817.6 A member of the public suggested that self seeded Sycamore trees and fallen branches were making the Lucy Price Playground look untidy and should be removed. Councillors disagreed and said that the dead wood must be left in situ as it is a haven for wildlife.

1818 The meeting closed at 8:20pm

1819 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting: **Thursday 2nd April 2020** @ 7.30pm, Baginton Village Hall.

Parish Assembly – **9th April 2020** – 8:00pm at Baginton Village Hall