

BAGINTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON

THURSDAY 7th OCTOBER 2021 AT 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	Walter Bush	
Councillor	Roger Horsfall	
Councillor	Rob Newman	
Councillor	Steve Williams	
Councillor	Mike Meakin	

Clerk Phil Clark.

Public 5 members of the public were present.

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

2067. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, APOLOGIES & WELCOME

2067.1 Declarations of interest were sought and none were declared.

2067.2 The following had apologised: - Councillor Trevor Wright - District Councillor
Councillor David Hewer

2068. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

2068.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 2nd September 2021, having been circulated, were approved without amendment. Proposed by Councillor Keightley & seconded by Councillor Williams.

2069. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WALLACE REDFORD

2069.1 Councillor Redford reported 2 more deaths due to COVID. Over 60's cases continue to rise, but overall the infection rate is falling.

2069.2 Hospital beds within the County are at 90% capacity, but this is due to 'catch-up' from outstanding and delayed elective procedures, not COVID related issues.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Redford for his report.

2070.REPORTS FROM WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

2070.1 Councillor Pam Redford highlighted the combined WDC / Stratford waste collection contract had been approved, with several changes to collections. Food waste caddies would be weekly, Green bins would be every 2 weeks and Grey bins would be every 3 weeks. Questions were asked about the definition of what was considered within the 3 criteria, as it was reported that all recyclable dry waste would now be combined into a single bin. **Councillor Pam Redford to Clarify.**

2070.2 The merger between WDC and Stratford upon Avon Councils was raised by Councillor Pam Redford and was deferred and discussed at length under point 2082 as Consultation documents.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Redford for her report.

2071. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD.

- 2071.1 It was noted that several members of the public had voiced reservation about W/21/0711 – Granary, Church Road. Comments had been circulated to Councillors and the residents were encouraged to register their concerns directly with WDC Planning. It was noted that many of these comments had been mounted on the WDC website on 7th October
- 2071.2 A resident highlighted that the Whitley South landscaping around the substation on Rowley Road had not been completed within the agreed timescale. This should have been undertaken within the planting season following installation. There is a gravel pathway where a hedgerow and heavy standard trees should be. **Clerk to query.**
- 2071.3 Several points were raised about fencing and hedging used as screening on local developments.
- 2071.4 Questions were raised about stalled progress with the new build on Coventry Road. Councillor Pam Redford confirmed that as long as building has started within the prescribed timescale, there is no limit to how long the process should take.
- 2071.5 Questions were asked about the signage advertising the new development on Coventry Road. The Clerk confirmed he had raised the issue directly with the developers. Councillors suggested it now needs to be raised directly with WDC Planning. **Councillor Pam Redford to action.**
- 2071.6 A resident raised a safety issue with the position of speed limit signage following the removal of Give Way road markings with the new Bubbenhall / Coventry / Stoneleigh Road layout.

2072. SOUTH OF COVENTRY (SoC) DEVELOPMENTS

- 2072.1 A meeting was held on 15th September. No items to report.
- 2072.2 Councillor Pam Redford has continued to pursue various problems with the Gateway South and Whitley South developments, including noise, out-of-hours operations and identification of unexpected waste uncovered on the sites. It was confirmed that the special waste reported at the last meeting had been removed from site in line with Environment Regulations, but it was unclear whether action had been taken to resolve the whining noise. **Councillor Pam Redford to query with Environmental Health**

2073. POLICE MATTERS.

- 2073.1 Reports were received that one of the benches on the Lucy Price Playground had been broken by a group of youths on 19th September. It is scheduled to be replaced, as it was beyond its serviceable lifetime.

2074. BAGINTON EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

- 2074.1 The first Film Night for many months was held on 24th September at Baginton Royal Legion Club. It was social distanced and by ticket only. Future Film Nights are planned and the next will be 23 Walks on 29th October.
- 2074.2 A Barn Dance organised by the Church was held on 2nd October.
- 2074.3 The Bonfire Night on 6th November will be going ahead. Risk assessment to be submitted to our Insurers by Friday 22nd October. Councillor Meakin asked if a fixed time could be allocated to the start of the firework display, but it was reiterated that prevailing circumstances on the night dictated both the safety and strategy of the display.
- 2074.5 The Lucy Price Relief in Need Charity has requested a meeting on progress with the Playground. Councillor Newman reported that they are interested in understanding if there are any opportunities for them to provide additional help. **Councillor Taylor to liaise.**

2075. AIRPORT MATTERS

- 2075.1 There were no Airport matters to discuss, but Councillor Horsfall indicated he may request an additional meeting for a general update.

2076. PLANNING

- a. The following planning decisions were received since the last meeting.**
- i. W/21/1305 – Installation of 5 new containers at Parcellforce, Middlemarch Business Park. **SUPPORT** issued 26th August. **GRANTED** 1st September.
 - ii. W/20/0808 – Application for 56 homes at Rosswood Farm, Coventry Road. **NEUTRAL** response issued with comments on 13th November 2020. **GRANTED** 17th September 2021.
 - iii. W/21/1210 – Erection of a single storey rear extension at No. 15 Holly Walk. **SUPPORT** issued 8th September, **GRANTED** 19th September.
- b. To note applications awaiting WDC decision.**
- i. W/21/1282 – Signage on the UKBIC site, Rowley Road. Circulated to Councillors on 30th July with response required by 19th August. **SUPPORT** response issued 26th August.
 - ii. W/21/1370 – Outline planning application with all matters reserved apart from access for the development of battery manufacturing facility with ancillary battery recycling capability including landscaping, car parking, access and associated works, Coventry Airport. **OBJECTION** reported 20th September.
 - iii. W/21/0558 – Erection of 1 bungalow. 4 the Smallholdings, Stoneleigh Road. **OBJECTION** issued 8th September.
 - iv. W/21/1313 – Two dwellings on former Sunday School site on Church Road, Baginton. **SUPPORT** issued 8th September.
- c. New planning applications or planning matters received since the last meeting.**
- i. W/21/1443 – Position, access, appearance, layout, landscaping and scale of the primary substation – Gateway South, Coventry Airport. Circulated to Councillors 17th September. **OBJECTION** reported 5th October
 - ii. W/21/1527 - Position, access, appearance, layout, landscaping and scale of the first plot (4A) on Gateway South, Coventry Airport. Circulated to Councillors 17th September with response required by 7th October. No objections raised. **Clerk to respond NEUTRAL.**
 - iii. W/21/0711 – Erection of a single storey dwelling, The Granary, Church Road. Circulated to Councillors 18th September with response required by 8th October. The application was debated at length. **Clerk to respond NEUTRAL, but with comments about site access.**
 - iv. W/21/1655 – Reserved matters relating to the Gateway South Community Park. Circulated to Councillors 22nd September with response required by 12th October. **Clerk to respond NEUTRAL, with comments about visitor centre, management of park, bridleway and site security.**
 - v. W/21/1077 – Extension of welfare block, canopy for main entrance, flagpole and branded signage. Walkers Snack Food, Middlemarch Business Park. Circulated to Councillors 23rd September with response required by 14th October. **Clerk to respond SUPPORT.**
 - vi. W/21/1591 – Single storey rear ground extension – No. 74 Mill Hill. Circulated to Councillors 30th September. Response required by 20th October. **Clerk to respond SUPPORT.**

2077 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

- Coventry Road
- Frances Road
- Friends Close
- Kimberley Road –
- Hall Drive
- Holly Walk
- Mill Hill
- Mylgrove
- Oak Close
- Roman Way – Lamp post at entrance
- Rowley Road
- Stoneleigh Road
- Underhill Close

2077.1 Further notice of Bubbenhall Road and Stoneleigh Road closures were circulated to Councillors on 12th September.

2077.2 Matters were raised about overgrown hedges on Mill Hill opposite the allotments. It was concluded this was a WDC matter. **Clerk to chase.**

2078 OPEN SPACE.

2078.1 An update was received on the Lucy Price Playground project. Councillors will liaise with LPRIN Charity to further explore the funding possibilities available. Renovation work is scheduled to start in October, at a predicted cost of £16000 plus VAT. Grants and donations are being sought for new equipment. **Councillor Taylor to progress.**

2078.2 Thompsons have been asked to flail the Coventry Road, Kimberley Road and Church Road hedges.

2079 GRANTS – None to report.

2080. HOUSING & GENERAL MATTER. None to report.

2081 FINANCIAL MATTERS.

a. To advise Bank balances as at 27/09/2021

HSBC treasurers (community) account: -	£ 2125.01
HSBC savings (BMM) account: -	£ 31010.76
Total.....	£ 33135.77

Data as of 1st April 2021 (as within end of year accounts).

Nominally reserved Monies	£1330.29
Nominally Committed Funds (Lucy Price Playground)	£15000.00
Underlying Council Reserves.....	£16216.69

b. To confirm cheques issued since last meeting:-

	Value	Cheque No.
Clerk's salary (37 hours @ NJC Level 7 - £418.47)	£418.47	102095
HAGS for Playground Inspection	£180.00	102096
Thompson Invoice #170	£560.77	102097
WALC – Playground Course	£42.00	102098
Lucy Price Tree Works	£660.00	102099

Un-cashed Cheques - None	£0.00	
Cash needed in Current Account	£1961.24	

- i. Thompsons are streamlining their business to ensure its future. This will include a larger than normal annual price increase, which will be reflected in the next budget.
- ii. The Smithy rent of £ 390.50 was paid into our account on 28th September.
- iii. Notice was received that our second precept payment for £7983.50 was received on 27th September (not included in above figures).

2082. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS.

2082.1 Discussions were held on the proposal to combine WDC and Stratford on Avon Councils to form South Warwickshire Council in order to streamline and save costs. This was debated at length. The positives and negatives were highlighted throughout the debate. It was concluded that we would support the combination of services to make economic savings, but the ultimate full merger of the two Councils into a single political entity with the potential loss of District Councillors and other support staff was not advantageous for Baginton. Councillor Meakin proposed an objection to the formation of a single South Warwickshire Council supported by Councillor Newman. Carried by show of hands. **Clerk to respond.**

2082.2 The WCC Council Plan public engagement was launched on 23rd September, with response required by 17th October. Councillors were notified.

2083 BROCHURES AND DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR PURUSAL

None received.

2084 ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

2084.1 A member of the public asked the Parish Council to remove the Bus Shelter seats from his garage, which have been stored there for a number of years. **Clerk to arrange.**

2084.2 It was agreed that reimbursing the Lucy Price Playground Leader for out-of-pocket expenses such as paper, ink, phone calls etc. was acceptable. **Councillor Taylor to supply cost details for consideration.**

2085 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting: **Thursday 4th November 2021 @ 7.30pm**, Baginton Village Hall.

2086 CLOSE The meeting closed at 8:56pm