

BAGINTON PARISH COUNCIL (BPC)
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 3rd October 2019 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, BAGINTON.

PRESENT:

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	Roger Horsfall	
Councillor	David Hewer	
Councillor	Robert Taylor	
Councillor	Walter Bush	
Councillor	Rob Newman	
Councillor	Steve Williams	
Councillor	Mike Meakin	

Clerk Phil Clark.

Public 9 members of the public were present.

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

1700. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & APOLOGIES

1700.1 Declarations of interest were sought and none were declared.

1700.2 The following had apologised: None

1701. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

1701.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on 5th September 2019, having been circulated, were approved without amendment. Proposed by Councillor Keightley & seconded by Councillor Williams.

CONSERVATION AREA – Presentation and Open Discussion

Mr Robert Dawson (WDC Principal Conservation Officer) and Mr Gary Fisher (WDC Development Services Manager) attended to specifically discuss matters associated with new building developments and current building alterations within the Baginton Conservation Area.

An overview of the purpose and powers of the WDC Conservation Team was presented to Councillors and is summarised as follows:

Demolition of structures above 115 cubic metres, removal of enclosures, moving of fence lines, home extensions or additional outbuildings visible from the roadside, dormer windows and erection of fences or walls in new areas need planning permission if within a Conservation Area. The Conservation Team will be consulted and can recommend refusal of permission if the proposal is considered detrimental to the architectural or historic setting of the Area. Alternatively, the Conservation Team may propose conditions such as building materials, location or placement of structures, cladding, fit and finish etc. that would make the proposal acceptable for the Area.

Excluding the exceptions above, anything that would normally be allowed under permitted development elsewhere within the Parish continues to be allowed within a Conservation Area.

An open Q & A discussion ensued. Councillors were invited to send any new and unanswered questions to the Clerk, who will collate them and pass onto Robert and Gary for their opinion. **Clerk to action.**

With regards to trees, WDC must be given six week's notice of any work on trees within a Conservation Area. This allows them the opportunity to apply a TPO to the tree where necessary.

Post Meeting Note: Conservation Area restrictions also exist in relation to retail premises, change of use applications, warehousing, hospitals and schools, but none of these are relevant to Baginton. Stricter Article 4 Directions also exist, but none are present within Baginton.

1702. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WALLACE REDFORD

- 1702.1 Councillor Wallace Redford confirmed that the next Community Forum is on 16th October and that approximately £9000 remained available for Community Groups. £3000 max per application for full payment (applications up to £6000 would have up to 50% awarded) and 12 months minimum between successful applications. An article will be included in the next Newsletter encouraging groups to apply. **Councillor Keightley to action.**
- 1702.2 It was confirmed that all the drains along Coventry Road had been cleared, including the long-standing issue with the drain opposite No.15 Edinburgh Villas.
- 1702.3 The Mill Hill footpath is to be inspected, following its resurfacing earlier in the year.
- 1702.4 Weston-under-Wetherley Church lost £17K of lead from its roof recently. **Clerk to contact Baginton Church.**

The Chairman thanked Councillor Redford for his report

1703. REPORTS FROM WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- 1703.1 Councillor Pam Redford confirmed that 'Goodgym' were coming to Warwick and Leamington. They are volunteers who undertake monthly tasks, one-off projects and mission projects to aid low income families, over 65's and those with health conditions. It is aimed at those who can no longer manage jobs for themselves. Examples include help with gardening, moving furniture and can be as simple as changing a light bulb.
- 1703.2 Councillor Redford reminded those present of the 'Rubbish Friends' initiative on 17th October. **Clerk to seek Councillor availability.**
- 1703.3 Councillor Wright confirmed that WDC were seeking to halt all work on HS2 until the current consultations on the future of the project have been completed. Grubbing out of hedgerows, plus removal of ancient trees and woodland should not continue whilst doubt surrounds the project.
- 1703.4 Councillor Wright confirmed that King's Hill and other Kenilworth housing developments were 'on hold' as they can't run concurrently with HS2, so delays on HS2 cause delays on other projects.
- 1703.5 Councillor Wright highlighted from the last South of Coventry meeting, plans exist to swing the new bridge over the A45 on a weekend and will require road closures, but few plans are in place in the eventuality that the process takes longer than expected or goes wrong.
- 1703.6 Councillor Meakin confirmed that from the South of Coventry meeting, communications with HS2 were very poor. Road closures were occurring with minimal notice. Councillor Wallace Redford said that although complaints were being registered with WCC, not enough were being registered directly with HS2. He encouraged people to complain directly to HS2.
- 1703.7 Councillor Hewer questioned HS2's right to remove hedgerows, trees and woodland during the nesting season. Councillor Wallace Redford confirmed that the legal authority given to them via an Act of Parliament allowed these practices to take place.

The Chairman thanked Councillors Redford and Wright for their reports.

1704. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD.

- 1704.1 A member of the public reported cars 'racing' along Kimberley Road, poor visibility on Kimberley Road due to inconsiderately parked cars on the corner with Coventry Road, a request for bollards on the corner of Kimberley Road to eliminate parking in the area and an increased need for traffic lights to control vehicles over Baginton Bridge. It was agreed that these items have been discussed by the Parish Council previously and the resident will be referred to our previous comments. **Clerk to action.**
- 1704.2 A member of the public asked if the brambles on Parish Council land behind her house could be removed as they were spreading into her garden and damaging her fence. Councillors agreed that their current policy should apply as exceptional circumstances do not apply. Proposed by Councillor Keightley, seconded by Councillor Williams and carried by show of hands. **Clerk to action.**
- 1704.3 A member of the public reported road sign defects on both Stoneleigh Road and Bubbenhall Road. **Clerk to investigate.**
- 1704.4 A member of the public asked if a pedestrian bridge could be installed alongside the Baginton Road Bridge. The Chairman confirmed this was on our wish list if monies became available.
- 1704.5 Conversations were held regarding the possibility of traffic lights on Baginton Bridge. The cost was estimated at £100K and questions were raised regarding what it might achieve. Traffic queuing back into the village or back along the allotments and chicane may not be received well. Councillor Williams asked if a temporary traffic light trial could be undertaken if the Parish Council could secure funding. **Councillor Wallace Redford to enquire.**

1705 WHITLEY SOUTH

- 1705.1 Rowley Road was re-opened on 26th September, with traffic controls now allowing single lane traffic along a substantial length.
- 1705.2 The first monthly report from Buckingham Group on planned progress with the Whitley South development was circulated to Councillors on 26th September.

1706. POLICE MATTERS.

- 1706.1 A burglary was reported on Frances Road on 5th September, with an untidy search conducted but nothing taken.
- 1706.2 A car was stolen from outside Bromleigh Villas on the evening of 7th September.
- 1706.3 Following evidence of drug issues reported last month, Police signs have been installed in the area of The Smithy, warning that the area is under covert observation.

1707. BAGINTON EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

- 1707.1 Bonfire Night is on 2nd November
- 1707.2 The 2020 Party in the Park tickets will be on sale from January. Ticket only event this year.
- 1707.3 Next Film Night 25th October 'Rocketman', then 'Yesterday' on 29th November.

1708. AIRPORT MATTERS

- 1708.1 It was noted that following Brexit, Coventry Airport might become a Freeport within the UK.

1709. PLANNING

- a. The following planning decisions were received since the last meeting.**
- i. W/19/0559 – Change of use of Hanger 5, Coventry Airport, from air freight and aircraft maintenance to HGV Haulage Yard. **OBJECTION** issued 17th May. **GRANTED** 11th September. We thank Councillor Bush for representing our views at the planning committee meeting.
 - ii. W/19/1022 – Directional signage (goods in, visitor parking, reception etc.) for the newly built Menzies warehouse at No.2 Imperial Park, Middlemarch. **NO OBJECTION** reported 27th July. **GRANTED** 28th August.
- 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. **OBJECTIONS** reported against original and all revisions.
 - 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. **OBJECTIONS** reported against original and all revisions.
 - iii. W/19/0600 – Technical details relating to Wigley Road, off Rowley Road, Baginton. **NO OBJECTION** reported 17th May.
- c. New planning applications or planning matters received since the last meeting.**
- i. W/19/1363 – Conversion of existing garage to a playroom and building of a new garage at 47 Mill Hill, Baginton. Circulated to Councillors 7th September. **NO OBJECTION** reported on 25th September.

Additional Planning Matters

- i. Councillor Pam Redford suggested that applications should be made for a portion of the S106 monies associated with South of Coventry works. **Clerk to investigate.**
- ii. Councillor Wright indicated that New Home Bonuses were to become available and Baginton Parish Council should look out for these additional opportunities.

1710 HIGHWAY MATTERS.

1710.1 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
- Coventry Road (short length of footpath awaiting reconstruction)
- Frances Road
- Friends Close
- Kimberley Road
- Hall Drive
- Holly Walk
- Mill Hill

- Mylgrove
- Oak Close
- Roman Way
- Rowley Road
- Stoneleigh Road
- Underhill Close

1710.2 WDC cut the verges on 11th September and again on 25th September.

1710.3 The drains were cleared on 12th September, including the drain opposite 15 Bromleigh Villas, opposite The Row and at the entrance to Oak Close, thus resolving the standing water issues in these areas.

1711 OPEN SPACE.

1711.1 Progress with the development / refurbishment of the Lucy Price Playground was discussed. The theme of a wood-based physical trail with individual balance, climbing and hanging units was supported by Councillors. Examples of units are to be gathered for residents to choose their favourites. **Clerk to action.**

1711.2 Councillor Taylor asked about play equipment for less able children. The Chairman invited Councillor Taylor to look into the matter further. **Councillor Taylor to action.**

1711.3 Councillor Horsfall confirmed that the ornamental tree trunk donated by the Beaty Family could be placed on the Millennium Field, either alongside the Basketball Court, or at the top of the field overlooked by Kimberley Road, whichever proved most practical. Councillor Hewer suggested the trunk should be placed and allowed to settle into the site for several months, then the grass weed-killed around it and 1-ton of bark chipping laid around it to provide a visually clean environment.

1711.4 Councillor Keightley confirmed that the request has been submitted for the hedges on Kimberley Road and around the Lucy Price playground to be cut back. The inspection of the trees on The Green will be chased up. **Clerk to action.**

1711.5 Councillor Meakin had been approached by residents who complained that cars were being parked on the Spinney and Oak Glade when the Baginton Lions football team were playing. The Chairman asked if the football team were still putting the 'no parking' cones out when they were playing. Do they need reminding of their obligation? **Clerk to contact team.**

1711.6 Councillor Meakin asked about adult sports equipment on the Millennium Field. The Chairman confirmed that this was on our wish list, but our priority project was the Lucy Price Playground. Councillor Redford indicated that Wellbeing Grants were available for adult sports equipment, once we were in a position to start the project.

1712 GRANTS

1712.1 The Clerk returned the Community Forum Grant completion forms for the Village Hall defibrillator on 26th July. The next meeting is in Stoneleigh at 7:30pm on 16th October, where the Chairman intends to report back to the Forum on the purchase and installation.

1713. HOUSING & GENERAL MATTER.

1713.1 WDC is questioning the result of the latest housing survey for 9 new houses in Baginton. WDC insist it should be 6, which Whitefriars say may not be economically viable. Councillor Pam Redford asked for details. **Clerk to action.**

1714. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

a. To advise Bank balances as at 28/9/2019	
HSBC treasurers (community) account: -	£ 3123.96
HSBC savings (BMM) account: -	£ 32110.82
Total.....	£ 35234.78

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 net salary (NJC Level 7 - £406.40 net)	£406.40	101991
Village Hall Newsletter Grant	£350.00	101992
Bubbenhall First Responders	£125.00	101993
PR Thompsons Grounds Maintenance.	£824.77	101994
Cheques not cashed (Village Hall & Church)	538.00	
Cash needed in Current Account (Inc Un-presented cheques)	£2244.17	

- c. Thanks were received from St John the Baptist Church for the grant we made to them.
d. Our 2nd Precept for £7662.50 was deposited into our account on 27th September.
e. Our full VAT Claim for £1145.28 was paid into our account on 13th September.

1715. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS.

- 1715.1 5G masts reform, circulated to Councillors on 18th September Response required by 4th November.
1715.2 Cllr. Pam Redford confirmed that investigations were ongoing into operations on the Russell's site..
1715.3 Councillor Taylor spoke about WCC / WDC Emergency Climate Plans. Various initiatives were highlighted by Councillor Pam Redford. Councillor Taylor suggested WCC/WDC should be engaging with Parish Councils sooner rather than later, as they can be key to overall success.

1716. BROCHURES AND DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR PURUSAL

- i. Warwickshire Outlook Magazine – Autumn 2019.

1717. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

- 1717.1 Councillors were reminded that the current village improvement 'Wish List' was circulated on 10th March. Councillors are invited to continue to make suggestions. Councillor Wallace Redford asked that any road safety issues on the list are to be forwarded to him to be considered under his improvement scheme.
1717.2 Councillor Bush noted that the JLR Park & Ride service had now ceased.
1717.3 Councillor Meakin raised concerns about the parking of coaches at the Lunt Fort. As discussed previously, it is agreed that the parking around The Lunt is not ideal, but legally there is nothing that can be done. There are few places for coaches to park within Baginton where there is no disruption to residents or motorists, especially when coaches need to return to The Lunt to collect Children.

1718 The meeting closed at 8:57pm.

1719. DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Next Parish Council Meeting: **Thursday 7th November 2019** at 7:30pm in Baginton Village Hall.