

BAGINTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON

THURSDAY 7th January 2021 VIA ZOOM

PRESENT:

Councillor	Wallace Redford	County Councillor	
Councillor	Pam Redford	District Councillor	(from 7:50pm)
Councillor	Julie Keightley	Chairman	
Councillor	Chris Goodwin	Vice Chairman	
Councillor	Robert Taylor		
Councillor	Walter Bush		
Councillor	Steve Williams	(from 7:36 pm)	
Councillor	Rob Newman		
Councillor	David Hwer		
Councillor	Mike Meakin		
Councillor	Roger Horsfall		
Clerk	Phil Clark.		
Public	4 members of the public were present.		

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm, welcoming those present and wishing a Happy New Year.

1933. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, APOLOGIES & WELCOME

- 1933.1 Declarations of interest were sought and Councillor Bush declared specifically on the SoC ANPR matter (minute 1938.2).
- 1933.2 The following had apologised: Councillor Trevor Wright - District Councillor
- 1933.3 Councillors Pam Redford and Steve Williams had apologised and suggested they would join the meeting as soon as they were able. Their time of joining is listed against their name above.

1934. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

- 1934.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held via ZOOM on 3rd December 2020, having been circulated, were approved without amendment. Proposed by Councillor Keightley & seconded by Councillor Hwer.

1935. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WALLACE REDFORD

- 1935.1 Councillor Redford confirmed that the CCTV cameras on the Rowley Road and Firefly Road islands were for County Highways to monitor traffic flows once the new roads are opened. They are not yet operational.
- 1935.2 It was confirmed that County Highways were undertaking a grip clearing programme in Warwickshire.
- 1935.3 It was reported that 4 deaths in Warwickshire had been attributed to COVID in the last 24 hours.
- 1935.4 The COVID testing centre in Pound Lane, Leamington is fully operational. It uses the Lateral Flow Test (Cheek and Nose swabs) with results within 1 hour. It is for those with **NO EXISTING COVID SYMPTOMS**.
- 1935.5 Councillor Hwer asked about standing water at Oak Close, Church Road and opposite The Row. Clerk confirmed that all had been reported to County Highways. Councillor Redford confirmed that with current Lockdown regulations, this limits staff attendance to these issues.

- 1935.6 Councillor Meakin raised concerns that with the need for pedestrians to give each other space, the raised manhole on his verge represented a trip hazard and the narrow pavements outside the carpenter's workshop were not conducive to this.
- 1935.7 Councillor Taylor asked about extending cycle paths into Baginton Village. Councillor Redford confirmed he had raised it under use of S106 monies.
- 1935.8 Councillor Taylor complained that the new bridge over the A45 had interrupted the cycle path introduced as part of the Tollbar Development. Councillor Redford indicated this was Highways England, not WCC Highways.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Redford for his report.

1936.REPORTS FROM WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- 1936.1 Councillors Pam Redford confirmed that the CCTV cameras on the new Rowley Roundabout were WCC Highways to monitor traffic flows.
- 1936.2 It was confirmed that with #3 Lockdown, more grants would become available for retail, leisure and hospitality.
- 1936.3 Waste disposal sites will continue to operate by appointment only.
- 1936.4 Provisions for homeless people within the district will continue.
- 1936.5 Mega Lab in Leamington is not restricted to COVID research & will provide several thousand jobs.
- 1936.6 Elections are still being promoted for 6th May, but it is uncertain if this will go ahead
- 1936.7 Further to the Pound Lane testing centre, vaccination centres are being established at the Rehab Hospital in Leamington, Leek Wootton Golf Club and Lyle Court Doctors Surgery. Larger venues are being sought.

The Chairman thanked Councillors Wright and Redford for their reports.

1937. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD.

- 1937.1 A member of the public wrote to the Parish Council with an extensive list of issues, most of which had already been reported. Of specific note, there was a suggestion that the mini roundabout off Rowley road was ineffective and new speed humps on Rowley Road at the entrance to Baginton would be of benefit. A second resident had also contacted the Parish Council about the dangerous mini roundabout junction between Frances Road, Coventry Road and Rowley Road. Councillors agreed that the roundabout was ineffective, suggesting that making Coventry Road a through road with Rowley Road and Frances Road becoming 'Give Way' junctions. **Clerk to confirm request with Councillor Wallace Redford.**
- 1937.2 Further to 1937.1 above, Councillors agreed that once the development works at Whitley South and Gateway South had been completed, a full Highways survey of Baginton should be undertaken to ensure we have the best comprehensive road system that integrates with the new developments to maximise the protection of our village from excessive traffic.
- 1937.3 Councillors Hewer and Horsfall complained that the use of 'COVID' as an excuse for not attending sites was unacceptable. Carrying on from 1935.5 above, Councillor Wallace Redford highlighted that Health and Safety procedures would not force Officers to attend external sites. Some may be vulnerable, safeguarding family members or do not wish to risk personal contact. It is not an excuse, it is following Government Guidance, which WCC fully support.
- 1937.4 A request was made for the laurel hedge outside the Old Mill to be cut back.
- 1937.5 Whilst not a Council matter, the new wall by the Church was complemented, however a resident suggested that ivy should be removed en masse to prevent further damage to the remaining walls.

1937.6 A member of the public contacted us about a dead tree on Hall Drive. This is not on Parish Council land, but the landowner has been made aware.

1938. SOUTH OF COVENTRY (SoC) DEVELOPMENTS

1938.1 An update was received from the quarterly meeting with SEGRO on 16th December.

1938.2 Preferred Whitley South ANPR operational hours within Baginton Parish were discussed. It was highlighted that once the Haul Road and A45 slip roads were operational, most traffic would take that direct route, rather than taking difficult and narrow village roads, unless they need to access the village for deliveries etc. ANPR would need to operate a peak times only, approximately 15 minutes in morning and evening. **Clerk to report.**

1938.3 Councillor Bush asked specifically about WDC / WCC efforts to prevent illegal encampments on the Whitley South development. It was highlighted this was SEGRO land and therefore their responsibility. **Clerk to contact SEGRO**

1939. POLICE MATTERS.

1939.1 Police confirmed that several offenders had been arrested within Baginton on 5th December for drug related offences and others were arrested within the British Legion car park.

1939.2 Further speed checks took place on 11th December, with several vehicles stopped and formal letters issued. The Community Speed Watch team will be established shortly, once training is completed.

1939.3 Notice was received of an attempted theft from a vehicle in Holly Walk on 12th December. Several people have now been detained in relation to the incident.

1939.4 Police priority for the next Community Forum suggested antisocial behaviour patrols at the Smithy, The Row and along Rowley Road. **Clerk to report.**

1939.5 Councillor Goodwin reported that arrests have also been made related to drugs offences taking place in the British Legion Club car park.

1940. BAGINTON EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

1940.1 End of year accounts have been prepared and will be submitted to the auditor in the next few days.

1940.2 PITP for 2021 is unlikely to go ahead.

1941. AIRPORT MATTERS

1941 The airport is suspending operations from 6th January to 15th February due to COVID restrictions.

1942. PLANNING

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

- i. W/20/1623 – To clad an existing open structure in order to create secure pallet store at DHL (PepsiCo) on Siskin Parkway East. Circulated to Councillors on 12th November with **SUPPORT** issued on 4th December. **GRANTED** 15th December.

b. To note applications awaiting WDC decision.

- i. W/20/0020 – Reserved 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. **NEUTRAL** response reported 25th February along with a letter of concern regarding the timing of the showroom development, which was to support the new JLR technology campus.
- ii. W/20/0808 - Affordable housing at Roswood Farm, Coventry Road. **NEUTRAL** response reported 6th July. **NEUTRAL** response reiterated on 13th November, reiterating our previous reservations.

- iii. W/20/1483 – Reserved matters related to appearance, layout, parking, lighting, landscaping etc. for office building on Zone 3 of Whitley South (SEGRO Offices). Circulated to Councillors on 30th September with **NEUTRAL** response reported 19th October.
- iv. W/20/1404 – Retrospective application for a miniature railway at Russell’s Garden Centre, Mill Hill. Circulated to Councillors 28th October. **SUPPORT** response issued 13th November.
- v. W/20/1541 – Garage at No.12 Coventry Road. Circulated to Councillors 21st November with **OBJECTION** issued 9th December.
- vi. W/20/1901 – Application regarding reserved matters from W/18/0522 in relation to landscape bunding. Circulated to Councillors on 7th December. **NEUTRAL** response issued 18th December.

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

- i. W/20/1842 – Removal of ‘agricultural occupancy only’ condition for Stag’s Head Farm. Circulated to Councillors on 15th December. **SUPPORT** issued 29th December.

1942.1 Councillor Meakin asked about access and egress to the new site next to ‘The Maze’ on Coventry Road. The Chairman highlighted that this was much debated by County Highways and the current orientation was the one they approved.

1943 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 – Standing water
- Coventry Road – Blocked drain
- Frances Road
- Friends Close
- Kimberley Road
- Hall Drive
- Holly Walk
- Mill Hill
- Mylgrove
- Oak Close – Standing Water at Road Junction
- Roman Way
- Rowley Road
- Stoneleigh Road
- Underhill Close

1943.1 WCC Highways continued gritting key routes in Baginton and the wider area, for which we thank them.

1943.2 The large hole in the pavement outside Sandy Nook on Coventry Road was reported on 1st January.

1944 OPEN SPACE.

1944.1 It was confirmed that the Lucy Price Playground would remain open under current COVID regulations.

1945 GRANTS – None to report.

1946. HOUSING & GENERAL MATTER. None to report.

1947. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

a. To advise Bank balances as at 25/12/2020

HSBC treasurers (community) account: -	£ 1380.41
HSBC savings (BMM) account: -	£ 33530.36
Total.....	£ 34010.77

Data as of 1st April 2020 (as within end of year accounts).

Nominally ring fenced Monies	£1330.29
Committed Funds (Lucy Price Playground)	£15000.00
Underlying Council Reserves.....	£12630.43

b. To confirm items for payment:-

	Value	Cheque No.
Clerk's salary (37 hour per month @ NJC Level 7 - £418.47)	£418.47	102054
Un-cashed Cheques - None		
Cash needed in Current Account (Inc Un-presented cheques)	£418.47	

- c. Councillors resolved to approve the 2020/2021 budget, proposed by Councillor Keightley, seconded by Councillor Williams and carried by show of hands. **Clerk to report precept to WDC.**
- d. To note that the Smithy rent was paid into our account and is included in the above figures.
- e. The request for a donation to COGS was discussed and declined. **Clerk to report.**

1948. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS.

1948.1 The A46 Consultation was circulated to Councillors on 4th December, with response required by 22nd January 2021. Councillor Redford encouraged individuals to respond directly to the consultation if they had personal views on the matter.

1948.2 The WCC Health and Wellbeing consultation policy was advertised for comment in December, with any response required by 5th January 2021.

1949. BROCHURES AND DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR PURUSAL

- i. None

1950. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

- i. Our litter picker for 2 years has stepped down and we thank him for his help around the village. A new volunteer has already shown an interest and will be contacted shortly. Letter of thanks to be sent to previous picker. **Clerk to arrange.**
- ii. Councillor Goodwin praised the way Police oversaw the removal of Traveller families from the village and asked for a letter of thanks to be sent. **Clerk to action.**

1951 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting: **Thursday 4th February 2021** @ 7.30pm, Baginton Village Hall or via virtual meeting (to be confirmed)

1952 The meeting closed at 8:45pm