

BAGINTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2021 AT VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT:

Councillor	Wallace Redford	County Councillor
Councillor	Pam Redford	District Councillor
Councillor	Trevor Wright	District Councillor
Councillor	Julie Keightley	Chairman
Councillor	Chris Goodwin	Vice Chairman
Councillor	Robert Taylor	
Councillor	Walter Bush	
Councillor	Steve Williams	
Councillor	David Hwer	
Councillor	Mike Meakin	

Clerk	Phil Clark.
Public	4 members of the public were present.

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

2047. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, APOLOGIES & WELCOME

2047.1 Declarations of interest were sought and Councillor Hwer declared an interest in W/21/1313

2047.2 The following had apologised: - Councillor Roger Horsfall
 Councillor Rob Newman

2048. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

2048.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting and Annual Meeting held via ZOOM on 6th May 2021, having been circulated, were approved without amendment. Proposed by Councillor Keightley & seconded by Councillor Hwer.

2049. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WALLACE REDFORD

2049.1 Councillor Redford reported 2 deaths due to COVID in Warwickshire, but despite a small rise in cases during early August, levels were now falling again.

2049.2 We were reminded that a £35000 County Councillor delegated budget was available for highway safety projects. A proposal is being considered to pool Councillors' unspent allocations after two years into a central pot, so that it becomes available to all Councillors to use.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Redford for his report.

2050.REPORTS FROM WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

2050.1 Councillors Pam Redford highlighted progress with the merger of services between WDC and Stratford Councils. A public consultation is due to start next week and run into October.

2050.2 Councillor Wright highlighted that between 150 and 200 Afghanistan refugees were being accommodated within the district, with 25 families allocated to Warwick District and 25 families to Stratford District.

2050.3 WDC Planning are struggling to recruit sufficient Officers to accommodate the increase in applications, but a plan is being executed.

2050.4 A total of 248 new affordable houses have been agreed through Vistry Linden after a partnership was set up with WDC at a cost of £60 Million to the Council.

- 2050.5 Art events in Leamington were promoted with many linked to the upcoming Commonwealth Games.
- 2050.6 Noise from the UKBIC site was raised again. Baffles were suggested. **Councillor Pam Redford to enquire.**

The Chairman thanked Councillors Redford and Wright for their reports.

2051. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD.

- 2051.1 The Church thanked the Parish Council for their donation towards an arrangement for the flower festival.
- 2051.2 A note was received about an overgrown hedge. **Clerk to contact resident.**
- 2051.3 The Charity bike ride attracted 120 participants and raised over £2000.
- 2051.4 A request was made for a new speed bump on Rowley Road, Councillors highlighted that the new road developments may alleviate the perceived problem and the issue should be revisited at a later date if it is still a concern.
- 2051.5 A note was received about a drain that had been covered over, but Councillors highlighted that no standing water had resulted and no action would be taken.
- 2051.6 A note was made about the Mill Hill service road pavement needing to be resurfaced, but Councillors highlighted this was not on the current schedule. **Clerk to enquire when it is likely to be done.**
- 2051.7 A request was made if a pavement could be installed between Rosswood Farm and Smith's Nursery. **Clerk to enquire.**
- 2051.8 A matter was raised regarding sunken roads, puddling water and poor drainage in an area around Rosswood Farm Bungalow. The resident is struggling to obtain the plans for the works showing drainage etc and is concerned that run off from the new haul road, which is higher than the current road, is likely to make matters worse. **Clerk to ask for copy of plans.**
- 2051.9 A member of the public complained that with the redesign of the Bubbenhall & Stoneleigh Roads, traffic was better able to speed through the Village, as there was no requirement to Stop or Give Way.

2052. SOUTH OF COVENTRY (SoC) DEVELOPMENTS

- 2052.1 The next meeting is scheduled for 15th September. Councillors had no specific items to raise.
- 2052.2 It was noted that a number of unexpected items had been uncovered as part of the excavations of the Gateway south site, delaying the work.

2053. POLICE MATTERS.

- 2053.1 A note was made that speed checks along Mill Hill had been approved as a Policing priority.
- 2053.2 The newly formed speed watch group has sought financial help from the Council and we are awaiting further details from them before a decision can be made.

2054. BAGINTON EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

- 2054.1 Film nights at the Baginton British Legion Club will begin again from 24th September, but is social distanced and by ticket only.

2055. AIRPORT MATTERS

- 2055.1 The Council was split on the proposed Gigafactory at the airport site. It was suggested that the airport was failing and the land would ultimately be used for other purposes. Concerns were raised that the site could be mined for its minerals and aggregate, and then returned to a practical use such as housing. Whilst some Councillors opposed the factory, others viewed it as a well regulated option that was better for Baginton. Questions were raised about safety. Most battery factories are

built away from populated areas, so this application would be an exception. It was highlighted that the site MUST remain in Green Belt to preserve a degree of control on future developments, but engineering developments are allowed in green belt under NPPF. After due discussion, the Council resolved to object, mainly on safety issues due to the proximity of the site to residents. **Clerk to action**

2056. PLANNING

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

- i. W/20/1483 – Reserved matters related to appearance, layout, parking, lighting, landscaping etc. for office building on Zone 3 of Whitley South (SEGRO Offices). **NEUTRAL** response reported 19th October. **APPROVED** 7th May.
- ii. SCR/21/0003 – EIA Scoping document regarding use of airport land for a megafactory producing batteries. Comments and **NEUTRAL** response issued 22nd April. Decision Notice issued 7th May.
- iii. W/20/1404 – Retrospective application for a miniature railway at Russell’s Garden Centre, Mill Hill. **SUPPORT** response issued 13th November. **GRANTED** 28th May.
- iv. W/20/2099 – Erection of 2 storey front extension, first floor side extension, part 2 storey and part single storey rear extension, with extensive revisions of fenestration and detailing at Oakley, 39 Mill Hill, Baginton. **SUPPORT** response issued 22nd April. **GRANTED** 4th June.
- v. W/21/0907LB – Refurbishment of Baginton Bridge. **NEUTRAL** response with extensive observations issued 7th June. **GRANTED** 18th June.
- vi. W/21/0234 – Variation of Condition 2 relating to Holly Walk bungalow behind No. 12 Coventry Road. **NEUTRAL** response issued 21st May. **GRANTED** 14th July.
- vii. Enf/1664/20 – 12 Coventry Road. Redesign of the plans for the property have been accepted and WDC Enforcement closed the case on 21st July. **GRANTED.**
- viii. W/20/0808 - Affordable housing at Rosswood Farm, Coventry Road. **NEUTRAL** response reported 6th July. **NEUTRAL** response reiterated on 13th November, reiterating our previous reservations. **GRANTED** 20th July.
- ix. W/21/0936LB – Installation of balustrade on Mill Hill Bridge to comply with current safety standards. **NEUTRAL** Response issued 7th June. **REFUSED** 29th June.
- x. W/21/0496 – Installation of 2 dormers to rear and roof light to front with internal alterations – 3 Smallholding, Stoneleigh Road. **SUPPORT** response issued 26th July. **GRANTED** 2nd August.
- xi. W/21/0608 – Installation of part single storey and part 2 storey extension at rear. No. 6 Mylgrove. **NEUTRAL** response issued 29th July. **GRANTED** 12th August.

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.
- xii. W/21/1305 – Installation of 5 containers on a disused link road. Parcelforce, Siskin Parkway West. **SUPPORT** response issued 26th August. **GRANTED** 1st September.

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

- i. 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. Circulated to Councillors 11th August with response required 1st September (extension requested). **Clerk to Object by the agreed extended date of 22nd September.**
- ii. W/21/0558 – Erection of single bungalow 4 Smallholdings, Stoneleigh Road. Circulated to Councillors 21st August with response required 9th September. **Clerk to Object**
- iii. W/21/1313 – Erection of 2 dwellings Baginton School Site, Church Road. Circulated to Councillors 21st August with response required 9th September. **Clerk to Support**

- iv. W/21/1210 - Erection of rear single story extension at 15 Holly Walk. Circulated to Councillors 26th August with response required 16th September. **Clerk to Support**

2057 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 – lamp post number 1
- Hall Drive
- Holly Walk
- Mill Hill
- Mylgrove
- Oak Close
- Roman Way – lamp post at entrance
- Rowley Road
- Stoneleigh Road
- Underhill Close

- 2057.1 Further notice was received on 8th May regarding blocked drains on Coventry Road. Due to COVID issues, there are far fewer teams jetting in Warwickshire and those drains where flooding or standing water has been reported are being prioritised (such as Oak Close).
- 2057.2 Further notices were received regarding renovation of the Mill Hill Bridge. An additional note was sent to County Highways regarding the narrow footpaths. The works have been postponed until the spring due to the fish spawning season.
- 2057.3 Drains within Baginton were cleared on the week beginning 31st May.
- 2057.4 The Whitley South Bridge opened on 3rd June.
- 2057.5 Notice was received on 23rd July that Bubbenhall Road would be closed from 23rd August to 17th September and that Stoneleigh Road would be closed from 20th to 24th September. These dates are being varied due to operational reasons.
- 2057.6 WDC cut the verges on the week beginning 12th July and the street cleaner was seen operating in the village on 19th July.
- 2057.7 Notice was received of night time lane closures on the A46 between 26th and 31st July for HS2 to safely move equipment and prepare their site at Stoneleigh.
- 2057.8 Two street lights were reported as being out on 14th July. The one opposite the church was fixed week ending 22nd August. The one in Kimberley Road on the bend by the RBL Club is still out (lamp post number 1).
- 2057.9 “Unsuitable for HGVs” signs were installed at both ends of Frances Road on 25th August. Thanks got to Councillor Wallace Redford for arranging this.

2058 OPEN SPACE.

- 2058.1 An update was received on the Lucy Price Playground renovations and the team is due to meet again on Tuesday 7th September.
- 2058.2 A quotation was circulated to Councillors regarding tree work on our property adjacent to the Lucy Price Playground. Order placed 2nd August with work to be carried out 20th September.
- 2058.3 The future Custodianship of Bagots Castle was discussed. It was suggested that the castle could operate in a similar manner to the Village Hall, with a separate management committee of trustees, volunteers and a council representative controlling day-to-day decisions.

2059 GRANTS – None to report.**2060. HOUSING & GENERAL MATTER.** None to report.**2061. FINANCIAL MATTERS.**

- a. To advise Bank balances as at 27/08/2021
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| HSBC treasurers (community) account: - | £ 2964.35 |
| HSBC savings (BMM) account: - | £ 32015.94 |
| Total..... | £ 34980.29 |

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.
Thompson #141 (Returned and Reissued)	£560.77	102066
Clerk's salary (37 hours @ NJC Level 7 - £418.47)	£418.47	102069
Office Costs and Overheads	£250.00	102070
Litter Picking Honorarium	£140.00	102071
Website Management	£62.50	102072
ZOOM Reimbursement	£43.17	102073
PR Thompsons # 0144 (Returned and Reissued)	£560.77	102074
Came & Co Insurance	£1106.19	102076
PR Thompson Invoice #0141 (Returned and Reissued)	£560.77	102077
Clerk's Salary (37 hours @ NJC Level 7 - £418.47)	£418.47	102078
Internal Accountant Fees	£150.00	102079
Thompson #141 replacement	£560.77	102080
Thompson #144 replacement	£560.77	102081
Thompson #154	£560.77	102082
Clerk's Salary (37 hours @ NJC Level 7 - £418.47)	£418.47	102084
Thompsons # 158	£560.77	102086
ZOOM Payment (FINAL)	£14.39	102090
Thompson Invoice #167	£560.77	102091

- c. To confirm new items for payment:-

Clerk's Salary (37 hours @ NJC Level 7 - £418.47)	£418.47	102083
Newsletter Grant	£350.00	102085
Office Costs and Overheads	£250.00	102087

Litter Pick Honorarium	£140.00	102088
Website Management Honorarium	£62.50	102089
Defibrillator Maintenance	£54.00	102093
St John the Baptist Grant	£450.00	102092
Website Management	£86.40	102094
Un-cashed Cheques – 102084 (£418.47)	£418.47	
Cash needed in Current Account (Inc Un-presented cheques)	£2229.84	

- d. The Smithy rent for £390.50 was requested on 25th August.
- e. The Annual Return was completed and signed off by our internal auditor on 11th June and has been mounted on our website.
- f. The public rights to view our accounts ran from 28th June until 6th August. This was advertised in the Newsletter, our website and the notice board. No issues were raised and the accounts are complete.
- g. Following changes in Government Policy related to Parish Council meetings, our ZOOM subscription at £14.39 per month has been cancelled.
- h. PR Thompson Landscaping Contractors Ltd, who maintains our open spaces, has changed their Company name to Thompson Landscapes & Maintenance Ltd. and several cheques have been reissued with the new Company name as the Bank rejected the ones with the old name.

2062. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS.

2062.1 None

2063. BROCHURES AND DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR PURUSAL

- i. Countryside Voices – Spring 2021
- ii. Clerks & Councils Direct – May 2021
- iii. Clerks & Councils Direct – June 2021

2064. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

None.

2065 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting: **Thursday 7th October 2021** @ 7.30pm, Baginton Village Hall.

2066 Close The meeting closed at 9:05pm