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BAUGHURST PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday 13 May 2021
Wolverton Village Hall
7.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllrs M G Slafford (Chairman), R Cockle, J Hewitt, G Porter, P R S Postance, S E Terrett
Also present: Hampshire County Councillor D Mellor, Borough Councillors G Poland and K Rhatigan.
In attendance: Mrs P J Waterfield, Clerk to the Council

1. Election of Chairman

Cllr Slafford was unanimously re-elected to the Chair, and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. He welcomed all Councillors present, including those new and those re-elected.

2. Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office

All Parish Councillors present signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3. Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr Hewitt was unanimously re-elected to the Vice Chair.

4. Minutes of the meeting of 22 April 2021 (copy herewith)

The Minutes of the meeting of 22 April 2021, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read and APPROVED.

5. Apologies for absence

Received from Cllr M Russell, and Borough Councillor S Frost.

6. Declarations of interest

Councillors were reminded that for those with any interest to be disclosed in relation to an item included in the agenda for this meeting, it was their duty to do so at the appropriate agenda item (as required to be disclosed by Section 96(1) of the LGA 1972, and in accordance with the Parish Councils Order 2001. Councillors had each received a form, which they were required to complete with any declarations of interest on an annual basis.

7. Matters arising from the Minutes of 22 April 2021

- land at 103/105 Long Grove – maintenance contractor is willing to maintain ongoing clearance of land, and quotation approved for initial clearance of vegetation, posts and fencing, and provision of new fencing, at a cost of 995.00 + 199.00.
- Small working party to form a planning group for open spaces deferred until cooption of further councillors has taken place.
- Deeds - Land Registry had returned a standard response, advising that the situation is being investigated and promising a return of information.
- Wolverton field lease – Sir George Brown Trust has not yet managed to obtain a full valuation of the field. Clerk to investigate other routes for obtention of a valuation.
- 59 Long Grove – inspection shows the fence posts are already in place on the correct line.
- S106 monies – a response has been received, advising that an exact figure will be available within the next week.
- Fallen branch, Withies – works have been completed.
- Path adj 14 Wellington Crescent – works to be carried out in May.

- Bench – Heath End Road – suggested that a pipe is laid lengthwise above the ditch, and grassed over, to form a walk way onto land opposite. Other options on placement to be investigated by councillors and brought to the next meeting.
- Tree survey – original successful candidate has withdrawn his quotation. The second lowest quotation was then accepted.
- Land rear of 101 Long Grove – site cleared, but storage unit left outside fence on parish land, and residents to be notified.
- Domain name and email provision – further problems encountered with setting up the domain name and email account, but moving slowly forward.
- Public rights of way campaign – HCC are not involved, and Ramblers Association are apparently spearheading campaign. Clerk has written, inviting discussion.
- Council tax charge – explanation for the difference in Council tax had been explained by BDBC, but agreed that an overview presentation by them would be useful.
- SLR – agreed that first outing of SLR should be Brimpton Road near county boundary. Clerk to purchase padlock, with a ceiling of £20. A new volunteer was identified, but the issue of the lack of a Coordinator still prevents any outings of the SID machine. Cllrs Cockle, Slatford and Terrett initially volunteered to help mount and dismantle the machine.

8. County, Borough, BDAPTC and Police reports

All reports are to be found as appendices to these Minutes.

9. To confirm appointment of representatives

HCC Footpaths	Cllr P Postance
BDBC Road Safety	VACANT
Public Transport Liaison	Cllr P Postance/ VACANT
AWE Local Liaison	Clerk
Heath End Hall	Cllr J Hewitt
BDAPTC	Cllr M G Slatford/ VACANT
CAB	Cllr J Hewitt
Tadley Elderly Care	Cllr M G Slatford
Age Concern	Cllr G Porter
Cheque Signatories	Cllrs J Hewitt, P R S Postance, M G Slatford, S E Terrett, Clerk

10. To confirm appointment of committees

Footpaths	R Cockle, J M Hewitt, G Porter, P R S Postance, M Russell, M G Slatford, S E Terrett
General Purposes	R Cockle, J M Hewitt, G Porter, P R S Postance, M Russell, M G Slatford, S E Terrett
Playing Fields and Open Spaces	R Cockle, J M Hewitt, G Porter, P R S Postance, M Russell, M G Slatford, S E Terrett

11. Open forum

No comments made.

12. Planning

a) to receive and consider the latest planning applications

21/01116/FUL	Ewhurst Estate	Change of use of land from agricultural to glamping	No objection
21/01004/HSE	Garden Cottage, Browning Hill	Two storey extension	No objection

21/00943/HSE	Yew Tree House, Baughurst Road	Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of new garage	No objection
T/00149/21/TPO	12 Wellington Crescent	Fell 1 cherry tree	No objection

b) Decisions by BDBC

21/00943/HSE	Yew Tree House, Baughurst Road	Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of new garage	Approved
21/00776/FUL	Yew Tree House, Baughurst Road	Equestrian riding arena to land rear of Yew Tree House with fenced enclosure	Approved
T/00544/TPO	11 Hazel Green	T60 oak, prune, T61 oak, prune	Approved
21/00887/TWRN	7 The Hawthorns	T1, 2 and 3 oak – prune	Refused
21/00629/HSE	61 Woodlands Road	Single storey front extension to provide utility room and small hallway	Approved
21/00829/HSE	5 Portway	Conversion of existing loft, erection of rear dormer and single storey rear and front first floor extensions	Approved
21/00516/HSE	1 Highworth Cottages	Single storey rear garden room extension and new vehicular access drive and parking area	Approved
21/00496/HSE	31 Mornington Close	Part two storey, part single storey rear extension and internal alterations	Approved

c) any matters arising

20/01217/FUL land at Inhurst Lane 1 x 3 bed dwelling appeal lodged to DoE

13. **Finance**

- Latest financial statement
- Insurance – the lowest quotation of £ 699.70 was accepted, over a three year period.
- Internal auditor – a further year's tenure was agreed, at £500.00.
- Zoom contract to be ended with effect from 30 June 2021.

14. **Playing fields and Open Spaces**

- To receive quotations, replacement posts, land to right of Hurst Leisure Centre
9 posts identified as needing replacement. It was agreed that all posts should be replaced, and further quotations requested.
- To receive quotation for clearance behind 105 Long Grove
Quotation accepted at £995.00 + 199.00.
- land to rear of 101 Long Grove
Land cleared, but storage unit left by fence on Council land, and resident to be asked to remove.
- Trees
 - Overhanging falling branch rear of 99 Long Grove – approved at 95.00+ 19.00.
 - Dead branch, oak tree – The Withies – approved at £130.00 + 26.00.
- to consider improvements to The Withies pond area
Deferred to the next meeting.

15. **Highways and rights of way**

- a) potholes at Hillside, Baughurst Road, have been reported.
- b) In the absence of availability of Councillors, Clerk had carried out inspection of bridges over rights of way in the parish on behalf of the County Council.

16. **Open forum**

No comments made.

17. **Councils**

Four vacancies exist following the recent election. BDBC to be notified of the vacancies, and, if no candidates come forward, the places will be filled by cooption.

18. **Accounts for payment**

Received: Calleva £84.00

Income		Expenditure	
£		£	
Precept	24492.50	Administration	4630.17
Grant – grass cutting	5380	Grants	
Interest	.60	Free 2p	150.00
Pineapple field	168.00	Chairman's allowance	
Grants		Pineapple field	73.88
Insurance claim		Grass cutting	
Footpaths booklets		Vitaplay	
VAT claim		Trees	
	30,041	Contractor	
		General	84.00
		Highways SLR	
Profit/loss on 1 month	25102.95		
			4938.05

Balance Sheet as at 13.5.21

£		£	
Balance b/fwd	118880	Current Account	2984.51
		Less: unrepresented	1988.92
Profit on 1 month	25102.95	Premier Account	94201.47
		Petty Cash	167.89
		Reserve Account	48618
	143,982.95		143982.95

To pay:

Balance per bank statements as at 13.5.21

Regency	Payroll May	14.84 + 3.70
HCC	Pension May	369.32
Clerk	Salary and allowance May	1152.39
Tesco	Mobile contract May	7.50
Microsoft	Office 365 May	17.60 + 3.52
Business Stream	Pavilion May	6.00

Zoom	Social media provider May	11.99 + 2.40
SEB	Pavilion	61.88 + 3.09
Tadley Elderly	Day care grant	150.00
Inland Revenue	Tax and NI May	279.07
Tesco	5 reams A4 copy paper	17.50
Clerk	Hand gel	1.99

19. **Date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be held on **24 June 2021, 7.30 pm**, Wolverton Village Hall.

20. **Appendix 1**

County, Borough, DAPTC and Police reports

a) **County Councillor D Mellor reported:**

- an amendment to the last Minutes, when £1bn will be spent on social care
- HCC maintains 2880 miles of rights of way, and has a good rapport with the Ramblers Association, who act as volunteers working on behalf of HCC.
- Provision of a bench on Heath End Road – any placing on land owned by HCC would require formal application.
- Speedwatch – Police have been active recently on the A340, identifying many speeding drivers. The new Police Commissioner has confirmed that the problem of speeding is part of their proposed activity. A Police check along Baughurst Road will be programmed in the near future.
- Budgets have been trimmed again.
- Resilience Team have carried out various works in Baughurst, notably along Wolverton Road. Replacement of the fencing along Heath End Road is still outstanding.

b) Borough Council reports:

Cllr K Rhatigan reported:

- His pleasure on becoming Councillor for Tadley North, Kingsclere and Baughurst, and how he looked forward to working with the Parish Council. He urged Council to contact him with any queries, and promised to work against large scale developments to help protect the rural wards. He will work on tandem with Borough Councillors Frost and Poland, who are also Ward Members for the same area. Some of his prime areas of interest are promoting job opportunities for youth in the parish, and hidden mental illness.

Cllr G Poland reported:

- He recognised that the previous incumbents, Borough Councillors Bound and Lovegrove, had carried out their roles and served the Parish well, and hoped to replicate their success, looking forward to working with the Parish and its residents.

Cllr S Frost reported:

- He presented apologies for being unable to attend the meeting, but advised that he was proud, happy and thrilled to be elected as Borough Councillor for Tadley North, Kingsclere and Baughurst.

c) Police report

Police report from PCSO Ireland

A verbal report advised that there had been very little change from the report of the April meeting. Anti social behaviour and arson attacks had lessened, and there were no reports of increased theft in the area.

e) BDAPTC

- Of those parish councils who own play areas, 20 out of 50 are combining to use a contractor for quarterly safety inspections, following the decision by BDBC to charge for a service which had previously been free.