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**BAUGHURST PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday 13 January 2022**  
**Heath End Hall, Baughurst**  
**7.30 pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs M G Slatford, R Cockle, J Hewitt, P Markwick, E Page, G Porter, P R S Postance, A Sciarretta, S E Terrett  
In attendance: Mrs P J Waterfield, Clerk to the Council

Those present were reminded of current Plan B Government Covid guidance. A Risk Assessment had been circulated; social distancing implemented, and negative lateral flow tests required of all present.

**101. Minutes of the meeting of 25 November 2021** (copy herewith)

The Minutes of the meeting of 25 November 2021, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read, and approved, after several minor amendments to attendance by Councillors and appointment of Chair.

**102. Apologies for absence**

Received from Cllr M Russell, and County Councillor D Mellor,

**103. 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 are required to complete with any declarations of interest on an annual basis.

**104. Matters arising from the Minutes of 25 November 2021**

- land at 105 Long Grove – works had been carried out
- Deeds – no further action taken
- Land rear of 101 Long Grove – no further information received
- Technology – new laptop and stand purchased; help given by IT contractor in setting up machine
- SLR – local resident is helping to draw up a template for the mount and identify a suitable manufacturer to custom make it
- Replacement posts, land adjacent Hurst Leisure Centre – works carried out, but approval given to additional post and rail needed as originals had disappeared off site
- Open areas maintenance – works had commenced
- Tree survey – work on trees in immediate need of felling/work had been carried out. Agreed that, once vegetation cleared and outstanding trees in need of report had been added to schedule, tenders would go out
- Tarmac paths – work to commence 31 January
- Bark chippings, Wolverton field – identification of standard height of bark required (225 or 300ml)
- Queen's Jubilee working party - notes attached
- Defibrillator – George and Dragon Hotel had declined to host it; Wolverton hall still deliberating. St Catherine's Church, Wolverton, to be asked

**105. County, Borough, BDAPTC and Police reports**

All reports are to be found as appendices to these Minutes. Queries to be asked of the County Councillor include the proposed resurfacing of Wolverton Road; drainage and

roadside ditches in Snakey Lane. Consideration to be given to HCC offer of free trees for planting in commemoration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

106. **Open forum**

No matters were raised.

107. **Planning**

a) to receive and consider the latest planning applications

21/03677/FUL	The Cottage, Browning Hill	Replacement dwelling and garage following demolition of existing building and creation of new access	No objection
21/03720/FUL	Land at Violet Lane	Family dwelling house, garage and associated parking	Objection
T/00627/21/TPO	33 Mornington Close	Prune 1 beech	No objection
21/03591/HSE	Eastnor House, Inhurst Lane	Single storey rear extension to replace existing	No objection
21/03601/HSE	Holt End Cottage, Wolverton Common	New garage, associated parking and access	No objection
21/03610/FUL	The Old Schoolhouse, Baughurst Road	New dwelling with associated parking and landscaping	Objection
21/03519/FUL	Land adjacent to George and Dragon, Wolverton Townsend (Cllr Slatford declared an interest)	8 dwellings	Objection
21/03163/FUL	Land north east of Wildermere, Haughurst Hill	Dwelling with associated parking, turning, landscaping, private amenity space and access	Objection
21/03465/HSE	Lyncroft, Wolverton Common	Single storey rear extension, creation of 1 <sup>st</sup> floor living space and changes to external materials	No objection
T/00611/21/TPO	1 Heath End Cottage, Bishopswood Lane	Prune 1 oak, prune 1 yew	No objection

b) Decisions by BDBC

21/02944/HSE	The Old Thatched Cottage, Wolverton Common	Single storey front extension	Approved
21/00849/FUL	Pitt Hall Farm, Ramsdell	Change of use of part of grain store barn to Class B2 use (General Industrial)	Approved
T/00389/21/TPO	20 Hazel Green	Prune areas 1, 2 and 3	Approved

108. **Finance**

- Heath End Hall – renting of storage area approved (Cllr Hewitt declared an interest)

- Society of Local Council Clerks – renewal approved at £186
- Parish Online – approval given to renewal at £90 + VAT
- Wolverton field hedgecutting – approval given at £185
- Temporary devolvement of powers to Clerk approved during the Covid crisis
- BDBC Community Infrastructure Levy – an unexpected amount of £15938 had been received, with restrictions on its spending. Deferred to General Purposes for consideration

109. **Playing fields and Open Spaces**

- a) Wolverton field – only one quotation is likely to be received
- b) Pineapple pavilion floor – Clerk advised the floor in the utility area had become spongy. An inspection to be made of the pavilion by a professional company

110. **Highways and Rights of Way**

- Snakey Lane – problems with roadside ditches to be reported to HCC
- Snakey Lane – flooding to be reported to HCC
- Snakey Lane – possibility of one-way system considered to be proposed to HCC, but discarded

111. **Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

a) Event

- Baughurst Scout and Guide Group had agreed to help with the lending of tents, bunting, etc., and may be able to help with the putting up of tents, etc. They are also able to help with providing uniforms through the years of Her Majesty's reign, for the memorabilia stand. However, they felt unable to promote the organisation of games for the children, or the 'Beat the Bounds' walk. Marion wished to stand down from the committee, but agreed to act as the conduit between Scouts and Guides and this group.
- Organisation of the tea party will go ahead with the help of WI and Trefoil Guild. All members to be asked to make cakes.
- Requests for help will be put again on both Council website and Facebook pages in early March
- Parish Council had been asked for financial help, but had asked for a specific sum and a business plan before considering this.

b) Beat the Bounds walk

- Tadley Runners, Baughurst Walking for Health and local horse riders are all happy to work together to provide the run/walk/ride. At the last Jubilee fete, three different routes gave various options, and a programme of times for each group to start was identified. Penny to provide maps of routes to both Brenda and Christine.
- Agreed that printed rosettes should be given to horse riders, runners and walkers, and all children, when completing the course, and certificates to walkers and runners.
- Recommended that there is a small charge for entry, with any profits going to Riding for the Disabled. Printing of the routes will also need to take place. Brenda to investigate style and cost of rosettes.
- Lord Hay to be asked whether it is possible to open locked gates to allow access to the route.
- Local nurseries to be asked whether they would like to organise the shorter walk.
- Walking for Health to be asked to participate.

c) Catering

- Trefoil Guild and WI to work together in providing tea and cakes. Scouts and Guides parents also to be asked to make cake donations. A fee will be made for purchase on the day.
- Ice cream van also to be researched (Judith Goodchild). Other suggestions were to sell commercial ice cream out of a small freezer.
- Small hog roast – costs and availability to be investigated.

- d) Entertainment
- Tadley Concert Brass have not yet declined, but will not commit either at this point of time for the same reason. Clerk to chase again a little nearer the time
  - Dancephaze and Tadley Singers have not yet been contacted. Brenda agreed to talk to the latter.
  - U3A had been asked whether their ukulele band would be prepared to play, and also to spread the word regarding the need for entertainment groups. However, again, they are not prepared to commit until nearer the time.
  - Art Club are to hold an exhibition, with sheets for colouring in for children
  - Memorabilia exhibition – a slide display of life in Her Majesty's reign may be possible. All members of the working party to ask others for memorabilia – a request online will be made nearer the time.
  - Fancy dress competition – local nurseries to be asked whether they would like their children to compete
  - Bouncy castle – enquiries to be made
  - Evening entertainment – Heath End Hall to look at streaming The Party at the Palace live in the evening, with bring your own drink and food. An alternative is for them to organise entertainment, such as a tribute band etc.
- e) Stalls  
All committee members to ask their organisations whether they would like to provide stalls to advertise their services.
- f) Service of Thanksgiving Sunday 5 June 2021  
Mayor of BDBC has agreed to attend. As there is currently no incumbent at St Stephen's, Clerk has asked the Clerical Registry at Winchester to provide someone to take the service, if possible. It is understood that the church is holding a Flower Festival that weekend.
- g) Street party lunch  
Heath End hall to investigate and decide whether to offer the green as an outdoor Street party space, perhaps ticketed, on Sunday 5 June 2022.

#### 112. **Annual Parish Meeting**

The date is 7 April 2022, and Greenham Trust invited to speak. This will, however, be dependent upon Covid restrictions at the time.

#### 113. **Open forum**

No comments made.

#### 114. **Accounts for payment**

**Received:** £84 Calleva; 75p interest; £15938.69 CIL monies

#### **Profit and Loss Account as at 13 January 2022**

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>
<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>
Precept	48985	Administration
Grant – grass cutting	5380	Grants
Interest	6.43	Free 2p
Pineapple field	977	Chairman's allowance
Grants	15938	Pineapple field
	350.00	
Insurance claim	0	Grass cutting
Footpaths booklets	0	Vitaplay
VAT claim	1841.55	Trees
	<b>73477.98</b>	Contractor

		General	2335.19
		Highways SLR	0
Profit/loss on 9 months	32188.30		<b>41289.68</b>

**Balance Sheet as at 13 January 2022**

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Balance b/fwd	118880.00	Current Account Less Unpresented	6089.00 1248.10
Profit on month	32188.30	Premier Account	97480.00
		Petty Cash	129.29
		Reserve Account	48618.00
	<b>151068.30</b>		<b>151068.30</b>

**To pay:**

Balance per bank statements as at 13 January 2022

Regency	Payroll January	14.84 + 3.70
HCC	Pension – January	419.35
Clerk	Salary and allowance January	1368
Tesco	Mobile contract January	7.50
Microsoft	Office 365 January	17.60 + 3.52
Business Stream	Pavilion January	5.00
Inland Revenue	Tax and NI January	372.62
Nash Trees	105 Long Grove	520 + 104
Buyitdirect	Laptop	674.96
Clerk	Postage 3mos 31.12.21	41.20
	Internet provision	52.00
	Laptop stand	13.99
Rooksdown	Training	138.00
Heath End Hall	Hirings Sept-Dec	112.00
Hugofox	Silver January	16.66 + 3.33
Vitaplay	Quarterly inspection	84.00 + 16.80
Heath End Hall	Rental of storage room, annual	300.00

**115. Date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be held on **Thursday 24 February 2022, 7.30 pm**, Heath End Hall.

## 115. **Appendix 1**

### County, Borough, DAPTC and Police reports

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

- Electric Charging Points

The focus has been on delivering a paper to HMG in respect of issues such as provision of charging points on street locations; charging matrix – public or private sector responsibility?- results of test/trials across the county etc . Whilst electric cars ownership grows well above that of diesel vehicles, it must be in perspective. The vast majority of electric vehicles are currently recharged at home either on drive, garage or adjacent roadway. Where we will have great difficulty in Tadley- less so in the more rural areas in my patch- is where most of the vehicles are parked kerbside, away from the owner's residence, on shared green space and where the average car ownership exceeds 2 per house. The tests to date in parking areas where there are dedicated recharge bays reflect lengthy stays per vehicle along with, e.g in Winchester ,some energy problems. BDBC has been kept informed every 6 weeks or so as to the progress of the work. Suffice to say, there are currently over 1200 recharge bays in the County; only Oxford - primarily due to policies in Oxford City - and Cumbria have a better ratio of bays per 100k population. Interesting that is only one applicant in Tadley for participation in the Govt OCRS scheme. BP are wanting to provide nationally some 50000 bays, and Tesco are offering 10000, and a host of private contractors are wanting to participate in the major schemes.

- Reviewing for possible extension of the 20mph limit zoning in specific areas based on emissions

The exercise of possible extension of some 20mph limits into certain areas is not related to either the cycling strategy nor road safety, although there could be benefits in this area although none evident last time the exercise was undertaken in 2018/9; it is an exercise to see if emissions can be reduced in certain areas by reducing the speed limit. The working Group on this will start in February.

- Cycling and Walking Programmes

The Cycling and Walking Programmes are gradually being confirmed and introduced. There was a good response on the surveys sent to all the schools in Tadley. However, the pathways devised along with the consultant linking e.g Bishopswood/Wigmore via Shyshack, across Heath End and through Woodlands to the Hurst now looks unlikely, as it would cost £1M to upgrade. Still in discussion with the consultants, Atkins and HCC Transport, to devise some schemes to complement the main routes into Basingstoke. Government funding contribution is behind the scheme

- Online reporting

A new online reporting feature will give better progress updates. Mapping will be upgraded to include the One Network scheme and those used by some of the local authorities for bin and tree location purposes. More details later; suffice to say during the pandemic a good online reporting scheme accessed from home has been a very useful tool.

- Hampshire Recycling Waste Centres

A decision will be made soonest as to whether the current pandemic influenced booking system will be continued post March. The debate is open; it seems vast majority of residents are very happy with the free scheme, which precludes the need to queue /wait. Perhaps though the regular trader who requires an on demand more than daily slot is not well served.

No feedback/data yet as to the outcome of access to West Berkshire's Padworth tip nor the Newbury tip.

- Finances

Current HMG policy has left us short of about £80M through to March 23. Although HCC was in receipt of some extra money (due to performance) from Dft to assist on the roads maintenance budget, this will hardly cover the 17% inflation on the cost of maintenance materials. Fortunately, we do have some innovative procedures in place such as Highways own recycling centre at Micheldever to produce some of the road surface material needed. Big success and won for HCC some major "Green" award.

- Social Care

Adult Health and Social Care in Hampshire still provides a good service as indeed does Children's Services. The expenditure now exceeds £1Billion per annum on Social Care and recruitment of carers/social workers continues to be a challenge. HCC has expanded its innovative robotics provision so that some care that requires two employees to care for an adult can now be reduced to one as the equipment takes care of lifting the patient. On top of this, Alexa equipment is provided to some residing at home to manage medication and feeding thus potentially reducing frequency of carer visits. Technology is helping all of us. The Supporting Families programme continues

- Asylum

The Home office placed some 170 Afghan asylum seekers in the Apollo hotel and left HCC to house them in conjunction with the local authorities. To date some 29 families have been housed but another 20 turned down housing as they wish to be near their relatives in the UK. A challenge for Social Care. HCC will look at other arrangements such as provision of low cost accommodation for Care workers/nurses; perhaps running our own agency or building care homes on our own estates.

- Childrens Services

I will not comment on the fluid schools and pandemic situation; suffice to say, schools in my patch continue to be ahead of the national average. I attended the schools' review presented by our Director of Education and we are managing well. A new winter holiday fund was created to support over the School holiday those children in financial hardship. Although the recommendations normally come through the schools, I was pleased to hear that Tadley CA used the fund last month.

- Sustainability

Whilst all recognise that Climate Change is upon us within a relatively short timespan, there is a strong school of thought that it cannot be at the expense of the economy. As a member of the Hampshire Pension Fund Board and sitting on the 'Responsible Investment Committee', I receive several mails demanding that the buoyant Pension Fund must stop any investment that can be classified as fossil fuel related. Our meetings receive regular deputations from the likes of Extinction Rebellion all repeating their well produced mantra. HPFB does have approx. – and just 1%- of its money ( c £10Bn) invested in funds that may be associated with fossil fuel and ultimately this goes towards a very healthy pension scheme. The percentage was reduced and is lower than most funds but, the likes of BP/Shell etc do underwrite so many energy schemes , be they windfarms, solar farms, LPG etc which the country still needs. It is balanced sustainability. We remain mindful of the wishes of the members .

- Local Issues raised in past month

Small cutback on the Number 2 bus service which of course with so many still working from home and with footfall in Basingstoke still way down on 2019, the buses are lightly laden. No objections to date.

- Trees

The County will plant another 100000 trees, many in a copse, to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. Locations not finalised but should the Parish wish to promote the use of a specific location, do let me know.

In respect of trees, I am engaged in several issues- notably new residents who do not like the trees by or adjacent to their back garden – healthy though they are- as they block the 'light' and expects HCC to remove or reduce the tree. There is no justification but worth using this column to advise that if a resident has such a problem then they can, after concurrence with the landowner, reduce the area overhanging their garden. If the tree is unhealthy or could be possibly assessed as a safety risk by the owner's arborist then the matter will be reviewed. As always , the issue is who owns the tree.

- Planning

Normally the prerogative of the Borough Councillors, the pressure of the 5 year local land supply factor that has been dictating some of the planning applications in the past couple of years since Basingstoke fell well behind its quota is hopefully to be reviewed with intervention from the new Minister. We do need appropriate housing but at the right place. Many Tadley- and Basingstoke- residents formally objected to the Outline Planning application for 90+ affordable/social rent homes to be built on the corner plot of Bishopswood GC by Deanswood Road. I was pleased to hear that the application by Vivid has been withdrawn. As to how access, provision of parking spaces and electric vehicle charging points availability, and other shortcomings in the application such as invasion of green space etc were to be overcome is another matter. There are some major applications pending for large scale solar farms near to Tadley and Pamber all in the air; there are proposals for 800 homes on the AONB at North Whitchurch, 350 homes at Bishops Green etc which would all require major changes to the infrastructure and no Local Authority should be told that they will have to approve such applications just because they are short on their 5 year land supply/quota. HCC is as always on normal applications a technical consultee to the local authority for planning and generally sticks to strict rules on its recommendation/No Objection response. However , if not appropriate , we do say so, or, as in the cases in Headley and other rural areas, send a holding objection until there are more details or until the plans are amended.

- Broadband

The popular gigabit voucher scheme will be re introduced in February to assist with the enhancement of Superfast Broadband in local premises. HCC contributed to reaching the target of 97% having access under the old scheme and as the goalposts now move then HCC will be topping up on grants to those now enhancing the broadband. The vouchers have equal access to Openreach and the likes of Hampshire Broadband with their alternative scheme.

- The 'County Deal' project

One based on the economic development of the whole County – moves forward. The future of Local Enterprise Partnerships is in the balance and County Deal /County Regeneration Boards offer a good way of compensating for there being No Lep. Discussions with all the local Districts continue.



- Hampshire Isle of Wight Fire Rescue Service Authority

A public word of thanks for those at Tadley Fire Station. Few realise the effort the retained firefighters have to put in; if not on service at the Station, they have to be able to get there within 4 minutes and the performance of that Station is exemplary. Tadley needs that reassurance, minimal though the fire occurrence is in Tadley and Baughurst. We have 61 fire stations serving 1.7M population and the mixed work they undertake such as attending motorway accidents, occasionally removing obstructions from the Highway etc as well as manning vaccination centres is indeed praiseworthy.

- No outstanding issues

The recent storms have had an effect on drains and trees but nothing untoward. Minor flooding with overflowing gullies is generally relieved naturally within the day. Indeed, flooding is perhaps the most important aspect of Climate Change in Hampshire programme. Last week saw the first appearance in 11 months of our gritters, now all suitably named.