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BAUGHURST PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday 24 October 2019 7.30 pm, Heath End Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllrs M G Slafford (Chairman), C Curtis, C Grenville, G Hetherington, G Porter, P R S Postance, A Sciarretta, S E Terrett
Also present: County Councillor D Mellor, Borough Councillor W Lovegrove
Apologies for absence received from Cllr J Hewitt; Borough Councillor M Bound
In attendance: Mrs P J Waterfield, Clerk to the Council

59. **Minutes of the last meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting of 26 September 2019, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read and approved.

60. **Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

Cllr G Hetherington signed the Declaration of Office.

61. **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.

62. **Matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting**

(50) Speedwatch

Agreed that 4 x new batteries, at £15.42 each, would be purchased for the SID machine.

(50) Bus shelters

The bus shelter at Brimpton Road had been satisfactorily repaired. The repair at Woodlands Road shelter is to be carried out next week. Agreed that contractors should be asked to inspect all the remaining shelters, and give their opinion regarding cleaning versus restoration in each case, providing a quotation for the next meeting.

(50) BDBC – marking the death of a senior national figure

Information was received regarding their due process, and recommendations for parish councils. Most of these had already been agreed by Council, but liaison with St Stephen's regarding the peal of bells, and involvement with a church service, and Heath End hall with regard to the lowering and raising of the Union Jack, is to be investigated.

(50) Defibrillator

Clerk had thus far been unsuccessful in obtaining information regarding proximities and the regulations governing their installation.

(50) Remembrance Sunday

Arrangements were in place for the event, which had included a fee of £25 to HCC for the temporary siting of the plastic poppies on lampposts.

(50) Tree surgery

The damaged cherry tree at Mornington Close had been felled. The two ash trees in Brimpton Road will be felled during the second week of November.

(50) Councillor vacancy

BDBC had received no request for an election to fill the vacancy, which will now be filled by cooption. Advertisements will be placed on noticeboards and social media.

(50) Planning meeting, BDBC

Two councillors and Clerk had attended the planning meeting, and notes had been circulated regarding the outcome.

(50) Pensions meeting, HCC

Cllr Hewitt had attended this meeting, and reported verbally that the fund is performing well, and that this Council's shortfall for payment, should the Clerk retire and no Hampshire pension be offered to her replacement, would be in the region of £20,000, depending upon the condition of the stock market.

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

a) County Councillor D Mellor reported:

- HCC had received a spate of travellers' residential applications
- HCC will be approximately £18m short on budget over a 2 year period. Fair funding has helped, but increasing costs in elderly and social care have escalated.
- Council tax will probably be at the maximum of 3.99% next year.
- Climate change – cycling groups are lobbying hard for more cycling lanes in towns and cities
- HCC currently have 97.6% of broadband cover in the county, and hope to have 98% by 2020.
- Dragon patchers will be repairing roads in Bishopswood Lane, Shaw Lane, and A339 lay-bys in the near future
- HCC Pension Fund is performing well, meeting 100% of liability
- Southampton Airport – an application is to be received for a new runway

b) Borough Councillor W Lovegrove reported:

- A resident in Mornington Close had been fined £950 for failing to quieten her dogs
- Grey waste bins will be replaced if found to be damaged within 2 years of their installation
- A recent survey of Polling Stations resulted in the same status quo for forthcoming elections
- He also advised the impact of the current failure of the 5 year housing delivery plan for BDABC, which has resulted in a 20% buffer. As a result of this, national planning policy overrides local policy.

c) Borough Councillor M Bound gave a written report:

- A quiet month, albeit with the usual resident problems and enquiries to deal with.
- Regarding the Borough specifically, there was a Full Council meeting last week. The Conservative administration no longer has a majority; the position now is, Conservatives – 29, Labour – 21, Liberal Democrats – 7 and the Independent Forum – 3. Because of this the allocation of seats on committees has had to change. It does not affect me – I am still on DC and reserve for Communities, Environment and Partnerships.
- Council adopted the Basingstoke Golf Course Development Brief Supplementary Planning Document with a minor clarification of where on the map the traveller pitch was located. Council also noted and agreed a report and recommendation regarding Polling Stations.
- Specific to DC is the fact that Basingstoke & Deane can no longer demonstrate a five year land supply. This may improve by the end of the year but the effect is that we are now back in a position where, because we can't demonstrate that five year land supply, the NPPF presumption on development comes into play very much more than it did as the adopted Local Plan doesn't carry so much weight. In rural areas for instance, development outside of a settlement policy boundary isn't such a strong reason preventing development as perhaps it was and so there have to be other very good reasons to turn an application down.

64. **Open Forum**

A developer, and applicant, spoke about their imminent planning application for Brook Barns, and displayed plans. Clerk had opened an account with the Common Exchange, with the concept that grant applicants may be able to double their grant aid via Greenham Common Trust.

65. **Planning**

a) to receive and consider the latest planning applications

19/02624/HSE	43 Long Grove	Single storey rear extension	No objection
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b) Decisions by BDBC

18/03160/HSE	Browning Hill Cottage, Browning Hill	Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of two storey and single storey rear extension	Approved
HCC/2019/0688	Hurst Community College	Permanent retention of a modular building	Approved
19/02502/CONS	Land at Browning Hill Green	Staff bungalow in association with extant glamping site	Approved

66. **Finance**

a) Financial report

The latest financial report was received and noted.

b) Newsletter

Production, in colour, and distribution of the newsletter was agreed.

c) Vision ICT

Approval was given to renewal of Vision ICT website hosting and support, and email hosting.

d) Vision ICT – statutory changes to websites

Investigation is to be made of HALC, BDBC and DAPTC regarding legislation surrounding Council websites.

e) To receive grant application, Tadley Citizens Advice

Approval was given to a grant of £600.00, under S137 of the LGA 1972, for the benefit of the area and its inhabitants.

f) HCC Grant application

County Councillor Mellor had approved the grant application for costs relating to the Remembrance Day service, at a cost of £370. Thanks were made.

67. **Highways and rights of way**

a) BR5

Access had been made by vehicle from the exit onto Inhurst Lane. A tree has fallen, and the debris is in the process of being removed from the site.

b) Baughurst House

An application had been made for a Form CA16 (deposits under section 31 (6) of the Highways Act 1980, and section 15A91) of the Commons Act 2006.

c) Wheathold/Axmansford

HCC to be notified of missing directional and warning signs at the junction with Wolverton Road.

d) Crabs Hill

Dissatisfaction expressed over the poor surfacing and waiting time for its repair. HCC to be notified.

68. **Playing fields and Open Spaces**

a) Hedgecutting, Wolverton field

Approval was given to a quotation for £175 for cutting of the hedgerows.

b) S106 contributions

BDBC had invited further suggestions for use of S106 monies within the Parish. Ideas put forward included:

- Planting, Brimpton Road
- Kissing gates

c) Land rear of Hurst Community College

Agreed maintenance contractor should be asked to clear bramble, nettle etc.

d) Damage, Long Grove play area

Damage to the seat, gate closers and multiplay unit had been reported to Police. Vitaplay had been asked to obtain quotations for the replacement parts.

69. Accounts for payment

Received: £370 HCC grant, Remembrance Sunday; £268 back payment, Calleva; £2.59 and £3.00 bank interest

To pay:

Balance per bank statements as at 24 October 2019

Regency	Payroll October	14.50 + 2.90
HCC	Stationery	23.12 + 4.62
HCC	Poppies on lampposts	25.00
Vision ICT	Website and email hosting	339.50 + 67.90
Heath End Hall	Hirings	14.00
Idverde	Mowing, July, August, September	1403.04 + 280.61
HCC	Pension October	394.24
Inland Revenue	Tax and NI October	262.99
Clerk	Salary and allowance October	1130.88
Nash Contract Services	Tree felling, Mornington Close	280.00+ 56.00
Tesco	Mobile contract October	7.50
Microsoft	Office 365 October	17.60 + 3.52
Tadley CAB	Grant	600.00
Business Stream	Pavilion October	5.00

Current Account	3419
Premier Account	81568
Petty Cash	238
BDBC	<u>48618</u>
	133843
Less; unrepresented	<u>2192</u>
	131651
Add: balances R&P	<u>23254</u>
	<u>154906</u>

70. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of BAUGHURST PARISH COUNCIL will take place on **Thursday 8 November 2019, 7.30 pm**, Heath End Hall.