

BAUGHURST PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday 20 July 2017
7.30 pm, Wolverton Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllrs J Hewitt (Chairman), C Curtis, C Grenville, F Langley, A Narracott, G Porter, S E Terrett
Also present: Borough Councillor M Bound and 4 members of the public
Apologies for absence received from Cllrs P E Garrett, P R S Postance, M G Slafford and R T Ward, Hampshire County Councillor D Mellor
In attendance: Mrs P J Waterfield, Clerk

30. Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 22 June 2017, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read, after the addition of J Hewitt present at the last meeting, and amended information about Speedwatch figures (72 drivers reported).

31. Declarations of interest

Councillors were reminded that for those with any interest to be disclosed in relation to any 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).

32. Matters arising

(19) Speedwatch

Baughurst CSW was deployed on Thursday on the Baughurst Road, along with PCSO Dullingham, during morning rush hour. 18 speeders have been reported to the police for action. In 90 minutes:

257 vehicles passed the team of which (in the direction we were recording)

- 47 were travelling in excess of the 30mph limit (18%)
- 18+ were travelling at 35 or above of which two were incorrectly recorded therefore
- 18 reported to police for action (7% of all passing vehicles)
- One driver was travelling in excess of 50 mph. PCSO Dullingham has noted their details for a prompt follow up without waiting for the normal flow of communication.
- One speeder was a school bus
- Two speeders were second strikes for the Baughurst CSW team, one in 2015 and the other in April this year.

Baughurst CSW was deployed on Monday in Wolverton Common along with PCSO Dullingham during morning rush hour. 23 speeders have been reported to the police for action. In 90 minutes:

84 vehicles passed the team of which:

- 44 were travelling in excess of the 30 mph limit (52%)
- 25 were travelling at 35 or above (30% of total) of which two were incorrectly recorded therefore
- 23 reported to police for action (27% of all passing vehicles)

The Speed Indicator Device is due a service, and Clerk to investigate costs and availability.

(19) Pinch points – Wolverton

County Councillor Mellor had been asked to investigate the situation, and his comments outlined in his report below.

(19) Stoney Heath – traffic speeds

County Councillor Mellor had been asked to investigate the situation, as above.

(19) Renewal of rental, Speed Limit Reminder (SLR) device

No further information received from Kingsclere Parish Council. BDBC to be asked for further information regarding the specifics of an SLR machine which they may purchase.

(19) Moles, Wolverton Field

No evidence of any further molehills on recent inspection.

(27) Rural Housing Forum

No members of Council had been able to attend the forum.

(28) Audit

Comments from the internal auditor had been received as follows:

- o Further explanation of variances required
- o Internal auditor appointment not minuted
- o Statutory documents had not yet been reviewed (due 1 August)
- o VAT needs to be reclaimed on the second Tree Surveys invoice, which had been incorrectly presented by them initially
- o Review methodology of bank reconciliation

33. County, Borough, Police and BDAPTC reports

a) County Councillor Mellor reported that:

- o consultation paper sent to Borough Councils, Parish Councils and other local bodies to discover where the public believe HCC activities in 2018/19/20 should be directed, with a deadline for comment of 21 August.
- o Hampshire Schools are performing well. In respect of Year 7 placements, 98% of parents were offered a school of their choice with over 93% getting their first choice for the forthcoming year. Under the attainment 8 system, Hampshire students achieved a score of 51.1, some 2 points above the national average. Over 90% of the schools in Hampshire have achieved a Good or Outstanding status. Maintaining this is paramount as HCC develops another 18000 school places required to satisfy the substantial population increase over the next few years. Teacher recruitment is a future problem that is to be addressed; suffice to say the injection of additional money from D of E ensuring no 'cuts' is welcomed.
- o He now sits on the Select Committee for Economy, Transport and Environment. 2016/7 saw a massive expenditure on hundreds of projects, many in conjunction with Highways England and BDBC. The spend explains the shortfall in next year's expenditure, but with assistance from the Enterprise Zone contributions etc., there is a very workable programme for 2017/8. In 16/17, the surface dressing programme was successfully completed two weeks early, covering 165 miles of road. Projects for 17/18 are now underway. The A33/A339 roundabout is again going to be realigned as this continues to be a major traffic route linking the M4/M3. Local traffic may start a rat run through Chineham/Wade Road/Faraday with potentially serious problems around the Wade Road 'tip, and the planners have been asked to take this into consideration when finalising.
- o The new contractor, Skanska, replaces Amey next month. The year should see continued progress with new equipment/methodology in regard to pothole repairs.
- o HCC highways policy, in tandem with the Police, is to focus only on 'Casualty' areas. Speedwatch will continue to be supported as a deterrent.
- o Fly-tipping - there has been a reduction. Pilot schemes have been successful, and dedicated staff are being recruited to pursue on a County wide basis. Winchester has, in the past few months, imposed fines of around £27,000.
- o Grants - the Devolved Grants scheme season was a little late. The grants are primarily project based, 'one-offs' and not an annual donation. He is keen to support especially youth orientated activities who struggle financially.

b) Borough Councillor Bound reported that:

- o Spotlight UK activity starts in Southdown Park from 26 July, 2, 9, 16 and 30 August, organised by TDCA, 17.45 – 20.15 hrs.

- o Full Council will be held next week
- o Leisure management arrangements are due for review – with the prospect of a gym at Tadley Pool, which may have implications for Hurst Leisure Centre
- o Information will shortly be available regarding the Electoral Review

34. Open forum

A member of the public gave a detailed explanation of their involvement as owners of the site which has been used as the 'School beneath the pines', and deplored the activities which had been undertaken, many without their knowledge. They are keen to maintain the natural environment, but also wish to help those who have dropped out of education, under the auspices of Hampshire County Council. As a result of the significant number of objections they have received following a recent planning application, they have withdrawn the application. He assured Council that any future activities would fall within the 28 days permitted development; that there would be no permanent structures on the site; that the approved use of 4 spaces in the car park would be respected, and that any fires would be lit in fire pits and carefully monitored and extinguished. He stressed that they wish to work with both Council and the general public in trying to achieve a happy balance.

Other comments raised by residents included the continuation of speeding along Heath End Road, which had resulted in the killing of cats. She continued to hold meetings with HCC in the hope of a strategy for reducing traffic speed.

The Clerk advised that over 200 forms had been distributed to the public who live alongside busy roads, but only 10 responses had been received thus far.

35. Planning

T/00238/17/TPO	1 Heathrow Copse	Fell 7 trees, prune 1 tree and a silvicultural thin of 3 groups of trees	No objection
17/02137/HSE	89 Long Grove	Conservatory	No objection
17/02108/HSE	Lower Church Farm, Browning Hill	Alterations to outbuilding to form a granny annexe	No objection

b) decisions by BDBC

17/00886/HSE	Oakley Cottage, Haughurst Hill	Two storey extension to side of property, following demolition of existing single storey extension, with raised terrace	Approved
17/01500/FUL	Land south of Copse Close, Baughurst Road	General purpose agricultural building to include accommodation of livestock	Approved
17/01642/RET	9 Little Aldershot Lane	Air source heat pump	Approved

c) any matters arising

BDBC had invited two members of Council to a training session covering the planning process and had promised future visits to each parish council in due course.

36. Finance

- The latest financial statement was approved.
- Approval as given to the purchase of a poppy wreath for Remembrance Sunday, at £40, from the Chairman's allowance
- Approval was given to a grant of £500 for Heath End Hall
- Approval was given to the cost of £48 for training, Clerk

- e) Approval was given for arrangements for Remembrance Sunday, including security surveillance, with a ceiling of £350.

37. **Highways and Rights of Way**

a) Rights of Way walk, July 2017

- o **Footpath 14** (from Baughurst Road)
 - **Waymarkers needed at gate leading from lane**
 - New permissive path has been installed by owners at bottom edge of adjacent field, which we think is intended to eventually replace the spur of FP13 which leads north to Curtis Farm. The spur path is of no great importance, and those present felt it would not be a hardship to consider its extinguishment in due course, providing the permissive path is dedicated as a public right of way instead
 - **Waymarkers needed at gate halfway down path towards field**
 - Overhanging vegetation was cut back along length of path
- o **Footpath 19** (from Violet Lane)
 - We cut back vegetation around V gate at entrance to field
 - We had been notified that field entrance had been obstructed by barbed wire. Wire has been strung across the entrance to the sheep field, but the right of way (via V gate) is not obstructed. **Loose plank on gate to be fixed.**
 - We travelled the course of the path easily. We had also been notified that barbed wire was obstructing the path at the bottom of Pudding Hill field. It should be noted that there is a significant gap between FPs19 and 18, and the landowner is quite within his rights to fence. However, a stile leading from the one path to the other has been left in situ, which allows access
 - We cut back vegetation obstructing the V stile into Witches Gulley.
 - **Working party to dig out the stream to encourage the flow to run under the footbridge**
 - **On exiting the other side, a large tree has fallen from the wood into the field, obstructing the direct line of the right of way. Will take advice from HCC regarding its removal – our contractor could possibly cope with the smaller branches to allow access, but tree would still remain on either side**
 - **Waymarking needed on stile**
 - We cut back vegetation at kissing gate leading onto Baughurst Road C101
- o **Footpath 22** (from Baughurst Road)
 - Entrance almost obscured, and we cut back vegetation the entire length
- o **Footpath 21** (from Church Farm)
 - We cut back vegetation at both kissing gate leading from FP21
 - 'Bull in field' sign at either end of the next section of the path, although we saw no cattle, only horses
 - When leaving the path from woodland into the gardens of 'The Wellington Arms', there are no waymarkers identifying route. The path actually leads on the boundary edge but the owners obviously want walkers to walk through their car park. **Has this been formally identified as a deviation of the route?**
- o **Footpath 16**
 - We cut back vegetation at kissing gate

38. **Playing fields and Open spaces**

o Calleva Football Club

A representative explained their forthcoming planning application for additional floodlighting for the Pineapple playing field.

- Five new lights will be installed at various positions surrounding the field
- Neighbours had been notified and thus far no complaints received
- One light had been re-sited to avoid lighting a garden. The poles will be fixed in concrete

- The lights will be LED and will only use 3kw per night, thus no additional arrangements will be needed within the pavilion
- The Club intend to leave the lights on timer between 6.00 and 9.00 pm evenings, weekdays
- The expense of the new equipment means they will need to be covered by insurance
- The Club will bear the additional cost of any electricity, and have suggested quarterly payments of all service bills rather than annually as at present
- The Club had vertidraind the field in the past year at their own cost
- The Club would like the field mown more frequently, at their cost
- The Club would like to upgrade the lights along the car park to LED, at their cost
- The Club would like to paint the pavilion, internally and externally, at their own cost
- The Club would like to enter into a five year agreement for use of the field

Agreed:

- a) That there should be no objection to their planning application
- b) That the equipment should be covered within our insurance scheme, with any additional cost covered by the Club
- c) That any additional mowing should be carried out by our maintenance contractor, but with additional cost paid by the Club
- d) That quarterly invoicing for electricity and water should be made to the Club
- e) That permission is given for the upgrading of the car park lighting
- f) That permission should be given for internal and external painting, providing the latter is in keeping with the surrounding rural environment
- g) That this Council should enter into a five year agreement with the Club, barring unforeseen circumstances
- h) That Clerk should draw up a new contract incorporating these changes
 - Moles, Wolverton field
No further new molehills had been reported. However, agreed that Clerk would have the approval to reinstruct the molecatcher to continue preventative measures should the need arise
 - BDBC monthly inspection reports
Clerk to ask BDBC whether others may have access to the reports.
 - Dogs- play area signs
Noted that the signs are of poor quality and come with no fixings or apertures for fixings. Agreed that these would remain in situ in the interim. Signs at Long Grove to be checked to ensure that both are in place.
 - Rotten boards, multiplay unit, Wolverton field
No quotation has been received thus far.
 - Fallen tree, The Withies
Tree had been felled. Agreed that a small alder tree/bush which has died should be removed.
 - Cleaning of walkways, Long Grove
Situation seems to have eased a little with the dry summer months. To be revisited in the autumn.
 - Bark chippings, Wolverton field
Agreed that approval is given to purchase of a lorry load of bark chippings from BDBC for delivery in the autumn.
 - Car park, Wolverton field
Sweepings from the edge of the tarmac areas have been brushed into the crevices.
 - Dropped gate, Wolverton field
Working party had met and restored the gate to its correct level. However, it had dropped again in the interim. Agreed that working party would meet again with a

view to further correction of the levels. Also agreed that consideration would be given to an improvement in the surfacing beneath the gates.

- Land to rear of Hurst Community College
Bracken and weed still appearing between the cotoneaster plants. Clerk to identify a child-friendly weedkiller, and maintenance contractor to be asked to spray and perhaps weed by hand.
- Tree works
Three month works had all been carried out satisfactorily.
- Bus shelter, Heath End Road
Agreed that no remedial repairs would be carried out until deemed necessary.
- Inspection reports, June
No new items for attention this month. Contract to be checked to identify whether Vitaplay are to carry out cleaning of equipment; if not, contractor to be asked to clean benches and small play equipment in both play areas. Query to be raised of Vitaplay regarding safety rubber mat netting under equipment, Long Grove.
- Wolverton field - fence to right of car park has been damaged. Owner of 'School beneath the Pines' to be invoiced for repair once quotation received.
- Quotation for £456 including VAT for repair of fence to front of Wolverton Field accepted.
- Wolverton Common – quotation to be received for renewal of Perspex
- Tree surveys – all three months works completed; 12 months work expected to be completed by end October
- Recent items carried out by, or requested of, maintenance contractor:

Bushes overhanging path by terraced houses, Wildwood Drive
Clear path from Wellington Arms south
Cut back vegetation behind bus shelter, A339
Clean streaks off noticeboard, Wolverton Hall
Noticeboard, Wolverton Common
Clear overhanging vegetation small pathway from Mornington Close (left hammerhead) through to Wellington Crescent
Strim around pinch points and clean
Cut grass on Pound Green triangle
Kissing gate, Baughurst Road – opposite Leonard Russell's place – going by at speed, it appeared to be hanging at an angle
Trim back vegetation on path south of War Memorial down Baughurst Road
Clean pole, Memorial Corner
Long Grove – near tumulus – overhanging branch on pavement to the right
The Withies - look at dead bush/tree to right of path to rear and quote

39. Accounts for payment

Balance brought forward	£120,045
Interest	£4.11
Calleva fees	£78

July and August payments

Clerk	Salary and allowances July	1025.08
	Salary and allowances August	1025.08
Vitaplay	Playground inspection July	84 + 16.80
	Playground inspection August	84 + 16.80
Regency	Payroll July	14.00 + 2.80
	Payroll August	14.00 + 2.80
HCC	Pension – July	319.87
	Pension – August	319.87
Inland Revenue	Tax and NI July	237.18

	Tax and NI August	237.18
SEB	Pavilion	43.52 + 2.16
British Legion	Poppy wreath	40.00
Clerk	Annual mileage claim	156.26
	Annual claim for use of home as office	70.00
Heath End Hall	Hirings - April	26.00
A D Gibbs mowing	Wolverton field	51.10
	Pineapple field	59.42
	St Catherine's	25.55
	Baughurst Common	426.80
HALC	Clerk's training	40.00 + 8.00
Business Stream	Pavilion – water	11.25
Heath End Hall	Grant	500.00

Current account	4457.68
Premier account	69559.21
Petty Cash	161.18
BDBC account	48618.00

	122796.07
Less: unrepresented	2751.07

Balance brought forward	120045.00
Add: balances R&P	35545.67

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40. **Date of next and future meetings**

The next meeting of BAUGHURST PARISH COUNCIL will be held on **Thursday 21 September 2017, 7.30 pm, Heath End Hall**. Agreed that the date of the February meeting would be changed to Thursday 1 March 2018.