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BAUGHURST PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday 24 June 2021
Wolverton Village Hall
7.30 pm

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

21. Minutes of the meeting of 13 May 2021 (copy herewith)

The Minutes of the meeting of 13 May 2021, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read and APPROVED.

22. Apologies for absence

Received from Cllr J Hewitt, and Borough Councillor S Frost.

23. Declarations of Acceptance of Office

Cllr M Russell signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

24. 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.

25. Matters arising from the Minutes of 13 May 2021

- land at 103/105 Long Grove – clearance had started.
- Deeds – no further response from Land Registry.
- Wolverton field lease – response received from Sir George Brown Charity, withdrawing their offer to sell the land, and instead offering to continue with a 5 year lease, at an increased price of £350.00 per year. Counter-offer of £250.00 to be made. (Cllr Slafford declared an interest and left the meeting). (Cllr Cockle also declared an interest).
- S106 monies – further information had been received from BDBC. Deferred to Open Spaces Committee.
- Path adj 14 Wellington Crescent – due to bad weather, works commenced this week.
- 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 of Open Spaces.
- Tree survey – alternative contractor will begin investigation in August.
- Land rear of 101 Long Grove – no further action taken as yet.
- Domain name and email provision – domain changed, and website being built.
- Public rights of way campaign – response received from Ramblers, advising that they will be in touch again when in a position to do so.
- Council tax charge – BDBC willing to hold a Teams meeting in July to explain the ramifications.
- SLR – padlock purchased for use of the machine as a static display

26. County, Borough, BDAPTC and Police reports

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

27. Open forum

A letter received from a resident regarding electrification for the numerous garage blocks in both Tadley and Baughurst was received and noted, and is to be passed to our Borough Councillors. The problem lies in the fact that all the hardstandings and the garages themselves are all owned or rented by many different residents, which could make uniformity difficult. Gigaclear had advised that their installation of high speed fibre broadband is about to commence locally. Two residents presented their case for two planning applications recently submitted.

28. Planning

a) to receive and consider the latest planning applications

21/01664/HSE	Browning Hill Cottage, Browning Hill	1 st floor extension (amendment to 18/03160/HSE)	No objection
21/01371/FUL	White House, Bishopswood Lane	Dwelling following demolition of existing B2 industrial unit with alterations to existing access	No objection but concern over adjacent right of way
21/01372/FUL	Land south west of The White House, Bishopswood Lane	New dwelling	No objection but concern over adjacent right of way
21/02061/PIP	Land at Moyglare Farm, Stoney Heath	Application for PIP for residential development for a minimum of 1 and maximum of 2 dwellings	Objection
21/01694/GPDAA	Moyglare Farm, Stoney Heath	Additional storey to a dwelling house with a maximum roof height of 9.32m (permitted development application)	Objection
21/001486/LDPO	50 Portway	Certificate of lawfulness for proposed erection of single storey rear extension	No objection
T/00272/21/TPO	Rear of The Hawthorns	Prune 3 oak trees	No objection
21/01741/HSE	Willow Cottage, Baughurst Road	Front extension to garage	Objection
21/01747/HSE	55 Woodlands Road	Part single, part two storey side extension and rear extension	No objection
21/01703/AGRM	land at Holly Field, Ewhurst Park	construction of polytunnel	No objection
21/01704/AGRM	land at Holly Field, Ewhurst Park	siting of rainwater harvesting tank with hardstanding base	
21/01707/AGRM	land at Holly Field, Ewhurst Park	construction of timber clad store	

21/01706/AGRM	land at Holly Field, Ewhurst Park	construction of glasshouse	
21/01705/AGRM	land at Holly Field, Ewhurst Park	construction of timber clad store	
T/00272/21/TPO	rear of The Hawthorns, Baughurst Road	prune 3 oak trees	

b) Decisions by BDBC

20/03584/FUL	Mulberry Hill, Violet Lane	Replacement dwelling with ancillary building, construction of swimming pool with driveway and associated landscaping works following demolition of existing dwelling	Approved
21/01004/HSE	Garden Cottage, Browning Hill	Two storey extension	Approved
21/00331HSE	29 Long Grove	Single storey rear extension and conversion of garage to living accommodation (part retrospective)	Approved

29. **Finance**

- Latest financial statement
- Payment approved for tree works, rear of 99 Long Grove; The Withies; land adj 14 Wellington Crescent
- Clerk's salary review deferred until an Appraisal has been carried out. Hourly rate for maintenance employer to rise to £10 per hour; mileage rate to remain at 60.1p.
- Payment approved of Hugofox invoice at £399.00 + 78.00 VAT
- Payment approved of Playground Inspection annual inspection report £170.00 + 34.00 VAT
- Payment approved of Vision ICT domain name transfer at £65.00 + 13.00

30. **Playing fields and Open Spaces**

- Quotations for replacement posts land to right of Hurst Leisure Centre – not received, deferred to Open Spaces.
- Weekly inspections, BDBC – queries raised regarding access to central reporting system for all councillors, and whether minor repairs could be included in the contract. Original decision to cease weekly inspections still stands.
- Annual playground inspection had been carried out at both play areas.
- S106 monies – deferred to Open Spaces. Borough Councillor Poland also asked to investigate the process and the situation.
- to consider improvements to The Withies pond area – deferred to Open Spaces.
- land to rear of 105 Long Grove – deferred to Open Spaces.
- prospective new bench, Heath End Road – deferred to Open Spaces.

31. **Email, website and domain name provision**

Domain name has now been changed to new provider Seiretto for new website with Hugofox, which is also in the process of being built at £399.00 + VAT. Agreed that all councillors should give Clerk password details before the July meeting to enable our IT provider to save and store all historic emails within the new server.

32. **Highways and rights of way**

- Clerk advised that rights of way Nos 18, 19 and 20 could become fenced by the landowner to protect the land from trespass.
- Resident had asked if Council could act as a 'banker' for grant monies collected in order to effect repairs to a public right of way. HALC to be asked for their views.

33. **Open forum**

No comments made.

34. **Councils**

BDBC had advised that all four vacancies could now be filled by cooption, and Clerk had advertised the vacancies widely. No applicants were forthcoming. Agreed that advertisement would be placed in the local church magazine.

35. **Accounts for payment**

Received: £84 Calleva; .68p and .72p bank interest

To pay:

Income

£

Expenditure

£

Precept	24492.50	Administration	7950.90
Grant - grass cutting	5380	Grants	
Interest	2.02	Free 2p	150.00
Pineapple field	252.00	Chairman's allowance	
Grants		Pineapple field	76.88
Insurance claim		Grass cutting	0
Footpaths booklets		Vitaplay	84
VAT claim		Trees	1248
	30,126	Contractor	
		General	77.84
		Highways SLR	
Profit/loss on 1 month	20539.52		
			9,587

Balance Sheet as at 21.6.21

£

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Balance b/fwd	118880	Current Account	3783.66	
		Less: unpresented	2573.15	
Profit on 1 month	20539.52	Premier Account	90202.89	
		Petty Cash	167.89	
		Reserve Account	48618	
	143,982.95		146556.1	

To pay:

Balance per bank statements as at 21.6.21

Regency	Payroll June	14.84 + 3.70
HCC	Pension - June	369.32

Clerk	Salary and allowance June	1152.39
Tesco	Mobile contract June	7.50
Microsoft	Office 365 June	17.60 + 3.52
Business Stream	Pavilion June	5.00
Zoom	Social media provider June	11.99 + 2.40
Play Inspections	Annual inspection	170.00 + 34.00
Inland Revenue	Tax and NI June	279.07
Vision ICT	Domain name	65.00 + 13.00
Nash Trees	Cherry stumps 14 Wellington Crescent	295.00 + 59
	Trees adj 14 Wellington Crescent	650.00 + 130.00
	BR1 rear 99 Long Grove	95.00 + 19
	Branch, The Withies	130.00 + 26
Hugofox	Website build	399.00 + 79.80

36. Date of next and future meetings

The date of the next meeting will be held on **29 July 2021**, 7.30 pm, Wolverton Village Hall.

Proposed Meeting Dates 2022

Thursday 13 January 2022	7.30 pm	Heath End Hall
Thursday 24 February 2022	7.30 pm	Heath End Hall
Thursday 10 March 2022	7.30 pm	Hurst Community College (Playing Fields and Open Spaces)
Thursday 24 April 2022	7.30 pm	Heath End Hall
Thursday 12 May 2022	7.30 pm	Wolverton Hall (Annual Meeting of Council)
Thursday 23 June 2022	7.30 pm	Wolverton Hall
Thursday 28 July 2022	7.30 pm	Wolverton Hall
Thursday 22 September	7.30 pm	Heath End Hall
Thursday 27 October	7.30 pm	Heath End Hall
Thursday 10 November	7.30 pm	Hurst Community College (General Purposes)
Thursday 24 November 2022	7.30 pm	Heath End Hall

37. Appendix 1

County, Borough, DAPTC and Police reports

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

- £500k is to be spent upgrading rights of way
- During the first month of the new administration since the election, there have been many changes involved in the re-shaping of HCC
- He advised the new opening times of Hurst Leisure Centre, which will only be open from 5.00 pm in the evenings, and during weekends, and that further investigations are ongoing into this scenario
- There have been 3 budget reviews since April, with a forecast of a £72m deficit over 3 years, but with £650m in reserves

- Most of the monies are spent on adult social care, with £2.4m on children's meals
- Highways budget is set for next year. Resilience programmes continue in Crabs Hill.
- The Active Travel programme is still going ahead, with walkways and cycleways to be put in place near The Hurst Community College to Tadley. A public consultation is open for comment until 9 July
- Highways Waste – the current booking system is to be retained. At Wade Road bikes may book, on a trial basis. Wolverton quarry had been considered as a possible recycling site, but had been discounted on many grounds. A cross-border charge is being considered by HCC and neighbouring councils

b) **Cllr G Poland reported:**

- Grass cutting - Baughurst Parish Council has received numerous calls/emails complaining about the grass cutting situation. Parish Councillors may be aware that this has been a hot topic for BDBC (and, it is believed, other Councils). BDBC is responsible for mowing over 6 million m2 grass, equivalent to over 1000 football pitches. The spring rain and spells of warm weather have created perfect growing conditions and the team, who are working evenings and weekends to remedy matters, were initially hampered by weather conditions. It is believed that most areas have now been cut. Borough Councillors have asked for a presentation on the situation, and it is hoped more information will be available at the next PC meeting.
- LIDL – TADLEY This planning application was rejected by West Berkshire CC despite support from BDBC. The appeal hearing will take place on 7 July and Ken Rhattigan has advised me that his request to speak at the appeal in support of the application was accepted. It is hoped that further information will be available at the next meeting.
- AWE – He has been nominated as one of the two BDBC Councillors on the AWE Liaison Committee and will attend his first meeting on 7th July. He has been in email correspondence with a Tadley resident who raised an issue with his predecessor, Michael Bound, who in turn raised it at the last AWE meeting. However, the resident has emailed again today that the response to his previous matter was unsatisfactory , and some other serious concerns which will be raised at the meeting.
- Hurst Leisure Centre - Councillors will be aware that this facility has been impacted by Government Covid regulations and although the gym reopened, this was with limited opening hours.

Cllr S Frost reported:

- Advised that he was proud, happy and thrilled to be elected to represent the new ward of Tadley North, Kingsclere and Baughurst in May along with Cllrs Ken Rhatigan and Geoff Poland.
- He had unfortunately missed the Mayor Making Ceremony held in the Haymarket Theatre due to work commitments, but was pleased to be able to attend the Selection meeting after the Mayor Making ceremony, where all the committees and representative to outside bodies were selected. After 18 months of Zoom and Teams meetings, it felt strange to see both old faces again along with the new faces.
- He had been elected to the Chair of the Economic, Planning and Housing committee, where, as a committee, they have an extremely busy year ahead due to the Local Plan Review and tidying up the last bits of last year's work.
- He had also been asked to serve on the Development Control committee, and the first meeting was held in the council's chambers as we started to come out of lockdown.
- At the Selection meeting he was also asked to represent the Borough Council at the AWE Liaison Committee with Cllr Geoff Poland, and as the Borough's representative on the Board of Vivid, and he looks forward to these meetings.
- Casework has started across the Ward where he has been involved with residents who have had their bins not being emptied, or damaged by the refuse collection teams; company signs that have been nailed to trees which have TPOs without permission, and grass cutting by the borough's grass cutting team, or the lack of it.

Regarding the grass cutting, the Borough team fell behind cutting schedule due to the sheer amount of rain that has fallen in the borough and in the wet, the grass grew significantly, so the team was then hit with a double problem.

1, Lots of rain which affected when the grass could be cut

2, Lots and lots of rapidly growing grass so there was more grass to be cut

Thankfully the grass cutting team have, with herculean efforts, managed to cut the borough's grass and are moving back to the original grass cutting schedule at a rapid rate of knots.

- He has also been asked by Tadley Town Council to request more central recycling facilities. He had spoken to the portfolio holder, Cllr Eachus, who advised that she, and her officers were holding a review of recycling facilities borough wide and I look forward to sharing the results of the review once complete.
- I look forward to working with the ward's Parish Councillors and my fellow borough Councillors to make the borough a better place to live and work.

38. **Confidential Minutes** (Clerk's salary and allowances) Deferred.