

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF  
BAUGHURST PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023  
AT HEATH END HALL AT 7.30PM**

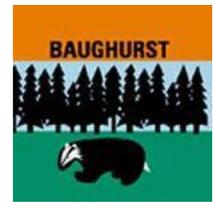
**BAUGHURST PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

	<b>In Attendance</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Cllr Charlton (Chairman)	✓		
Cllr Cockle	✓		
Cllr Clark (7.40pm)	✓		
Cllr Cooper	✓		
Cllr Fletcher	✓		
Cllr Hewitt		✓	
Cllr Higson	✓		
Cllr Mamon	✓		
Cllr Porter	✓		
Cllr Slatford	✓		
Cllr Terrett	✓		

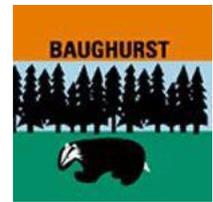
**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Karen Ross- Locum Clerk, County Councillor Mellor.

- 60. To receive and accept apologies for absence.**  
RECEIVED and ACCEPTED apologies for absence from Councillor Hewitt due to personal reasons.  
NOTED from Borough Councillor Morrow and Borough Councillor Bound
- 61. To receive and note any declarations of pecuniary interest relevant to the agenda.**  
RECEIVED no declarations of pecuniary interest relevant to the agenda.
- 62. The approve as a correct record the minutes of the Baughurst Parish Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2023**  
APPROVED as a correct record the minutes of the Baughurst Parish Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2023.
- 63. To note the resignation of Cllr Slatford as Vice-Chairman**  
NOTED the resignation of Cllr Slatford as Vice-Chairman. He was thanked for his work and support whilst in the position of Vice Chairman.
- 64. To elect a Vice Chairman for the ensuing Municipal Year**  
RESOLVED to elect Councillor Clark as vice chairman.





71. **To note the playground Inspections**  
NOTED the playground Inspections. There were no issues for consideration.
72. **To consider the implementation of the Alpha Accounting System**  
RESOLVED to request that IT working group consider Alpha alongside any further packages.
73. **To consider the arrangements for Remembrance Sunday**  
RESOLVED to ask that Penny Waterfield assist with the arrangements of Remembrance Sunday and that her costs up to £250 would be covered plus reimburse any expenses incurred.
74. **To consider the following planning applications**
- 74.01 **23/O2204/FUL**  
**The Old Schoolhouse Baughurst Road**  
**The erection of a new dwelling (amended scheme to 21/O3610/FUL)**  
AGREED to object to this application on a greenfield site. The new proposal does nothing to address the concerns of the Parish Council. This application is contrary to Policy EM1 as the proposal is not sympathetic to the character and visual area concerned. The removal of the Dormer windows is contrary to the Village Design statement which states Dormers and chimneys help to enliven the roofscape; they help to reduce the perceived overall building height, add visual interest to buildings and break up large areas of roof.
- 74.02 **23/O2236/HSE**  
**Cranborne Baughurst Road**  
**Erection of two storey rear extension**  
The Parish Council has no objection to this application.
75. **To agree the date of the next meeting on Thursday 26th October 2023 at 7.30 pm at Heath End Hall**  
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76. **Admission to meeting to pass a resolution in accordance with the public bodies (Admission to meetings) act 1960 to exclude the public and press from the remainder of this meeting as publicity will be prejudicial to the confidential nature of the business.**  
RESOLVED that in accordance with the public bodies (Admission to meetings) act 1960 to exclude the public and press from the remainder of this meeting as publicity will be prejudicial to the confidential nature of the business.
77. **To consider staffing matters**  
Councillor Fletcher gave an update on the recruitment of the new permanent Clerk. Correspondence from Penny Waterfield the previous clerk was discussed. Cllr Charlton and Cllr Fletcher will deal with the matters raised and report to full Council next month.



## **Appendix A**

### **Monthly Report for Hampshire County Council /September 2023**

#### County Deal;

The planned arrangement for a cooperative County Deal, bringing in the unitary authorities of Bournemouth, Portsmouth and Southampton to assist in the area getting the benefits of devolution under Wave 3 is now set aside. Clearly the politics were too much for some parties and HCC will therefore continue with its bidding arrangements with HMG to get the funding required for investment.

The Local Enterprise Partnerships with whom we work on key often cross border projects such as Freeports/Infrastructure Development – there are two; one is the M3 Solent LEP and the other is the Thames Valley M4 LEP- are being withdrawn. HCC will continue to fight for HMG funding to support planned programmes.

#### Parking;

In April HCC started its taking over the street parking responsibility from B & D which was one of the few districts/boroughs left in the County that had not done so. By October the outstanding districts will all be under HCC. None of them minded ! Of course with standard parking problems also comes EV streetside charging, blue badge issues and enforcement. Residents permits. Dropped kerbs etc -annoying pavement parking also realise a heavy mailbag. Tadley has its own problems of lack of parking space on some of the estates- notably Tadley South; little can be done about most of these due space constraints. Car ownership and size are somewhat different from the 60's/70's as many roads in my division average 2 cars per household. There are no plans to introduce street parking charges in Tadley/Baughurst/Headley etc. Equally, one can hardly expect a parking inspector to be standing on a pavement in the unlikely occasion of a car parking in a wrong spot. All may have heard of a County Council having more legal capability- the yellow boxes are an example of this- and this may be expanded.

#### Highways;

The recent newsletter prepared by Highways Maintenance was dispatched reflecting a massive increase in maintenance over the first 3 months of the F/Yr. As reported last month, additional monies have been found to add another £7.5M p.a on to the pothole repair budget. Having said that the July weather has not helped some of the temporary repairs but generally- certainly in my patch having reviewed our mapping of incidents and undertaken my fortnightly street tour- we have reduced the problem. Outstanding of course are some of the rural, some unclassified- roads where dimension restricts the machinery. The other issue is the erosion -where the verge meets the road- of some of these single-track roads and Highways are starting to see what can be done long term.

#### **Public Consultation**

May I once again bring to your attention the HCC website as the current topic for consultation is Adult Social Care; HCC is planning to spend £173M on building new and upgrading other care homes. Of course this does mean that a handful of current homes will not be retained – nothing in my area- which of course causes some difficulty with long term residents never keen to move. With a focus on long term care for those with dementia, Views are sought and if the response is anything like the recent 30/20mph review (over 10000) , HCC will be pleased ! Adult Social Care 'budget' runs at £1.2Bn+ and inevitably rising way above inflation levels due wage increases and an above average senior citizen count in the County.



### Childrens Services

Too early to obtain a full analysis of the GCSE results achieved by local 'youth'. Initial impression is 'doing OK'.

Perhaps I should highlight that as we are currently running a foster parent recruiting campaign aimed at supporting local children as well as needing those prepared to look after asylum seeking children. HCC has some 1500 children in care.

Obviously, funding has been the big issue on all budgets; worth highlighting that HCC has continued with some initiatives in the current F/yr-some funding from HMG. Included in the expenditure plan.

£800k to support the community pantry network.

£360k for organisations supporting unpaid carers.

£800k in Community Grants

£4.4M to districts and boroughs to provide food vouchers and support housing costs

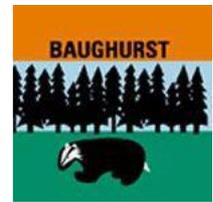
£2.85M for schools/educational establishments to offer support for needy families

£460k in direct fuel support to vulnerable adults

£715k supplement to carers in voucher form.

HCC is supporting those that need it the most.

As for my own work, Chairing the Audit Cttee for the County is a challenge when the Auditors can never concur on valuations but thankfully HMG has just sorted that out; secondly, Chairing Governance of the Hampshire IOW Fire Authority also kept me busy and of course the local case work with issues such as the Main Road traffic lights, road improvement and the seasonal ECHP matters coming to the fore.



## Appendix B

### Cllr Mike Bound

Sorry I can't be in attendance this evening; I am on holiday.

August tends to be a quiet month as regards the Borough with no meetings taking place except for DC. There was a Full Council meeting in July.

Since your previous meeting I have attended site viewings with DC committees and attended the subsequent DC meetings. I have also attended training session on the Councillors Grant Scheme, two Local Plan (cross party) discussions on proposals relating to the Local Plan and a Scrutiny Committee meeting (discussed: Transport update, Local Plan, Housing Allocation scheme based on reports from officers).

Concerning planning, as you'll all be aware there is a form of planning application called a PIP – Permission in Principle, a step on the way to obtaining planning permission that purely relates to **location, land use and amount of development**. These applications have proved very difficult to refuse even when you feel that had they come forward as a full or outline application they might very well have been turned down; there were three out of seven applications on the last DC committee agenda!

However, an interesting development is a recent PIP appeal against refusal by the Borough; the appeal wasn't upheld by the inspectorate, an interesting development that will no doubt be closely scrutinised by the planning officers in terms of their response to future PIP applications. It should be noted that a PIP approval still means that an applicant must bring forward a Technical Details application before they get permission to proceed with any development.

Following on from my last attendance at Baughurst Parish Council, I did ask the Borough to look into the separation of the waste bin and the bench at the end of Heath End Rd near the bus stop as yet I have had no response.

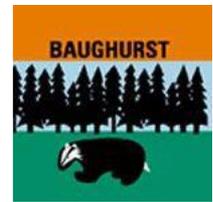


## **Appendix C**

### **Borough Councillor Morrow**

The Borough has invested 500K into our Street cleaning and maintenance teams. They are called MAD (Make a difference) teams. If we can identify areas in the ward that need sprucing up then its key for us to make the teams aware, so that we get our fair share of work out in the rural areas. I'm also told that the leaf clearing will improve with the extra staff available. This is part of the new administrations focus on providing high-quality front-line services in line with our Council Plan that will be going to full council shortly.

I spoke at the Environment, Planning and Housing meeting recently on the Local Plan Update and Spatial Strategy. I will leave the conversation on the Local Plan Update as you will be receiving a visit from the portfolio holder and leader. With regards to the Spatial Strategy adopted from the previous administration, I spoke against the inclusion of Skates Lane in the South of Tadley/Pamber. Prior to the meeting I had asked for a biodiversity report from our new biodiversity officer Rob West. I received a very interesting email describing the site and surrounding environment as an important wildlife corridor with rare species and habitat. Although, in Tadley/Pamber the proposed site would be very close to the conservation area at the bottom of Baughurst. I'm very hopeful that the site will be removed before the plan goes to reg 18. I'm happy to discuss in further detail.



## Appendix D

<b>Profit and Loss Statement as at 18 September 2023</b>			
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Precept	£27,000.00	Salaries & Associated	£11,532.30
Grant – grass cutting	£5,488.14	General Administration	£4,841.85
Interest (BDBC) Bank	£736.17	Grants	£800.00
Bank Interest	£189.58	Open Spaces Trees	£5,750.00
BDBC Bench Grant	£999.00	Grass cutting	£1,042.17
CIL	£4,388.45	Open Spaces Maintenance	£12,441.41
Pineapple field	£534.00	Open Spaces Others	£1,273.25
Grants - Other	£400.00	Pineapple Field	£0.00
VAT Repaid (to March 23)	£2,852.52	Highways & Rights of Way	£0.00
		CIL Expenditure	£0.00
		Other	£40.00
VAT Reclaimed 23/24	£2,514.01	VAT	£4,012.23
<b>Income Total</b>	<b>£45,101.87</b>	<b>Expenditure Total</b>	<b>£41,733.21</b>
<b>Profit/loss Year to Date</b>	<b>£3,368.66</b>		
<b>Balance Sheet as at 18 September 2023</b>			
Balance brought forward	£113,864.06	Current Account	£5,485.78
		Premier Account	£26,584.64
		Petty Cash	£0.00
Profit/Loss Year to Date	£3,368.66	BDBC Reserve Account	£90,019.94
		Less: unrepresented	£4,857.64
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£117,232.72</b>		<b>£117,232.72</b>
		Committed Funds to Year End	£14,416.62
		Planned Funds to Year End	-£29,164.53
		Predicted Funds at 31st March 2024	£102,484.81