

**BAUGHURST PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday 27 February 2020**  
**7.30 pm, Heath End Village Hall**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs M G Slafford(Chairman), C Grenville, (fr99) G Hetherington, J Hewitt, G Porter, P R S Postance, M Russell, S E Terrett, R T Ward  
Also present: 1 member of the public  
Apologies for absence received from Cllrs C Curtis, S E Terrett, County Councillor D Mellor and Borough Councillors M Bound and W Lovegrove.  
In attendance: Mrs P J Waterfield, Clerk to the Council

**97. Minutes of the last meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting of 16 January 2020, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read and approved.

**98. 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.

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

(86) Speedwatch

A new coordinator is still needed. Stratfield Saye Parish Council are in the process of completing the necessary paperwork for the rental of the machine, and had requested possible dates for its hire.

(86) Bus shelters

Clerk had investigated several alternative suppliers of polycarbonate bus shelters without success. Either they would supply but not install, or would only install shelters originally supplied by them. BDBC advised the name of the company whom they use for bus shelter repairs, and a response is now awaited from them.

(86) Defibrillator

Cllr Russell had been instrumental in finding the correct contact at South Central Ambulance Trust, and a pack of information had been circulated. It was agreed that a portable defibrillator should be purchased, with a ceiling of £800, provided Calleva Football Club are prepared to maintain the equipment, check it weekly, and it must remain within the pavilion.

(87) Deeds of Dedication – BR1, and land adjoining Hurst Leisure Centre

Both deeds had been signed and sent to HCC. Both had been engrossed at a cost of £5 by a solicitor and forwarded to Hampshire County Council.

(87) Long Grove vandalism

Insurance company had agreed the claim, and the contractor is to be asked to carry out the repairs. Upon payment of the invoice, the insurers will repay the claim minus the excess.

(92) Poplar tree, Lakelands, and cherry tree

The poplar had been felled, and the cherry tree had disappeared.

(93) Wolverton play area

Multiplay unit had been repaired and restored.

(93) Trees adjacent 38 Portway

Residents had arranged for the overhanging trees to be trimmed back.

(94) Renewal of trustee, Sir George Brown Charity

Mr R W May had agreed to continue as a trustee on behalf of this Council.

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

a) Borough Councillors M Bound and W Lovegrove provided a written report in their absence:

- The Borough meeting this evening is mainly concerned with the Council Plan and matters pertaining. Additionally, they will be confirming the appointment of a Head of Law & Governance and Monitoring Officer; receiving an update on Borough progress concerning the Climate Emergency Action Plan and debating a motion concerned with Basingstoke Football Club.
- Both Cllrs Bound and Lovegrove have, over the course of the month, received lots of complaints about various roads within our area, and where they have not already been listed for repair, these have been put on the HCC web site.
- Additionally, where relevant, they have taken note of any planning applications relevant to Baughurst that have passed their way. It is worth noting that the Manydown application is coming to DC in March, and Cllr Bound, who sits on the committee that will decide the application, and Cllr Lovegrove, who is a reserve member, will be attending various briefings and viewing associated with the application during the month prior to the decision being made.
- Also, the Lidl application which was to be heard in Newbury on March 4<sup>th</sup> has been delayed until April while more detail is sought relevant to the emergency plan.
- BDBC's finances are under pressure as a consequence of reducing grants, increasing costs, low interest rates and cuts by other public sector organisations such as HCC. This has resulted in a budget gap requiring annual savings of £6.6M to be identified by 2023/24. A multi strand approach is being followed to close this gap which involves generating additional income from investments, support for growth, increased commercialisation, council tax increases and reviews of service costs to identify efficiency opportunities.
- As part of this package of measures, the Cabinet agreed in November 2019 to consult on charging parish councils for play area inspections. The parish councils are responsible for maintaining these play areas and ensuring the play equipment is safe, but lack the expertise to carry out safety inspections. The council currently inspect 50 play areas on behalf of Parish Councils free of charge and the proposal is to offer this inspection service to the Parish Councils for £500/annum (approximately £10 per week). In exchange the council would carry out weekly safety inspections of individual play areas and one annual external audit/inspection.
- Parishes may decide not to pay this fee and make alternative arrangements, but based upon 80% uptake the annual income to the council would be £20,000.
- I understand the concern by parishes about not being certain about the additional cost and it is for them to consider whether they raise additional precept or use reserves. However, it is now confirmed that following a review of the consultation responses in January, the Cabinet agreed in February to leave the proposed play area charges in the budget proposals for 2020/21 which are being considered by Council this evening. The proposed charge for play area inspections is included as a money saving aspect of the overall budget (along with other efficiency savings and income of £1.42M in 2020/21) rather than as separate proposal to be considered by Council.

101. **Open Forum**

Council noted, with sadness, the recent death of Isabelle, Lady Erroll, who had been a parish councillor for Wolverton ward in the 1990s. Clerk had undertaken a successful appraisal. A member of the public gave a brief overview of the basic recommendations for responsible LED lighting, and provided a statement which is to be circulated to all Councillors and the Hall.

102. **Planning**

a) to receive and consider the latest planning applications

20/00130/FUL	Land rear of Pine Lodge, Wolverton Common	Change of use of woodland at rear of Pine Lodge to additional garden land	No objection (Cllr Slatford declared an interest)
20/00324/HSE	69 Long Grove	Part single storey and part two storey front, side and rear extensions with new porch canopy	Objection

b) Decisions by BDBC

20/00045/HSE	Rose Cottage, Wolverton Road, Wolverton Common	Single storey side extension to form porch and boot room	Approved
19/03277/HSE	33 Portway	First floor side and single storey rear extensions with internal alterations	Approved
19/03267/HSE	35 Portway	Part first floor/part two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and replacement garage	Approved
19/03264/ROC	Well Farm, Baughurst Road	Variation of condition 1 of 19/01352/HSE to amend the plan numbers to allow an additional rear facing dormer and the rearrangement of roof windows on rear elevation	Approved
19/03065/LBC	Corner Cottage, Wolverton Road	Structural works to enable retention of chimney stack to east elevation	Approved
	5 Mornington Close	T3 beech – prune	Approved

b) any matters arising

- 18/03276/ROC – land at Frith Farm, South of Church Lane, Wolverton – Enforcement to be asked to request tidying up of the area by the developer/owner.
- 2 Long Grove – Clerk had asked BDBC Enforcement to investigate the erection of a 6' high fence adjacent to the carriageway.

103. **Finance**

a) Financial report

The latest financial report was received and noted.

b) Parish Online

It was agreed to renew Parish Online for a further year at £90.00 + £18 VAT. Clerk had been asked by them to provide a brief description of her views on the facility, to be included on their website.

c) Pensions Regulator

A re-declaration of compliance had been submitted to the Regulator, confirming this Council's inclusion in a pension scheme.

d) Elections training

Cllr Hewitt had agreed to attend the training session at Basingstoke.

e) Pensions workshop

Cllr Hewitt and Clerk to attend the next pensions workshop in Winchester.

f) Internal auditor

The internal auditor had notified the Clerk that this year would be the last in which he would continue this role. Approval given to seek an alternative for financial year 2021.

g) BDBC SLR rental

Approval was given to the payment of last year's SLR rental.

104. **AWE Liaison Committee**

Various suggestions were put forward for inclusion on the agenda. These included the fact that AWE is still in Special Measures due to the 500 drums of waste accumulated on the site; the latest situation regarding the DEPZ and ONR; and a suggestion that the press might be included in their meetings.

105. **Highways and rights of way**

The recent excessive rain and storms have created havoc across the county. HCC are prioritising flooding and drainage before pothole repairs. Those already reported are:

- Woodlands Road, along its length
  - Brimpton Road, from Woodlands Road north
  - Baughurst Road – halfway down southern carriageway
  - Snakey Lane – road edge subsidence by Pound Green House
  - Bishopswood Lane (Tadley Parish) – by Golf Club
  - Wolverton Road, Wolverton Townsend (before village hall)
  - Wolverton Road, Wolverton Common (opposite 'The Old Hare and Hounds')
  - Stokes Lane – southern gully blocked
  - Weir gully by Hurst School blocked
- Local residents are to be commended for re-routing flooded areas by diverting the water elsewhere.
- Shaw Lane closure two days 27-29 February.
- Quad bikes had been reported on fields and highways late at night.

106. **Playing fields and Open Spaces**

a) Removal of Scots Pine, Forest Close

Approval given to the felling of a Scots Pine at a cost of £210.00 + 42.00.

b) Fallen tree, Wildwood

Clerk advised a dangerous tree which had fallen across an upright oak tree, which is now supporting it. As it lies over a pavement, and is thus an emergency situation, she had asked a contractor to remove it as soon as possible, and is waiting for their confirmation and a quotation.

c) Fallen tree, Brimpton Road

This has been cleared by the maintenance contractor.

d) Fallen trees, Woodlands Road and Wellington Crescent

Small trees on County land had fallen. Clerk had reported and asked for replacements in due course.

107. **Accounts for payment**

**Received:** Bank interest £2.96, 3.04 and 4.90; Calleva £84.00

**To pay:**

Balance per bank statements as at 27 February 2020

Regency	Payroll February	14.50 + 2.90
Parish Online	Annual fee	90.00 + 18.00
Rowberry Morris	Swearing of statutory declaration	5.00
Vitaplay	New A Frame and log rope, Wolverton	4599.00 + 919.98
SEB	Pavilion	54.55 + 2.72

BDBC	SLR deployment	360.00
HCC	Pension February	458.08
Inland Revenue	Tax and NI February	262.99
Clerk	Salary and allowance February	1130.88
Tesco	Mobile contract February	7.50
Microsoft	Office 365 February	17.60 + 3.52
Nash Tree Services	Felling of poplar	295.00 + 59.00
Business Stream	Pavilion February	5.00
Vitaplay	Repair of multi unit and repainting	1706.89 + 341.37

Current Account	2561.69
Premier Account	66582.14
Petty Cash	154.85
BDBC	<u>48618</u>
	117,916
Less: unrepresented	<u>7979</u>
	109937
Add: balances R&P	<u>45611.15</u>
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**108. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of BAUGHURST PARISH COUNCIL will take place on **Thursday 19 March 2020, 7.30 pm**, Heath End Hall.