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BAUGHURST PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday 27 October 2022
Wolverton Hall, Baughurst
7.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllrs M G Stafford (Chair), M Charlton, R Cockle, C G Cooper, J Hewitt, G Porter
In attendance: Mrs P J Waterfield, Clerk to the Council
Also present: County Councillor D Mellor, Borough Councillor S Frost

226. **Minutes of the meeting of 29 September 2022** (copy herewith)
The Minutes of the meeting of 29 September 2022, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read, and approved. Decision 220(b) Bark chippings was amended and had been reviewed in Open Spaces committee.

227. **Declarations of Acceptance of Office**
Declarations of Acceptance of Office were made by Cllrs Charlton, Clark and Cooper.

228. **Apologies for absence**
Apologies for absence received from Cllrs R Cook, P Markwick, P R S Postance, S E Terrett and Borough Councillor K Rhatigan.

229. **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. Parish Council Register of Interest forms had been sent to all councillors for completion and return.

230. **Matters arising from the Minutes of 29 September 2022**

- Deeds – Clerk in process of garnering supporting information for each individual claim case
- SLR – see Open Spaces
- Tree survey – see Open Spaces
- Tarmac paths – see Open Spaces
- Wolverton field works – see Open Spaces
- Pavilion and Calleva – see Open Spaces
- Laurel – see Open Spaces
- Jubilee Ukraine fund – WI had asked for their contribution to be added to the appeal donation
- Defibrillator – had arrived; been fitted, and is now registered for use

231. **County, Borough, BDAPTC and Police reports**
Reports noted in the appendix.

232. **Open forum**
Council telephone line had failed, and in future communication to be relayed through the Council mobile number. A change of letterhead is thus needed, and Cllr Cooper to design a replacement template.

233. **Planning**
a) to receive and consider the latest planning applications

22/02673/FYL	Gibbys Farm Browning Hill	2 detached dwellings with new vehicular access and associated parking	Objection
22/02686/PIP	Land at Wolverton Road, Baughurst	Application in principle for erection of 1 dwelling	Objection
22/01987/TENO	Land at The Barn, Wolverton Road	25m lattice mast comprising 6 x antennas and 3 x dishes together with 2 ground based cabinets and ancillary development thereto	Concern noted and objection made
22/027876/FUL	The Beeches, Baughurst Road	Detached bungalow to rear and associated works	Objection

b) Decisions by BDBC

22/02338/LDEU	Malthouse Farm, Snakey Lane	Certificate of lawfulness for existing and continued occupation of Malthouse Farm (dwelling) without compliance with agricultural occupancy condition 4 of permission KWR 8385, and existing and continued use of associated land as residential	Approved
21/03279/FUL	Hill House, Haughurst Hill	Stables, tack room and hay store to paddock	Approved
22/02450/AGPD	Elm Cottage, Baughurst Road	New agricultural building	Planning permission required
T/00305/22/YPO	23 Mornington Close	Fell 1 sweet chestnut, prune 1 oak	Approved

234. **Finance**

- Financial statement -the latest statement was received and noted
- Approval given to the production of the newsletter using the established method of delivery
- Letter from resident concerning village fair deputed to Heath End hall (Cllr Hewitt declared an interest)
- Approval given to purchase of Declaration of Acceptance of Office book at £141.00 + VAT
- Approval given to Rocon invoice for tarmac works at £2720.00 + 544
- Approval given to IT works at £625.00

235. **Playing fields and Open Spaces**

- Defibrillator (Wolverton hall) – had arrived, been installed, and registered for use.
- Deeds– two applications had been made on those areas where this Council owns the land, but has never been registered with the Land Registry. Clerk advised that the remaining five areas need to have proof of our historic and continuing care of them before submission.
- Pineapple pavilion
- Removal of left hand pavilion floor undertaken and survey carried out
- Plumbing repairs had been carried out in total, and additional works (new syphon and close coupled kit for ensuite toilet) approved at cost of £153.00 + VAT
- Replacement floor installed, followed by vinyl flooring, which had been given for free, and for which thanks had been made
- Electrical inspection carried out, but further works (moving of an electrical socket, and tidying of trailing electrical wire) not carried out. No report received until completion of works, and no certificate arrived as yet. The work had been sub contracted further, and the invoice which has arrived is in the wrong name and needs to be re-submitted. Utility room is padlocked currently.
- Lowest quotation for gully cleansing accepted at £95.00 per hour, with waste disposal £110.00 per ton minimum + VAT, and liquid waste £80.00 per 1000 gallons minimum + VAT.
- **Wolverton field**

a) To revisit quotation for removal of old chippings and disposal

Agreed that existing quotation be re-submitted, if the company can prove that it meets BS EN 1176 requirements and adds this to the quotation. Further identical quotations are to be sought, for which this must also be the essential criteria. The quarterly inspection from Vitaplay was not discussed.

b) Reports from site visit by Cllrs Cockle and Terrett; report and quotations received from Vitaplay

Agreed that alternative quotations be received for the proposed works.

c) Gates

Agreed that a mobile welder is sought, and costs brought to next meeting. If suitable, then gate closers and hinges are to be purchased at a cost of £249.00 plus delivery. Cllr Cockle thanked for repairing the bolt at the bottom of the gate. Parish contractor to be asked whether he could supply and spread scalpings under the gates to lessen the dip beneath.

- **Long Grove**

a) Reports from site visit by Cllrs Cockle and Terrett; report and quotations received from Vitaplay

Agreed that alternative quotations be received for the proposed works. The quarterly inspection from Vitaplay was not discussed.

- **Tree Survey**

Cllr Cockle was thanked for the enormous task in coordinating all the information from previous surveys, current surveys, and historic data into one format, which provides digital information regarding each tree easily. In all the data combined, there are 1049 trees owned/were owned by BPC, of which 81 (possibly more) have been felled, leaving a total of 968 trees (plus any to be added by surveying the Withies and The Hawthorns). Of the 968, 757 have been surveyed by Sapling, leaving 211 remaining to be surveyed. Agreed: Survey these 211 trees.

Also agreed that the tree surveyor should be approached to discover whether he would be amenable to continuing the remainder of the survey, instead of repaying those monies owing to us for lack of initial completion, and then to plot the outcomes on an Excel spreadsheet.

- **Tarmac paths**

Completion of the works had taken place, and payment of £2720.00 + 544 to be made.

- **SLR**

The SID is moved regularly to authorised points in the parish. The Autospeedwatch machine has been proved to be faulty in terms of the camera. Agreed that Autospeedwatch are asked to repair (and extend the warranty commensurately) or replace the machine. Cllr Cockle to make initial enquiries, but outcome to be ratified by Clerk.

- **Community Infrastructure Levy and S106 arrangements to date**

Approval given to signing and return of CIL form outlining payments to date.

Current situation:

- S106 – to be used towards Wolverton field safety surfacing and Memorial bench. Clerk asked BDBC for their requirements/approval of the schemes
- CIL - to be used for clearance of all laurel at Woodlands/Brimpton Road junction, and open area scheme to be implemented. Clerk had attempted twice to contact BDBC landscape architect with regard to this.

- **The Withies**

Agreed that, following the presentation of a proposition for the partial clearance and subsequent replanting of land to the rear of the War Memorial, full Council (and the public) should be asked for their opinion of the scheme, and to consider whether they wish to move forward with its implementation. It is suggested that Councillors visit the site.

- **Management of parish land**

Cllr Slafford pointed out that this Council own over 120 acres of open land, and 1100 trees, and that consideration should be given to the ongoing implementation and overseeing of these open areas in the future. Councillors asked to give this some thought.

- **War Memorial**

Ancient documentation seems to imply that the land was transferred early in the last century to Kingsclere and Whitchurch RDC, but the deeds were not then transferred to HCC in 1976. BDBC to be asked to investigate the responsibility for the land, and to contribute to the upkeep of the Memorial.

236. **Highways and Rights of Way**

Letter from resident regarding speeding issues received and noted.

237. **Open Forum**

No comments.

238. **Accounts for payment**

Accounts for payment

Income

£

Expenditure

£

Precept	50,000.00	Administration	18,835.57
Grant – grass cutting	5,433.80	Grants	5,000.00
Interest	7.54	Free 2p	850.00
Pineapple field	886.07	Chairman's allowance	40.00
Grants – Jubilee	1,500.00	Pineapple field	3,683.26
Newsletter	100.00		
Jubilee ticket sale	4.00		
Grant –	360.00	Grass cutting	3,678.20
Remembrance Day			
Jubilee income	2415.40	Fencing	3276.00

		Trees	6,498.00
		Defibrillator	1,260.00
	£60,706.81	General	11,289.18
		Jubilee	2415.40
Profit/loss on 3 month	£3,881.20		£56,825.61

Balance Sheet as at 27 October 2022

£		£	
Balance b/fwd	126,449.00	Current Account Less: unrepresented	1,698.20 14,116.00
Profit/Loss on 3 month	3,881.20	Premier Account	83,037.76
		Petty Cash	154.97
		Reserve Account	59,556.00
	£130,330.20		130,330.20

To pay:

Balance per bank statements as at 27.10.22

Regency	Payroll October	17.00 + 3.40
HCC	Pension October	393.76
Clerk	Salary and allowance October	1175.37
Tesco	Mobile contract October	7.50
Microsoft	Office 365 October	17.60 + 3.52
R Smith	Electrical survey	440.00
Heath End hall	Hirings July – September	28.00
Rocon Construction	Path repairs	2720.00 + 544.00
Inland Revenue	Tax and NI October	300.79
Nash trees	Adj 14 Forest Close	320.00 + 64.00
Hugofox	Silver October	16.66 + 3.33
Clerk	Internet provision 3 mos to 30.9.22	52.00
	Postage 3 mos to 30.9.22	37.62
Amazon	Envelopes	9.99
PDQ	Plumbing, pavilion	153.00 + 30.6
Vitaplay	Quarterly inspection	84.00 + 16.80
Business Stream	Pavilion	8.00
HCC	Stationery supplies	35.13 + 7.03
Candover Park Solutions	IT assistance	625.00

238. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be held on **Thursday 24 November 2022, 7.30 pm**, Heath End Hall.

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County, Borough, DAPTC and Police reports:

a) County Councillor D Mellor reported on:

- Parking in Basingstoke and Deane; effective 1 April 2023, Highways will take over the parking responsibilities in Basingstoke from Basingstoke and Deane. As HCC does indeed control most of

the parking throughout the County, there are a few districts where the responsibility has been devolved by HCC to the local Borough so it is a matter of consistency. Clearly with on street parking becoming a key issue with EV, there will be some minor changes; no immediate impact likely in Tadley and Baughurst.

- Public Transport; The Bus Back Better campaign aimed at reducing car usage has been 'scrutinised' as a/ the recovery to pore COVID loads has not been as expected, largely because of the 'work from home principle' and the drop in footfall across the County. However, in my ward in Basingstoke and Deane there will be no cutbacks on the high frequency service. Stagecoach—the franchisee- has been a very adaptable partner and HCC does not have to subsidise the No 2 route. The whole cost structure of the buses is linked to the amount of Concessionary fares travelling, including the high cost of administering such, especially when so many holders of the passes do not use them. This alone is the difference between break even or a loss on the network throughout the County, and we are seriously in touch at Minister level to see if we can levy, say, a £5 per annum charge currently not allowed under the English National Concessionary fare scheme, although many authorities seem to be able to get additional grants. We also have some issues with Home to School Transport where HCC costs in past year rose from £25M to £32M. The bus contractors have issues with losing drivers to higher paid logistics roles and are seeking a revamp on their contracts, not only due to the wage pressure, but also the cost of fuel. If they were to be cut, then we could have a knock on effect on public transport. At present we are coping, but it has to be closely watched as we cannot afford any further subsidy/loss on what is a statutory function when their students live a fair distance from the schools.
- On the subject of schools; normally discussed in glowing terms, as Hampshire generally performs well, and all the schools in this area were for years either Outstanding or Good. Regrettably, one junior school which has a few pupils from Baughurst was downgraded last year, owing to safeguarding issues. Ashford Hill C of E will become an Academy effective 1 November under the management of a Learning Trust.
- HCC will internally undergo a restructure effective in 2023, which should not affect any relationship with the parish councils. However, the ongoing need to trim expenditure and focus on economic development in the County is the background.
- Highways....sing their praises, as HCC Highways has won a National Award with its Maintenance being linked with Sustainability as we now use recycled surface material, not only saving costs but also developing a very successful yard at Micheldever to do this. With Highways materials expenditure subject to about 17% inflation, and with several key projects underway, this is vital. Another innovation to satisfy the consumer and the environmentalists is the development of sugar cane bollards. The monthly work report is sent to the Clerk each month. There will always be potholes but the lack of online reports, claims on punctures etc and favourable comments re the resilience programmes suggests the performance is as good as anywhere and the fact that we have now extended the contract with our partner for another 5 years based on performance criteria gives hope for a continued improvement. I did bring some management to the area to look at haunches/white lining where the erosion of rural road edges is some concern and hopefully we can improve the situation; one such spot being Violet Lane and several others around Pamber.
- On Highways matters, the 20mph review is delayed owing to the analysis of the public consultation (>9500 responses) and its 50000+ comments . this and the delay in publication of a government document on Roads Strategy (change of Minister ???) are the reasons.
- The Right of Way issue raised by a depute at the last BPC meeting has been sorted now and the Great Haughurst Copse matter is on the worksheet for January. The amount of work local resident Anne Ayres has put in with the volunteers needed support.
- Socially, HCC has several funds to help those in need from the Warm Hub projects to Household Support Grants for the needy and other contributions...all on the website. The HCC Pantry is another option...local one at Tadley CA.
- Finally the 'debate' last night under Open Forum re the Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan, or lack of it, does have an impact on HCC, Highways in particular. However, the matter of Junction 7 /8 on the M3 that was featured in the local paper is linked to the massive housing plans pending, warehouse development by the A30 and the location of the proposed new hospital. At current pace, a long way away and as Basingstoke and Deane say, everything will change with each section of the development. Basingstoke continue to fight their 5 year land supply issues at Minister level, as this will dictate the major housing developments over the next decade and more. Until HCC know what housing will be developed, they cannot move on road infrastructure, school building etc.
- Borough Council report Kerry Morrow reported on:

- a) This month he had attended two council meetings and jointly set up the Kingsclere and North Hants Cost of Living Forum (Separate report to follow).

- **Community, Environment and Partnerships**

We received a presentation from Hampshire county council on on-street parking and traffic management as the borough is returning services to HCC. There is not much to report as the service level remains the same, with the same provision of civil enforcement officers for the Borough. (6 CEO's, 2-3 officers per day). NSL are the service provider and are monitored by HCC.

Numbers are down on Parking Permits as people have sold their second cars and are working from home. Current permits will be valid until their end date and then replaced with a HCC version. Letters will be sent to residents to explain how to renew. My Permit is the online permit system.

Consideration is being given for EV charging points in Baughurst. Kingsclere are receiving two and Tadley already have a charging point. Emma Gover is the B&D officer to lobby.

- **Aquadrome**

At the beginning of 2023 we hope to have a cabinet decision on the future plans for the Aquadrome. We received a presentation from FMG the consultants on the project.

The current proposal seems to be leaning to a new building comprising of:

- 8 lane 25m competition pool.
- 4 lane 20m teaching pool.
- Lagoon pool, slides and flumes.
- 150 station gym
- 1 Spinning room
- 3 Party Rooms
- A thermal Spa
- Indoor soft play
- Indoor climbing
- Café

The favourite model is a design, build, operate and management contract, which is thought to carry the least risk to the council. The current Aquadrome usage has recovered well after Covid and will be used until the new building is operational. Although I stress this is all at the consultation stage. Debate on the night revolved around demanding a higher spec facility and the possibility of a 50m pool. He feels that the building should be as energy efficient as possible. With a life span of at least 20 years we need to plan for all our futures.

- **Full Council**

- The first notable discussion revolved around the 2022/23 corporate performance monitoring scorecard. This seems to be the way the Borough keeps tabs on its performance. The cross party group from scrutiny were not happy with the scorecard and successfully motioned for it to be returned to scrutiny. There was a collective willingness to work together with the leadership and all parties to get this right.
- Ashford Hill and Headley's neighbourhood plan was accepted.
- There were 3 motions on the night:
- Basingstoke Independent councillors passed a motion to keep the local plan and planning control in the hands of locally elected councillors and in the interests of our communities. It asked for a locally determined housing target and to reject the current Standard Method. There was mention of the merits of the localism policies that came in during the coalition government.
- They also passed a motion for a Business Support Fund to support small businesses struggling with the extreme costs of energy. We are currently awaiting progress on more support, although this is changing daily.
- Labour raised a motion against the implementation of voter ID. The vote on the night is recorded and Labour lost their motion by one with all but two Conservative against. Liberal Democrats believe a vote is a human right and should not have barriers to get past. Concerns were raised at the capability of government to provide voter IDs in a timely fashion. Certainly passport and driving licence delivery has not been at its best in recent times. It was an interesting night and all council meetings can be viewed on YouTube if more insight is needed.

b) Borough Councillor S Frost reported on:

- He is the Chair of Economics, Planning and Housing, which had been looking at evidence in the Local Plan based on 17,800 houses, attempting to reach the stage of Regulation 18, which would allow the Plan to go out to consultation. This number of houses was rejected,

on the grounds that sufficient exceptional circumstances did not exist. This will lead to a further 6 months of negotiation before the Plan can be considered for Regulation 18.

- He also gave an overview of the situation regarding the land adjacent to the A30 for a proposed site for a new hospital, and the latest situation regarding planning, where, because of the lack of an operational Local Plan, government guidelines may need to be used rather than local policies.
- Grants are available to help with the current energy crisis – Basingstoke have a webpage dedicated to this, which includes energy efficiency grants; links to food banks, government grant for Prosperity and Growth Sustainability.
- Basingstoke Association of Parish and Town Councils

Minutes of the last meeting had been circulated to all Councillors. Items raised included the Local Plan; the proposed Manydown development; Councillor behaviour and the new Code of Conduct; Rural England Prosperity fund; Climate change update, and Basingstoke Police update.