

BAUGHURST PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday 25 May 2017
7.30 pm, Wolverton Village Hall

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

1. Election of Chairman and signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr Slafford was unanimously re-elected to the Chair. He welcomed County Councillor Mellor in his first term as County Councillor. Thanks were also made to the outgoing County Councillor, Warwick Lovegrove.

2. Election of Vice Chairman

After a vote, and show of hands, Cllr Hewitt was re-elected as Vice Chairman.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 April 2017, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read.

4. 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).

5. Matters arising

(125) Speedwatch

Several outings had been undertaken by the Baughurst team, based in Wolverton Common, and resulting in 28 vehicles speeding over the 30mph limit. 46% were travelling at speeds of 40mph and above. Timings were between 3.30 and 5.00pm, and 11.30am and 1.00 pm. Council approved fliers to go out to Heath End Road and Wolverton Common initially, with fliers also included within the next newsletter due to go out in October. Councillors volunteered to deliver the initial sortie. The flier will also be downloadable from our website, and linked from our Facebook page.

(125) School Under the Pines

BDBC Enforcement officers had visited the site recently, and a planning application had been submitted this week by the owners, but is not yet in the public domain. This will be discussed once the plans have arrived.

(125) Pinch points – Wolverton

A holding response had been received, with the promise of a more detailed communication at a later date. Clerk to investigate further, and will reiterate our need for a detailed plan to be considered.

(125) Stoney Heath – traffic speeds

A holding response had been received, as above, and Clerk to investigate further.

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

- o BDBC advised that Westcotec, who make the SLR sign favoured by HCC, also make a Speed Indicator Device (SID), showing actual speed and 'slow down' message. This has Bluetooth capability, enabling data to be downloaded via a smartphone rather than using a laptop. If BDBC had sufficient interest, a case may be made for its purchase.
- o Kingsclere Council had advised that they had no problem with loaning their SID, providing there is some sort of handover process to ensure that the equipment is

working when taken out, and returned, and that adherence is made to the time of loan.

(125) Moles, Wolverton Field

5 mounds are still extant. Contractor to be asked to repeat the exercise.

(129) Clock, Heath End Hall

Resident is cleaning and restoring the clock, and obtaining Perspex sheeting to protect it from the outside, together with new LED lighting. The hall is nearing completion, and the new apex, complete with aperture for the clock, is ready.

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

a) County Councillor Mellor reported that:

- He introduced himself as the new County Councillor, and gave a brief background history, which included a role as a parish councillor in another county. He gave an overview of the area in which he will serve, which extends as far as Burghclere.
- Following the recent County elections, there have been many constitutional changes. He will serve on the Select Committee, Economy, Transport and Environment (highways), dealing with speeding, potholes, waste recycling, etc. Questions were asked regarding the current situation with waste recycling, and the fact that many residents are unable to use the Newbury facility. He advised that the emergence of Manydown housing will necessitate a further refuse facility in the area to cope with additional numbers.
- A re-tendering exercise is currently being held with BDBC for waste recycling.
- The raising of the precept was necessary, as the average 1% on a Band D property only raises £5 per household. 3% results in £15 per household. Additional monies are needed to meet the rising cost in social care.

b) Borough Councillor Bound reported that:

- He had enquired of the Borough their position in relation to Traveller pitches in the Borough, and had received the following response:

'The council's strategic approach to Gypsy and Traveller provision is to secure this within the four largest site allocations (Manydown, Hounsome Fields, East of Basingstoke and the Golf Course) as set out in Policy CN5. DC Committee resolved to grant the application at Hounsome Fields, but only subject to the s106 including the necessary gypsy and traveller provision. Subsequently the application was amended to include this provision and is in the process of being secured.

In relation to Manydown, the outline application submitted includes within it the requirement for gypsy and traveller pitches. While clearly the decision on the Manydown application is not imminent it is another clear sign of the strategic approach set out in the Local Plan being followed. So, to date we are seeing the applications progressed for two of the four main sites with the anticipated provision'.

- The Council's 'Mayor Making' meeting took place on 11 May, and Councillor Paul Frankum became Mayor. Cllr Sean Keating was elected Deputy Mayor.
- After the Council 'selection meeting' of last week he will again serve on Development Control Committee, and will be a reserve for Community Environment and Partnerships. Additionally, he is the Council representative on Citizens Advice Bureau (Tadley).
- The administration Cabinet comprises: Deputy Council Leader – T Reid, Robert Tate (Finance, Service Delivery and Improvement), J Izett (Property & Development), S Bound (Communities & Community Safety), M Ruffell (Planning & Infrastructure), H Eachus (Regulatory Services & Environment), H Golding (Digital Innovation & Inclusion). Cllr Saunders remains Council Leader.
- This same meeting confirmed the Community Infrastructure Levy Statement of Modifications for the submission to the Examiner; approved the Sherborne St John

Neighbourhood Plan; accepted the recommended allowances for 2017/18, and voted through a Member – Officer Protocol.

c) Police

Reported incidents between 1 April to 30th April 2017

- 5 - Suspicious incidents - (from suspicious people to vehicles).
 - 4 - Assault (not necessarily physical, between partners)
 - 4 - Criminal damage incidents
 - 1 - Road traffic incidents
 - 6 - Anti-social behaviour incidents (environmental, between people known to each other, vehicle, groups of youths)
 - 4 - Public order
 - 1 - Dwelling breaks
 - 4 - Non dwelling breaks
 - 0 - Theft from vehicle
 - 0 - Theft of vehicle
 - 1 - Theft
 - 1 - Drugs
 - 2 - Drink drive
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Dwelling burglaries

On 04/04/2017 between 01.00 – 01.37 hours, Lakelands Baughurst – Offender has gained entry to an address by opening the front door via the letter box. The home owner woke up and disturbed the offender. The offender then made off from the address, stealing a set of car keys – still under investigation.

Non dwelling burglaries

Between 10/04/2017 19.00hrs and 11/04/2017 19.30hrs, Franklin Avenue, Tadley – Unknown offender/s have pushed a fence panel to one side, giving them access to the rear garden. Once inside the garden they have gained entry to an outbuilding, no items reported stolen at this time.

Between 14/04/2017 17.30hrs and 18/04/2017 07.00hrs, Aldermaston Road, Basingstoke end – Unknown offenders gained entry to a storage container on a building site by climbing over the Harris fencing, a number of tools/equipment stolen.

On 26/04/2017 between 08.30 and 17.50hrs, Hangar Road, Tadley – Unknown offender/s have gained entry to an address via the side garden gate. Once inside the garden they have bashed in the shed door, stealing 2 mountain bikes.

On 27/04/2017 between 04.30 and 05.00hrs, Aldermaston Road, Sherborne St John – Unknown offender/s have gained entry to an outbuilding used as a showroom/workshop by smashing through a side wall of the property, once inside a number of items stolen.

Traffic Related Offences

- Between 1 April and 30 April 6 drivers were arrested for drink drive offences in the rural area.
- Between 1 April and 30 April 3 vehicles were seized from the road side in the rural area.
 - 2 vehicles showing no insurance and tax.
 - 1 vehicle no insurance, driver also had no driving licence.

1 driver was issued with a prohibition notice, reported for summons due to the vehicle being lowered and tyres rubbing on wheel arches.

Incidents of note

Rogue traders continue to cause problems to local residents offering services such as tree cutting or removing ivy from the side of buildings. Nearly on all occasions money has been

paid up front. As a result the work has not been completed to a satisfactory state and have left with the money.

Never pay up front for work especially if they have arrived on your door step offering their services.

d) BDAPTC

- o Cllr Slatford reported that the annual meeting will be held at BDBC offices on 21 June 2017.
- o He also reported that the meetings of Clerks with BDBC officers were increasingly poorly attended, as they are now held during the day, when part time clerks may have other employment.
- o BDBC are looking at a new planning integration process, where electronic communication may become the standard.
- o BDBC still hold £250,000, destined to address those homes within the Borough who will be ineligible for faster broadband.

7. Open forum

Wolverton residents gave a brief resumé of the current situation in Sandford Woods, where the 'school under the pines' is in situ, and the problems facing local residents and other users of the woods. Various adjacent residents commented forcefully on the activities related to the 'school', and provided photographic evidence showing that the promised allocation of two parking spaces (agreed by Council in July 2016) for other residents had not always occurred. Based on this, and other information submitted, Council agreed that the 'school' should be notified that they will only be permitted 4 spaces within the car park area, to the right when entering, by the fence. In addition, these vehicles must display proof of their affiliation with the 'school', and must not block either the entrance to the car park, or to the playing area.

Other items raised included traffic speeds through Wolverton Common and Stoney Heath, and the charging of walkers by young cattle in the field adjacent to FP28, Wolverton Common.

9. To confirm appointment of representatives:

HCC Footpaths	Cllr P Postance
BDBC Road Safety	Cllr C Grenville
Public Transport Liaison	Cllr P Postance/Cllr R T Ward
AWE Local Liaison	Cllr P E Garrett
Heath End Hall	Cllr J Hewitt
BDAPTC	Cllr M G Slatford and C Curtis
CAB	Cllr J Hewitt
Loddon Valley Day Care Centre	Cllr M G Slatford
Age Concern	Cllr G Porter
Cheque Signatories	Cllrs P E Garrett, J Hewitt, P R S Postance, M G Slatford, S E Terrett, Clerk

10. To confirm appointment of committees

Footpaths	Cllrs C Curtis, C Grenville, J M Hewitt, A Narracott, P R S Postance, S E Terrett
General Purposes	Cllrs C Curtis, J M Hewitt, F Langley, P R S Postance, M G Slatford, S E Terrett
Playing Fields and Open Spaces	Cllrs C Curtis, F Langley, A Narracott, G Porter, M G Slatford, S E Terrett

10. Planning

17/01642/RET	9 Little Aldershot Lane	Installation of air source heat pump	No objection
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17/01500/FUL	Land south of Copse Close, Baughurst Road	General purpose agricultural building to include the accommodation of livestock	No objection
17/01383/HSE	71 Long Grove	First floor side/rear extension	No objection
17/00633/LBC	Baughurst House	Demolition of mid 20 th century kitchen, stores, billiard room bay and other bay windows. Two storey and single storey rear extensions with basement below, to include various external and internal alterations following replacement of mid 20 th century kitchen and stores and alterations to existing billiard room (amended plans)	No objection

b) decisions by BDBC

17/00488/GPDE	52 Woodlands Road	Conservatory	Approved
16/-04577/HSE and LBC	Foresters Cottage, Stoney Heath	Removal of existing store and erection of 2 two storey extensions to side and rear and internal alterations	Approved
17/00151/FUL and LBC	Baughurst House	Proposed alterations and repairs to existing outbuilding	Approved

c) any matters arising

- o BDBC draft Planning Obligations for Infrastructure Supplementary planning document – for discussion at June meeting
- o BDBC Neighbourhood Planning meeting – clashes with date of full Council, but Bramley Parish Council are invited to give this Council their presentation

11. **Finance**

- a) The latest financial statement was approved.
- b) Insurance – the lowest quotation of £1460.32 with Inspire (AXA) was approved.
- c) Renewal of the Statement of Policy on LGPS 2014 was agreed.
- d) Approval given for financial training, Cllr Curtis

12. **Playing Fields and Open Spaces**

a) Committee report, April 2017

- Moles, Wolverton field

Two had been caught, but further molehills developed following their capture. Molecatcher to return for further inspection.

- BDBC Monthly inspection reports

Clerk had successfully installed the live PSS programme from BDBC, although it is difficult to both search, and access, information from it.

- Calleva

Cheque just received for outstanding amount owing from previous financial year, together with updated standing order.

- Vitaplay

Year's contract had commenced. A direct debit instruction had been put in place for the monthly inspection report only.

- Dogs - play area signs

The signs ordered from the internet had failed to have sufficiently thick backplates attached to enable them to be affixed to sturdy structures. Maintenance contractor had voluntarily offered to supply plates which will enable easier fixing.

- Rotten boards, Multiplay unit

Last meeting of full Council had authorised their replacement. Agreed that this would be commuted to 'hardwood' replacement if possible. Vitaplay to be asked to move the boards slightly apart – about 5mm – thus preventing dirt and moss from compacting the boards.

- Fallen tree, The Withies

Considered to be an emergency removal, cost of £200 plus VAT approved, for immediate felling. Felling had been carried out.

- To receive Vitaplay inspection reports, April

New items noted - Long Grove:

- Kompan slide – rubber is starting to lift and pull away from edging – consider repair (medium risk)
- Kompan multi-unit – hole in worn patch in rubber – consider repair (medium risk)
- Grass mats – sinking, and one damaged area – consider lifting or relaying or replacing (medium risk)
- Flat swing seats – Mirage seat has been cut and damaged – monitor (medium risk)

New items noted – Wolverton play area:

- Not show on survey, but from inspection this evening – deep cut on top rope of Niagara unit – repair
- Vitaplay to be asked to clean the equipment occasionally

- Cleaning of walkways, Long Grove

Agreed that maintenance contractor is first requested to sweep the walkways with a stiff brush, clearing all debris from the site, before consideration is given to power washing. A recent site visit shows that the moss is disappearing after the recent warm and dry spell, and the risk to users of the playground therefore less likely.

- Bark chippings, Wolverton field

Agreed that a working party of councillors move the bark which has settled towards the outer edges of the play equipment to those areas where it has worn thin. Also agreed that, if this is successful, a fresh consignment is placed on order with BDBC for delivery early next spring. **Clerk's note:** raking of bark completed

- Tarmac repair, Wolverton field

Quotations had been received for both a complete restoration of the car park (at £12,500), and the filling in of potholes (£1300). It was agreed that neither course of action is followed, but that sweepings from the edge of the tarmac areas are instead brushed into the crevices. **Clerk's note:** completed

- Bearing, spinning unit, Long Grove

Agreed that a quotation for the repair at £1301 + VAT is accepted.

- Dropped gate, Wolverton field

Agreed that the same working party of councillors should attempt to repair the gate, which would involve the introduction of a rubber block as a 'buffer', and then attempting to move the two bolting slots to try and marry each other. **Clerk's note:** completed

- Long Grove

Following minor vandalism and damage, Clerk to ask Police to increase surveillance on the site.

- Land to rear of Hurst Community college

Maintenance contractor to be asked to clear bracken and dandelions from the site.

- Tree survey works

Contractor had advised that he would have completed the first tranche of urgent works by week ending 6 May 2017. **Clerk's update:** first tranche completed on schedule

b) Damage to fencing, Wolverton car park

Quotation to be considered at next committee meeting.

13. **Highways and Rights of Way**

- a) FP49 – fallen tree to be reported
- b) FP19 – HCC had notified remedial action. Cllr Grenville had walked the path and found little obstruction, but other issues. Agreed working party should walk the paths and investigate.

14. **Open forum**

- o Invitation to Rural Housing Seminar issued – Cllr Slatford and Clerk to attend
- o Noted that, during May, 26 newborn lambs were savaged and killed by a stray dog in fields adjacent to Violet Lane. The local press covered the story, and all residents are asked to notify this Council, or the Police, if they have any information. HCC Rights of Way to be asked to supply signs reminding walkers to control their dogs, and these will be installed by this Council.

15. **Accounts for payment**

Balance brought forward	£127187
Interest	£3.40
Calleva fees	£73
BDBC half year precept	£27990

Clerk	Salary and allowances May	987.84
Vitaplay	Playground inspection May	84 + 16.80
Regency	Payroll May	14.00 + 2.80
HCC	Pension – May	337.56
Inland Revenue	Tax and NI May	220.81
SEB	Pavilion	43.52 + 2.16
BDBC	Printing newsletter	71.43
Townsend Trees	Felling, The Withies	200.00 + 40.00
Pestpro	Mole control	160.00+ 32.00
A D Gibbs mowing	St Catherine's	25.00
	Baughurst Common	398.05
	St Catherine's	25.00
	Wolverton field	50.00
	Pineapple field	58.14
	St Catherine's	25.00
	Baughurst Common	398.00
	St Catherine's	25.00

Current account	1396.49
Premier account	99218
Petty Cash	224
BDBC account	48618

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Less: unrepresented 347

Balance brought forward 149109
Add: balances R&P 6317

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

The next meeting of BAUGHURST PARISH COUNCIL will be held on **Thursday 22 June 2017, 7.30 pm, Wolverton Village Hall.**