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BAUGHURST PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday 21 March 2019 7.30 pm, Heath End Hall, Baughurst

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

223. **Minutes of the last meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting of 21 February 2019, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read and approved.

224. **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.

225. **Matters arising from the Minutes**

(215) Open forum

- Objects outside properties, but on highway land – County Councillor Mellor had reported that, although larger impediments (such as large stakes, or boulders) constituted a risk to road users and guidance should be sought, smaller items, such as small stones, would not necessarily attract the attention of HCC.
- Parking on pavement outside Police house – photographs had been sent to local constabulary, who were investigating.
- Littering of garden both front and rear of Police house – Clerk had written to Police Commissioner, and BDBC Environmental alerted.
- Kerbside litter – BDBC had advised that rural areas are not within their remit, which stops at Chapel Lane. However, occasionally litter picking continues to Shaw Lane. Most rural roads are litter picked twice per year, but this may change if sufficient requests are made to the contact centre.
- Litter bin opposite Cricketers
BDBC had been advised.

(216) Planning

- Proposed application for new store, LIDL - West Berkshire DC had been asked to include this Council in any consultation.
- Licensing – The Cricketers – BDBC were reviewing the case on 15 March, but no further information received.

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

a) County Councillor Derek Mellor reported that:

- Education – 98% of pupils received their first choice of secondary school, with 92% their second. Testing remains 5% above the national average. These are not constrained by budgets, as funding comes from central government.
- HCC are aware of the problem with lack of appointments in Tadley doctors' surgeries.
- Council tax has been set, and is the second lowest in the country. Finances are in a reasonable state.
- Highways issues – Snakey Lane flooding was reported to be addressed, but is still overflowing.

- Questions raised of him included the forthcoming disabled access in Heath End Road; the filling and replacement of salt bins; confirmation that, following a recent survey, traffic speed through Wolverton Common averaged 36.4%.
- b) Borough Councillor Michael Bound reported that:
- The Briefing of Primary Care, Clinical Commissioning, had been received, with their vision for the coming decade.
 - Boundary Hall site – a recent planning application had been rejected, but a new application had just been received.
 - Flytipping in Wolverton Lane had been reported.
 - Boundary Commission – final proposals had been received, with no change in this area.
 - There has been a recent spate of petty and malicious crime in the area.

c) BDAPTC

Cllr Stalford reported that the date of the local conference will be 13 June 2019, with no meetings scheduled before then. He had attended, on their behalf, the Hampshire Association of Local Councils AGM in Southampton, and reported on issues raised there.

227. **Open forum**

A member of the public expressed his opinion regarding traffic speeds along Heath End Road, including the use of quad bikes on the highway. He also voiced concern over the proposal to use the area of land at the junction of Heath End Road and Woodlands Road as a restful peace area, which includes the provision of a bench, as he fears it will become a meeting place for young people.

227. **Presentation by The Point**

Claire Jenkins was introduced as the new resident youth worker, and an overview was given of the recent work undertaken by The Point. In the past year, since she arrived, numbers have swelled from 180 to 350 young people attending per month. She gave a resumé of the type of opportunities offered by The Point on a weekly basis, which also now includes provision of a club for young people with special needs. The Point is open 5 days per week, and covers a variety of resources, such as help with bullying and intimidation; drug abuse; relationship and online problems, and its clientele ranges from those attending after-school clubs (Year 6 onwards), to the age of 18. The Chairman thanked Claire and her colleagues for attending.

228. **Planning**

a) to receive and consider the latest planning applications

19/00274/HSE	6 Highworth Cottages	Single storey rear extension	No objection
18/03276/ROC	Land at Frith Farm, Church Lane, Wolverton	Variation of condition 1 of 13/01941/FUL to allow substitution of the approved plans with revised drawings amending the design and layout of the development (part retrospective)	Objection, with comments.

b) Decisions by BDBC

19/00023/FUL	Heathrow, Heathrow Copse	5 bed detached dwelling with new driveway (amended from 18/01818/FUL)	Approved
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229. **Finance**

a) financial report

The latest financial report was received and noted. Various queries were raised and answered.

b) Parish newsletter

Distribution of the parish newsletter was approved. Also approved was the cost of printing in colour, to a ceiling of £150.00.

c) Pension training

Clerk had attended a HCC meeting on preparation of the annual return for pensions.

230. **Baughurst Matters**

a) Baughurst Post Office – communication from Post Office

The Post Office advised that, since the temporary closure of the post office in January 2018, they had been working towards restoring the service, without success. They are hoping to establish a local office, using the premises of an existing retail outlet, and are seeking a suitable candidate. Agreed that this information should be advertised in the Parish newsletter.

b) Joint meeting of Police with Tadley Town Council

Agreed that this would be an excellent idea, and thanks were made to County Councillor Mellor for the suggestion.

231. **Playing fields and Open Spaces**

a) to receive Minutes of the meeting of 20 March 2019

- Bark chippings

Contact had failed with the original sales person for the company used, but a quotation for the supply is to be received in the near future, and brought to full Council for consideration as necessary.

- Dropped gates, Wolverton play area

A quotation of £394.50 was approved.

- Noticeboard

Cllr Curtis agreed to inspect the noticeboard to identify whether he would be able to effect repairs.

- Pineapple field mowing

Had not charged this Council for the additional cut.

- Memorial seat

Had arrived, but had not yet been installed.

- Wolverton field play equipment

All items destined for replacement within this financial year had been put in place. Those items destined for the next financial year will be placed on order on 6 April.

- Replacement log bench, Long Grove

No further action had taken place.

- Fencing, Heath End Road

Agreed that HCC are asked to a) replace the broken fencing, originally installed by them, or remove it, on health and safety grounds.

- Pineapple field tariffs

Agreed that the tariff should rise to £82 per month, with the occasional rate remaining at £20. Further agreed that the pavilion should be inspected by Council to identify any incipient or possible problems.

- Trees and storm damage

a) Damaged overhanging branch over pedestrian access rear of Portway cul de sac

Tree contractor had recommended immediate removal on safety grounds, at a cost of £230.00, and this had been carried out.

b) Broken overhanging branch, 14 Forest Close

Branch had fallen from tree on Council land, landing in a private garden and causing damage to the fence. The debris had been removed immediately, and further investigation is to be carried out with the householder to assess the amount of damage caused to the fence.

c) Broken pine branches, rear of Long Grove play area

Resident had complained about branches from trees in play area falling into their property, and asking for the tree outside their property to be felled. Recent inspections

had shown that the tree is currently in a healthy condition. Reports were later received of flytipping on Council land adjacent.

d) LIF/S106 monies

BDBC had advised that the Local Infrastructure Fund can fund playground improvements, and it was agreed that an expression of interest is registered with regard to replacement and renewal of Long Grove play area. The expression of interest is not binding, but is the first step to a full application in June, with a decision made in September.

e) Any other business

a) HALC provide, as part of our membership, a legal service which offers the first 40 minutes of any investigative work for free. Agreed that they are asked to try and identify ownership of the land at the apex of Heath End Road and the B3051.

b) Open spaces plan – agreed that consideration of this should be reinstated on the agenda, with a view to finding a solution for the ongoing clearance, maintenance and development of Council land.

c) Agreed that consideration would be given to a more regular cycle of all committee meetings.

d) Ham Lane junction with Wolverton Road – agreed that HCC should be asked whether it would be possible to 'adopt' the triangle, with a licence for its maintenance, and to enclose it with a post and rail fence, to prevent more erosion and damage to the triangle of grass.

232. **Highways and rights of way**

a) Highways

- Potholes to be reported: Crabs Hill; Axmansford before Violet Lane turn; Hillside Farm; Snakey Lane road edges; Brimpton Road; Shaw Lane (Tadley TC).
- Rectory Lane 3 day closure is due in May 2019.
- Speeding by quad bikes along Baughurst Roads – AWE Military Police and Hampshire Constabulary to be advised.
- Hampshire Highways Spring workshop – Clerk had attended the workshop, and supplied notes of the meeting.

b) Rights of Way – Footpaths Walk, March 2019

- Bridleway 51

Clerk met with the new rights of way officer, Hampshire County Council, at Bridleway 51, between Hollybush Lane and Baughurst Road. He has had complaints about the condition (wet) of the bridleway in its upper reaches.

Agreed that he would put forward to his superior officers the need for building up of the path at levels where it dips between two banks. It had originally thought that ditching would be the answer, but apparently HCC prefer to raise the surface. This Council would need to apply for a grant to HCC, and also hopefully supply some manpower.

Overhanging vegetation will be cut by our maintenance contractor, but one fallen tree will be removed by HCC.

Footpaths 18, 19 and 20

The owners of Baughurst House are keen to protect their property, and have asked for a meeting with HCC to discover how this may be enabled. A meeting is to be convened, which may result in our placing the kissing gates which we have previously agreed. It may also be an opportunity to apply for the joining of the small gap between footpaths 18 and 19 at the foot of Pudding Hill.

Footpath 13

No issues.

Footpath 12

- Gate leading to lane is not shutting properly – post has moved slightly and needs realignment.
- Footbridge at top could benefit from netting to prevent slipping.

- Kissing gate at top nearest the farmhouse – post has rotted at the bottom and needs replacing. Needs new waymarker.

Footpath 9

No issues.

Footpath 8

Very soggy, although conditions were very wet. An alternative route (well-used, by the look of it) has sprung up to the left of the path, on private land.

Bridleway 6

Almost impassable in places, and needs the same treatment as BR51 above.

Bridleway 502

This was impassable halfway along, with a lake in the path too deep for walkers. We had to scramble up the sides of the gully, fighting with barbed wire both intact and fallen, to avoid returning the way we had come. HCC have improved the top end, at its junction with FP13, but more work needs to be done in the lower reaches.

233. Accounts for payment

Received: £78.00 Calleva; £2.18 bank interest

To pay:

Regency	Payroll March	14.50 + 2.90
A D Gibbs	173.5 hrs @ 8.82 + +645 materials	2175.27
Vitaplay	Inspection March	84.00 + 16.80
SEB	Pavilion	45.17 + 2.25
HCC	Pension March	347.95
Inland Revenue	Tax and NI March	251.97
Clerk	Salary and allowances March	1074.06
	22m @ 062 + £2 parking	13.64 + 2.00
Tesco	Mobile contract March	7.50
Microsoft	Office 365 March	17.60 + 3.52
Business Stream	Pavilion March	7.00
Shaw & Sons	Minute book	163.00 + 32.60

234. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of BAUGHURST PARISH COUNCIL will be the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING and take place on **Thursday 11 April 2019, 7.30 pm**, Heath End Hall, Baughurst. The next meeting of BAUGHURST PARISH COUNCIL will be held on Thursday 25 April 2019, 7.30 pm.