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## BAUGHURST PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday 25 July 2019 7.30 pm, Wolverton Village Hall

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

### 33. **Minutes of the last meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting of 20 June 2019, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read and approved.

### 34. **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.

### 35. **Matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting**

#### (21) Joint meeting with Police

The meeting had taken place today, with Cllr Hewitt, Porter and Slafford, and the Clerk, attending. Topics covered included anti-social behaviour, of which there is a perceived 'spike' in the area currently; speeding issues, Neighbourhood Watch and Speedwatch. Anyone reporting a crime should contact 101, unless deemed sufficiently important to dial 999.

#### (21) Fencing, Heath End Road

Both the Clerk and County Councillor Mellor had been investigating the ownership of the piece of land at the junction with B3051, with little success. No neighbouring parishes appear to have knowledge of ownership. Cllr Mellor has asked for replacement fencing along the pavement edge, and had asked for immediate remedial tree pruning to enable roadside signage to be more easily visible.

#### (21) Ham Lane triangle

County Councillor Mellor reported that the area of grass and adjacent roads are too narrow to encompass fencing to protect the grassed area, and it was unlikely that, even if a licence over the land was agreed with this Council, such fencing would be permitted.

#### 21) Pineapple field mowing and fencing

- Idverde had agreed to remove the cost of mowing the Pineapple field, following the introduction of mowing by the football club themselves.
- Clerk and groundsman for the football club had met, and proposed a replacement five bar metal gate for the rear of the field, at an approximate cost of £200. Agreed three quotations for both the gate, and its installation, would be received for consideration by full Council at the next meeting.

#### (21) Bus shelter, Brimpton Road

It was hoped that the bus shelter would be repaired during the coming week. Clerk advised of further damage to the bus shelter in Woodlands Road, near the junction with Heath End Road. It was hoped that replacement of the end panel could be undertaken at the same time.

### 36. **County, Borough, BDAPTC and Police reports**

#### a) County Councillor D Mellor reported that:

- The joint meeting with Police, this Council, and Tadley Town Council, had been successful, and had raised both several issues and confirmed the stance of the Police when responding to local issues.
  - He mentioned the recent illegal felling of two pine trees sitting on land which is the responsibility of Hampshire County Council, which is currently being investigated and will result in prosecution and cost to the offenders.
  - This area now has its own 'Dragonpatcher', which is a faster and more efficient method of repairing potholes.
  - Schools locally have exceeded targets against the rest of Hampshire by 4-5%.
  - He explained the existence of Extra Care Housing supplied by HCC, which strives to release patients from hospital care and into sheltered housing. A feasibility study is to be conducted.
- b) Borough Councillor M Bound reported that:
- He had undertaken training in safeguarding.
  - He had attended a meeting of the AWE Liaison Committee, where there appeared to be some confusion regarding the current viewpoint of the ONR regarding planning. Further explanation is awaited.
  - BDBC had agreed to back the Climate Emergency Plan, which aims to result in a zero carbon strategy.
  - BDBC had agreed to host training for parishes, due to be held in October.
- c) Borough Councillor W Lovegrove reported that:
- He was privileged to represent Baughurst again as a Borough Councillor.
  - He sits on the Licensing Committee, and is a substitute on the Development Control Committee.
  - He gave an update on the current situation regarding the 'Do Drop Inn' public house, previously known as 'The Cricketers', which, having been the subject of renovations following the suspension of their lease, is now satisfying the requirements of both the Police and BDBC Licensing Committee.
  - He advised that BDBC now charge for lost bins, which is resulting in disapproval by local residents, and is investigating the situation further.
  - He has supported the LEF fund to secure an artificial football pitch at the Hurst Community College playing field.
  - The Basingstoke Transport Strategy has been passed.
  - The Government have passed the new local all-out elections in 2020, with reductions to 54 councillors in three member wards - ie Baughurst will join Tadley North, Kingsclere, Ashford Hill, Headley and North Oakley.
- d) Basingstoke and District Town and Parish Councils

The proposed meeting for 25 July 2019 had been postponed.

d) Police

PCSO John Dullingham has left the team and taken on a new role as part of the Community Safety Patrol team. John was a very experienced PCSO with many years' service to the rural area.

- **Community priorities**

The **community priority** for Basingstoke Rural West is **burglary**. There continues to be reports of breaks to shed and outbuildings in order to steal garden machinery and plant equipment. The Police circulate Hampshire Alerts so that you are kept informed of crimes in your area.

On 31 May, a TREK mountain bike was stolen from a garage at George Street, Kingsclere.

On 3—4 June, a shed was broken into at Manor Road, Sherborne St John and an outbuilding at Vyne Road was also broken into.

On 5—6 June, there was an attempted break-in into a garage at Priors Road, Tadley. The following night, a garage lock-up was broken into at Hangar Road, also in Tadley.

- **Fraud prevention advice**

There have been further reported incidents this month where persons have been cold-called by people pretending to be from the police. The person receiving the call is asked to attend the bank and withdraw cash, which is then handed over to a courier. This is a scam! Genuine police officers would not ask you to do this.

- **To report crime or suspicious activity**, call us on 101 or report it online by going to [www.hampshire.police.uk](http://www.hampshire.police.uk). You can also report it anonymously to CrimeStoppers instead of the police, on 0800 555111.

- **Ward news**

**Baughurst and Tadley North**

On 2—3 June, a bike was stolen from a rear garden on Huntsmoor Road. The Police have seen an increase in the number of bikes that have been stolen throughout the area. Please leave your bikes secure and, if possible, take pictures of them and mark them with your postcode.

Several criminal damage incidents were reported on and around 8—9 June. A brick was thrown through the rear windscreen of a vehicle on Wigmore Road and two vehicles were damaged on Bishopswood Road. There were also incidents of damage at the community centre on Newchurch Road, at the dental practice and to the windows of flats on Heath End Road. A bus shelter was damaged at Brimpton Road. Lastly, the roof of The Hurst Community College was also damaged. This investigation is ongoing.

There have been several reports of anti-social behavior around Bays Court. The area is included in our patrols. Two minor assaults were reported, which both were resolved as community resolutions once police arrived.

37. **Open Forum**

A member of the public urged Councils to consider further traffic calming measures along Heath End Road, suggesting 'give-way' pinch points, priority chicanes, etc. A member of the public also gave feedback about news that the Police will now consider 40mph speed areas for Speedwatch use, advising that firstly a strong nucleus solid volunteers needed to be in place.

38. **Planning**

- a) to receive and consider the latest planning applications

19/01648/FUL	Land between Kents Cottage and Rosewood, Baughurst Road	2 x 4 bed dwellings	No objection
19/01747/HSE	The Chat, 5A Heath End Road	Outbuilding (part retrospective)	No objection
19/01445/FUL	Land adjacent to St Ann's Cottage, Bishopswood Lane	1 x 4 bed dwelling	No objection, but concern noted
19/01610/LBC and 01609 HSE	Ham Farm, Ham Lane	Conversion of existing stable building to create additional living accommodation for existing dwelling to include various internal and external alterations, adaptations and repairs	No objection

19/01566/FUL	West View Farm, Boughurst Road	Two stable buildings with hardstandings to front	No objection
West Berkshire 19/01063/COMIND	Land south of Ravenswing Farm adjoining Aldermaston Road and Silchester Road, Tadley	Construction of Class A1 foodstore with associated car parking, access and landscaping	No objection, but concern noted

b) Decisions by BDBC

T/00225/19/TPO	12 Heathrow Copse	Fell 1 oak	Approved
T/00126/19/TPO	Meadow End, Boughurst Road	1 ash- fell; 1 ash – fell; 1 oak – crown reduce, remove lower limb and deadwood; 1 oak – cut back diseased overhanging limb.	Part approved

39. **Finance**

a) financial report

The latest financial report was received and noted

b) to approve purchase of poppy wreath

Approved, at £40.00.

c) Approve payment of wasp removal, Wolverton field

Approved, at £70.00 + £15 VAT.

d) Approve payment of emergency tree surgery

Approved, at £ 575.00 + £115 VAT.

e) Approve arrangements, Remembrance Sunday

Approved.

f) To consider grant application, Heath End Hall

A grant of £750.00 was awarded, under S137a of the LGA 1972, for the benefit of the area and its inhabitants. (Cllr Hewitt declared an interest and left the room).

40. **Highways and rights of way**

a) Footpaths Committee, to receive report of meeting 2 July 2019

- Footpaths booklet

One box is still held with Clerk. No further action taken with regard to a new edition of the Footpaths booklet.

- Footpath 19

The anomaly of the gap between this right of way and FP18 still exists. The owner of the land had repeatedly ignored the request for a promised meeting, and the situation remains.

- To consider HCC proposal to re-route Bridleway 1

HCC had contacted Council, advising that the route which they hold for Bridleway 1 currently crosses both houses and land rather than open areas, and suggesting that they re-route the path. Their suggestion crosses the tumuli, ancient burial grounds, which lie under the responsibility of English Heritage, although also lying partly within our ownership.

It was agreed that:

- The path is re-routed to the south of the tumuli, avoiding the burial grounds, along a line shown on the accompanying plan.
- The path should be re-routed to follow the fence line along BR1, rather than in the ditch.
- This Council then voluntarily dedicates the new route, which will be followed by the extinguishment of the defunct parts of the route.
- Also agreed that an extension over Council land connecting FP4 and the road should be voluntarily dedicated by this Council.

- Clerk had walked bridleways 6, 51 and 502 with the Rights of Way officer earlier in the year. All these are badly flooded after rain, and barely passable. It had been hoped to secure funding from HCC in order to improve the bridleways, but the eventual response from HCC had been that this Council should apply for a grant, which would cover 50% of the cost of the scheme if successful. This Council would also be responsible for obtaining quotations from contractors, and for managing the scheme. Agreed that this course of action is not followed.

b) Highways

A large tree had fallen in Brimpton Road, resulting in failure of an electricity supply to houses in Baughurst Common. SEB had secured the tree and made safe.

41. **Open forum**

- Two members of the public, candidates for the Councillor vacancy in Baughurst Road, both gave brief resumés of themselves, and answered various questions from Council. They were thanked for attending, and advised that they would be notified of the outcome following the meeting.
- BDBC to be asked whether more than 2 councillors may attend the proposed training session on planning.
- A reported obstruction on FP49 is to be investigated.

42. **Playing fields and Open Spaces**

The quarterly report from Vitaplay Ltd had just been received. Four items merited 'medium' risk, and it was agreed that these should be actioned as follows:

- Replacement bolt on gate, Wolverton field
- Replacement of areas of rubber surfacing, Long Grove
- Rotten wooden pig at Wolverton field – remove immediately, consider replacement later
- Seat at Long Grove – to be investigated and repaired if required

43. **General Purposes Committee – report of meeting 23 July 2019**

a) Operation London Bridge

Agreed that, following the death of a prominent member of the Royal Family, the following should be undertaken:

- Heath End Hall to be asked to raise and lower the Union Jack as appropriate
- A notice regarding the death should be placed on both this Council's website and Facebook pages
- BDBC should be consulted regarding their proposed arrangements for the event
- In the event of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and the subsequent announcement of the new King, arrangements should be put in place for celebrations

b) Speedwatch/SID machine

The Clerk advised that no information had been forthcoming since the new coordinator had been in place. It was noted that one outing had been arranged in recent months, but no feedback had been received. Agreed that the SID machine should be restored to the keeping of the Clerk, rather than privately stored. The Clerk advised that two parish councils had recently expressed an interest in the hire of the machine.

c) Defibrillator, Pineapple field

Calleva Boys Football Club had asked whether the Council would consider the purchase of a defibrillator, to be stored in the pavilion. Agreed that Clerk should investigate both the purchase, and possible grant aid.

d) Land adjacent to Hurst Leisure Centre

The triangle of land is owned by HCC, and maintained by this Council under a 10 year lease which has recently expired. Since its expiration date, a Heads of Terms document has been received by this Council, signed and returned, and, in November 2018, a temporary agreement was agreed by this Council and returned, until such time as a draft

lease was received. It was agreed that both the original lease and the proposed lease should be supplied to Council, and Clerk to investigate the provision of a lease rather than a licence by HCC.

e) Council mobile contract

Agreed that the contract, at £7.50 per month, set up a year ago, should be continued.

f) Cooption process

Agreed that Clerk would investigate Council's thinking on the cooption process from previous years.

g) Newsletter

Clerk gave a lengthy description of the process required for the production and distribution of the newsletter. Various issues could be foreseen with the advent of email circulation, but further investigation is to be undertaken, especially regarding the cost of colour printing, and variations on this theme.

h) Planning

At the last meeting of Council, a planning consultant had circulated plans for a proposed housing development which has not yet been submitted to BDBC for consideration. It was agreed, in line with our usual policies, that a planning application should only be considered once the application has been received by BDBC, and then notified to this Council.

i) BDBC Polling Districts and Places review

Noted that the polling district and places remain the same – Heath End hall, Hurst Community College and Wolverton Hall.

#### 44. **Accounts for payment**

**Received:** £78.00 Calleva; £2.82 bank interest

**To pay:**

Balance per bank statements as at 23 July 2019

Regency	Payroll July	14.50 + 2.90
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Pestpro	Wasps, Wolverton	70.00 + 14.00
Heath End Hall hirings	April and May	33.25
Idverde mowing	26/4, 20/5, 13/6	1461.98 + 292.39
Townsend Trees	Felling Mornington Close	575.00 + 115.00
Townsend Trees	Remedial works, Fair oak Way and Portway	500.00 + 100.00
HCC	Pension July	356.28
HCC	Pension August	356.28
Inland Revenue	Tax and NI July	241.96
Inland Revenue	Tax and NI August	241.96
Clerk	Salary and allowance July	1081.86
Clerk	Salary and allowances August	1081.86
Tesco	Mobile contract July	7.50
Tesco	Mobile contract August	7.50
Microsoft	Office 365 July	17.60 + 3.52
Microsoft	Office 365 August	17.60 + 3.52
Business Stream	Pavilion July	5.00
Business Stream	Pavilion August	5.00

Heath End Hall	Grant	750.00
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Current Account	957.10
Premier Account	71059.70
Petty Cash	127.69
BDBC	<u>48618.07</u>
	120762.5
Less: unrepresented	<u>6669</u>
	114093
Add: balances R&P	<u>16622.97</u>
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**Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of BAUGHURST PARISH COUNCIL will take place on **Thursday 26 September 2019, 7.30 pm**, Heath End Hall.

