

BAUGHURST PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday 20 October 2016, 7.30 pm
Heath End Hall, Baughurst

PRESENT: Cllrs M G Slatford (Chairman), C I Curtis, C Grenville, J Hewitt, A Narracott, P R S Postance RT Ward
Also present: County Councillor W Lovegrove, and 1 member of the public
Apologies received from Cllrs P E Garrett, F Langley G Porter, S E Terrett, Borough Councillor M Bound and Borough Councillor R Tate
In attendance: Mrs P J Waterfield, Clerk

63. Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read.

64. Apologies for absence

As above.

65. 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).

66. Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting of 28 July 2016

(40) Speedwatch

No further response received from Hartley Wespall PC, who were interested in the hire. A further member of the public had expressed interest on becoming a volunteer, and further roll-outs of the scheme are expected in the near future. (

(40) School under the Pines

Investigation is being carried out by BDBC Enforcement Officers. A response had been received from the organisation, but no further complaints received from the public.

(45) Pineapple field hire

Calleva had advised no availability of space to encompass use of the field by other groups.

(47) Footpath 11

Planking and weldnet were now in situ, with thanks made to the local parishioner who had laid them in place.

67. County, Borough, Police and BDAPTC reports

a) County Councillor Lovegrove reported:

- Waste facilities locally – he had had meetings with HCC, and discussions are still ensuing between BDBC and HCC. The last reported suggestion (unconfirmed thus far) is a plan for those Hampshire residents living beyond a 10 mile radius of Wade Road refuse facility, Basingstoke, to be permitted to use West Berkshire refuse facilities. This would, however, preclude most of Tadley and Baughurst, who lie within the 10 mile zone. Further information is awaited.
- Japanese knotweed – BDBC officers had taken over the responsibility of notifying the appropriate Government department of this invasive, notifiable plant, and had served notice on the owner of the land, allowing him 28 days in which to comply with its removal.
- Long Grove cul de sac – HCC had advised that neither dragons' teeth, nor fencing, would be appropriate, and tree planting has now been suggested as a means of deterring motorists parking on the grass.
- Mornington Close – a request from a resident for tree planting opposite Nos 24 – 30 will be added to HCC's rolling programme, currently running into several years in arrears.

- Potholes – HCC had paid out over £100,000 in compensation to road users following damage caused by potholes. Cllr Lovegrove asked to ask Highways Engineers to contact Clerk with their rationale for priority repair of potholes.
- Age Concern – recent meeting had thanked this Council for their donation this year.
- Good Citizens Award – Tadley Town Council had given this award to the Clerk, Penny Waterfield, in recognition of her many years' governorship service to Burnham Copse Primary School.

b) Borough Councillor Bound reported:

- At the last DC Committee meeting a development of 3 dwellings in Pinks Lane was recommended for refusal by officers – objection came from the ONR and West Berkshire Emergency planners. It also contravened BDBC new Local Plan policy. However, Committee decided to approve as they thought that the good (ie. three new houses) overcame the possible harm that would be caused to the emergency plan in the very unlikely event that it would have to be put into operation. As it was a decision against policy the decision is open to 'call in' within 21 days.
- The 3 traveller pitches planning application in Violet Lane is before the next DC meeting in November, with a viewing at the end of October.
- Household Waste Recovery – a motion was put before Full Council relating to HWR. He planned to speak to the motion putting forward the view that resident of Baughurst and Tadley North feel that they are being poorly served by the present arrangements, whereby we have to take items for recycling to Wade Road rather than Newbury, albeit there might be a solution coming forward. Veolia, who hold the contract for waste collection, have an option to renew for another 7 years but are not going to exercise the option as they claim to be losing money at the moment, so it is likely to go out to tender. Hart manage the contract but BDBC have a big input. He sits on the Waste Members Panel; there have been two meetings so far and another is scheduled for the 3rd November. Their input will form part of the discussions around future contract negotiations.
- He had attended the Citizens Advice lunchtime AGM and listened to short briefings given to the assembled gathering about voluntary bodies that operate within the Tadley area. It was noted that Baughurst Parish Council was thanked for its donation to the running of Citizens Advice Tadley.

c) Police

Reported incidents between 1 September to 30 September 2016

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

Dwelling burglaries

On 10/09/2016 between 02.00 and 06.00 hours – Shyshack lane, Baughurst, Tadley – Unknown persons have gained entry to the address stealing a number of items along with a set of car keys. This incident is still under investigation.

Non dwelling burglaries

Between 14/09/16 - 18.00hrs and 15/09/16 - 06.20 hrs – Aldermaston Road, Sherborne St John – Sometime overnight unknown person/s have broken into two large containers on site; no items reported stolen at this time.

Between 17/09/16 – 20.00hrs and 18/09/16 - 13.00 hrs – Bishopswood Road, Tadley – Two garages were broken into by unknown offenders by forcing the up and over garage door, no items reported stolen at this time.

Between 25/09/16 – 19.00hrs and 26/09/16 - 07.30 hrs – Portway, Baughurst, Tadley – Offender/s have cut off a number of padlocks to a garage, also forcing off the hinges to the garage door, a number of items have been stolen.

Between 26/09/16 – 00.45hrs and 01.00 hrs – Wigmore Road, Tadley – A garage was broken into during the early hours of the morning by unknown offenders forcing the garage doors open, a cement mixer reported stolen. During the time the aggrieved heard talking and a vehicle driving off from the garage block to where his garage was.

Traffic related offences

Between 1st September and the 30 September 2 drivers were arrested for drink drive offences in the rural area.

Between 1 September and the 30 September 7 vehicles were seized from the road side in the rural area.

- 2 vehicles showing no insurance.
- 1 vehicle no insurance, tax or MOT.
- 1 vehicle no tax.
- 2 vehicles no insurance and drivers only shown as holding a provisional licence.
- 1 vehicle showing as SORN off road, no MOT and insurance.

Incidents of note

Between 29/09/16 – 13.00 hrs and 30/09/16 – 10.00 hrs – Priors Road, Tadley – A Suzuki motor bike was stolen from outside the address, the bike was being stored down the side of the address under a tarpauling.

A SN04 plate white transit van has been seen acting suspiciously in the area of Shyshack Lane, Tadley Hill and Selborne Walk, Tadley over the last few week. This vehicle has also been reported via Hampshire Alert.

68. **Open forum**
No items put forward.

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

T/00383/16/TPO	2 Hillside	T12, oak, reduce lower branches; T13 oak, reduce back lateral branches; G17 oak, reduce back over extending lateral branches; G1 2 x oak, reduce back over extending lateral branches	No objection
T.00369/16/TPO	1 The Hawthorns	Crown thin and crown reduce 1 oak	No objection
16/03340/HE	Woodside Cottage, Haughurst Hill	Demolition of rear porch, side conservatory and part of rear of	No objection

		cottage. Two storey side and rear extensions with new porch	
16/03635/HSE	11 Long Grove	Part two storey part single storey rear extension following demolition of conservatory (amended plan to 16/01927/HSE)	No objection

b) Decisions by BDBC

15/03859/HSE	Elm Cottage, Baughurst Road	Two storey side/rear extension and extension of existing conservatory	Approved
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c) Any other business

- ❖ BT intend to withdraw 51 public payphones within various areas. Those within Baughurst include:
 - Opposite 'The Cricketers', Heath End Road
 - Outside Yew Tree Cottage, Wolverton Common
- ❖ Change of use of land at Violet Lane – Clerk had been advised verbally that BDBC officers intend to recommend acceptance. Council agreed to speak at the planning meeting to be held by BDBC.

70. **Finance**

a) Financial statement

The latest financial statement was noted.

b) Bob O' Bee Memorial Prize

Approval was given to the donation of £40 for the prize, from the Chairman's allowance.

c) Half yearly precept

Approval was given for the reinvestment of the half yearly precept.

b) Newsletter

Approval was given to the distribution of the next newsletter.

72. **Playing fields and Open Spaces**

- Hedgecutting, Wolverton field
Agreed that quotations would be received for the remedial hedgecutting.
- Long Grove play equipment
Complaint had been received from resident regarding the cleanliness of the equipment. Cllr Terrett to investigate, although Clerk had recently visited the site and found all to be clean and tidy
- Smoke-free zones, play areas
Situation still ongoing but reaching a conclusion in the near future. Photographs of the site had been supplied to BDBC.
- Clearance, land to rear of Long Grove
The proposed works are due to be carried out during October half term.
- Playground maintenance
Vitaplay had carried out their first inspection, and a report showing the current status of both areas was circulated. Approval was given to payment of their invoice.
- Wolverton field
An alternative molecatcher had been found, and approval given to costs of £75 for the visit, and £40 for subsequent follow-up visit.

73. **Highways and Rights of Way**

a) Footpath 11

Planking and weldnet now in situ, thanks for local landowner.

b) Footpaths Walk 19 August 2016

Footpath 27

No fingerpost at northern cul de sac end of the path. Also no place to put a waymarker unless on adjacent resident's fence. Agreed that a post with waymarker would be a sensible solution – HCC to be asked.

Footpath 9

No problems until reaching the planking at the bottom, crossing the stream. Needs to be covered in netting as slippery.

Footpath 7

At kissing gate at first field from bridge (opposite garden of Wildermere), post rocking in ground and may need replacement. Heavily overgrown on wooded path leading to Haughurst Hill, and Nigel to clear back at his convenience.

Footpath 47

Waymarker added by volunteers to post by entrance from Haughurst Hill. Clearance of vegetation carried out. Post and waymarkers added at northern end, by wood yard, although one waymarker subsequently disappeared. Police and press had been notified.

Footpath 46

Post and waymarkers installed. Waymarkers disappeared the next day. Police and press had been notified.

Ashford Hill 719 and 716

Triple fingerpost installed by volunteers at junction of three paths. No waymarker or post from BR48.

Bridleway 48

Overgrown at northern end – agreed to clear.

All volunteers were thanked for their effort and commitment to helping keep Baughurst's rights of way open and clear.

- **Bridleway 49**

Land Registry had asked whether this Council wished to further negotiate or change their objection to the recent application for adverse possession of the land, but it was agreed that the original objection should stand.

Highways

- Clerk advised that HCC had been to inspect the broken village sign at Brook Lane/Stoney Heath, and this would be put on a 'wait' list for repair/replacement.

74. **Open forum**

Residents gave a brief overview of their position regarding the use of land outside The White Cottage, Bishopswood Lane, and their rationale for applying for adverse possession.

75. **Councils**

Following recent workshops held by HCC on the subject of possible devolution, and the removal of the middle tier of local government, reports were submitted by Cllrs Curtis, Hewitt and the Clerk, who had attended the workshops. After much debate, it was agreed that no comment would be made following the workshops, and that any formal comment may be made later in the process.

76. **Accounts for payment**

Received: Calleva £73; Premier interest £3.83 and £4.15

To pay:

Inland Revenue	Tax and NI October and backdated to July	BACS	282.19
Clerk	Salary and allowances October and backdated to July	BACS	1100.68
HALC	Councillor training	BACS	70.00 + 14.00
Regency	Payroll – October	d/d	14.00 + 2.80
Southern Water	Pavilion	d/d	3.80
Wybone	Litter bin insert, Pineapple	BACS	70.59 + 14.12

	field		
Clerk	Land Registry searches	p/c	8.00
HCC	Pension – October	BACS	292.90
Vision ICT	Annual	BACS	125.00 + 25.00
Hurst School	Bob O'Bee Memorial Prize	BACS	40.00

76. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of BAUGHURST PARISH COUNCIL will be held on **Thursday 24 November 2016**, 7.30 pm, Heath End Hall, Baughurst.