

BAUGHURST PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday 21 April 2016, 7.30 pm
Heath End Hall, Baughurst

PRESENT: Cllrs M G Slafford, (Chairman), C I Curtis, C Grenville, J Hewitt, F Langley, G Porter, S E Terrett
Also present: County Councillor W Lovegrove, Borough Councillor M Bound
Apologies for absence received from Cllrs P E Garrett, J Peatman and P R S Postance, Pc J Dullingham
In attendance: Mrs P J Waterfield, Clerk

108. Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the meeting of 18 March 2016, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read and approved.

109. 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).

110. Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting of 18 February 2016

(84) Speedwatch

Interest in the hire had been expressed by Laverstoke, but they had wanted a static machine to be affixed to a highway post for at least a month at a time. BDBC appeared to more proactive and supportive of the Speedwatch scheme than that shown by the Police, and records of transgressions appear to have been recorded by them.

(84) Retractable posts

Contributions to the cost had been received from two members of the public. The works are to be undertaken in the near future.

(89) Clerk's training

Clerk had undertaken the second of two-day training sessions with HALC, refreshing and updating her knowledge base. A report was given to Councillors. Agreed that Clerk should undertake further training in the autumn.

((92) 90th birthday of Her Majesty

No suitable bands can be found, at this late stage, for the event. Despite this, a small committee agreed to move forward with the proposed tea party at Heath End Hall on Sunday 12 June 2016, 2.00 – 4.30 pm. Clerk to investigate possible visit by a local singing group.

(100) Broadband

Clerk had written to Stratfield Saye Parish Council for advice, but had thus far received no response. Rotherwick is a tight local area with around 100 premises within half a mile of a single point, to which BT installed a fibre cable. With a capital cost of £27k the cost per connection was very low. It is similar to Ashford Hill, who have been quoted £30k to get a fibre cabinet near the Ship. They have about 300 properties who would benefit, so again the cost per house is relatively low. Ashford Hill are waiting for government money to be available (this may be delivered as a CIL from the 35 new homes recently approved by the planners). From the Hampshire Broadband site, Stratfield Saye started looking at a scheme like Rotherwick in January 2014, but it is unsure whether they have delivered yet.

These schemes will not work for rural Baughurst as we have many long overhead cables to 3 different telephone exchanges and houses spread over a wide area. The Rotherwick model of installing a fibre optic cable to a central point and then using wires up to half a mile long to connect to local properties does not work here. BT were asked to quote for a Rotherwick type solution last July, and have not been able to find a technical solution. Agreed that a

public meeting to be held to discuss the Broadband issue would be advertised on the Council website and Facebook pages.

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

a) County Councillor Lovegrove reported:

- An update on the Rotherwick Broadband situation
- The scenario around the re-dressing of the Baughurst Road
- Ordering of a salt bin for Wolverton Lane
- A toast to Her Majesty today, on her 90th birthday
- The situation around parking on County land, Long Grove
- Fly tipping, garaged areas, Baughurst Common
- Assistance with the tea party to celebrate Her Majesty's birthday to be held by this Council on 12 June

b) Borough Councillor M Bound reported:

- Fly tipping, Baughurst Common garaged areas
- Bishopswood Lane planning applications – update
- Local Plan not yet adopted

c) BDAPTC – next meeting 7 June 2016

d) Police

- Ministry of Defence Police had asked to attend a meeting of Council in the near future, to explain their role in local policing

• **Reported incidents between 1st March to 31th March 2016**

11	Suspicious incidents - (from suspicious people to vehicles).
10	Assault. (not necessarily physical, mostly between partners)
4	Criminal damage incidents
2	Road traffic incidents
8	Anti-social behaviour incidents (environmental, between people known to each other, vehicle, groups of youths)
2	Public order
0	Dwelling breaks
0	Non dwelling breaks
1	Theft from vehicle
1	Theft of vehicle
1	Theft (Industrial tools located on a closed premises)
0	Drugs

Between 1st March and 31th March there were no reported incidents of dwelling breaks in the area for the second month running. Between 1st March and 31th March there were no reported incidents of non-dwelling breaks in the area for the second month running.

Incident of note

27/03/16 between 2300 – 0000 at Market Garden Cottage Road, Bramley. A quad bike was stolen from a farm compound by an unknown group/person. This could be linked to an incident where a quad bike and a 4x4 vehicle were seen driving across fields in Monk Sherborne.

Over the last few weeks there were incidents of various tools being stolen from road works present in the area. The incidents occurred in the late hours of the evening and follow a similar pattern of tools being taken after hours from closed sites. If you see any suspicious behaviour involving tools being loaded onto vehicles please do not hesitate to contact the police.

Suspicious vehicles have been spotted driving across fields at Wootton St Lawrence, suspected of poaching. One vehicle involved was described as a dark coloured Suzuki Vitara. This was seen during two incidents and can be linked to a rising amount of poaching incidents taking place in the rural location.

Suspicious Vehicles

Silver Citroen C5 VTR - LC11 YZS – Vehicle has been seen driving onto a farm yard on 07/04/16. Vehicle has been involved in a number of similar incidents in suspicion of theft of tools.

Silver moped – YJ56XDY – The rider of the vehicle has been seen entering farm buildings in the Rural Area. The moped does not have a current keeper at this moment in time.

112. **Open forum**

It was agreed that this Council would support a recent planning application made by Heath End Hall for an extension.

113. **Planning**

a) to receive and consider the latest planning applications

16/00968/HSE	5 Heathlands	1 st floor side and single storey front extensions, conversion of garage to living accommodation and alterations to form annexe	No objection
16/00824/LBC	Midways, Haughurst Hill	Reconstruction of timber framed (pole) thatched roof, together with part internal/external masonry/stud walls following fire damage. 1 st floor remedial repairs/decoration to original format and design. Reconstruction in part of masonry chimney breasts	No objection
16/00834/HSE	28 Long Grove	Rear conservatory	No objection
T/00092/16/TP O	September House, Brimpton Road	Trim back a number of trees, felling evergreen and larch	Objection
16/01085/FUL	Brook Barn, Stoney Heath	Replacement dwelling, and conversion of existing dwelling to associated ancillary accommodation; with associated parking, turning, landscaping and private amenity space	Objection
T/00123/TPO	3 Oak Close	Felling of 2 oaks to create enlarged parking area	Objection

b) Decisions by BDBC

15/03856/FUL	The Laurels, Baughurst Road	4 x dwellings to include creation of new access, parking, landscaping and associated works	Approved
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16/00220/FUL	Oak Cottage, Baughurst Road	One bed dwelling, associated parking and amenity area	Refused

b) Matters arising
15/03856/FUL The Laurels, Baughurst Road - complaint made to BDBC regarding parking and turning of delivering lorries to the site

114. **Finance**

a) Financial statement

The latest financial statement was noted. The year end accounts were signed by the Chairman.

b) To consider annual subscription, HALC

Approval was given to renewal at £409, and NALC fees 130.

c) Council copier/scanner/printer

Approval was given to the replacement of the Council copier at a cost of £199 + VAT.

d) 90th birthday of Her Majesty

Arrangements are in hand as per 'matters arising' above.

e) to approve reinvestment of half yearly precept

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

115. **Playing fields and Open Spaces**

a) to receive report of meeting of 19 April 2016

- Planting, rear of Long Grove

A site meeting held in March had determined that the cotoneaster appears to have taken, although still in its infancy. Two further areas still need addressing. One, to the left of the planting, is stony, and the maintenance contractor advised that little would grow there. One option would be to put down topsoil, and either sow seed or lay turf. A 'desire line' path has already sprung up here.

The other is a flat open area to the rear gate of Hurst School, and is very compacted. A mechanical digger would be needed to rotovate the ground before any form of planting is considered, and, in addition, that area of the site is heavily used by children exiting the school, and lies under a canopy of trees, precluding light.

It was agreed at full Council that:

- a) Quotations are to be received for the clearance of both areas of land
 - b) Quotations are to be received for provision of topsoil, grass seed and/or turves
 - c) Quotations are to be received for the provision of scalplings/hoggin for the area of land to the rear of Hurst School
 - d) Consider formalising the desire line path in the first area, laying down hoggin and edging boards
 - e) Maintenance contractor to be asked to clear vegetation and leaves from left side of right of way
- Tree survey, Woodlands Road and other areas

Cllr Terrett's overview of our tree survey history, map and number of trees owned had been adopted by full Council, and the information used as a base for the specification for the surveys. Tree Surveys had already started the process of identifying the areas in question, but had advised that it would be a long process, which had necessitated their employment of an additional member of staff.

- Tree replanting scheme

AGREED that consideration is given to shrubs and trees other than rhododendron and laurel in the area opposite Hurst Leisure Centre, on the advice of the tree surveyor.

Suggestions include:

- Rowan – can grow to 15 metres and live for 200 years. Berries are useful autumn food source for birds
- Hazel – can grow to 10 metres but is relatively short-lived (50-70 years) although if coppiced can last 100's of years
- Crab apple – can grow to 10 metres
- Hawthorn – can grow to 15 metres but great for wildlife. Supports many insect species and good for bird nesting sites etc
- Holly – can grow to 15m. Evergreen nature provides winter cover and berries
- Spindle – grows to 9m. Often found in British hedgerows
- Whitebeam – grows to 15m
- Guelder rose – grows up to 4m

- EJS Services

Despite a useful site meeting in March with EJS, where they appeared helpful and constructive, no improvement has been seen with their administrative processes. Agreed that Clerk would telephone EJS to chase the situation.

- Long Grove play equipment

Much discussion ensued about the slide unit, which is constantly being fouled by bird droppings. Two steam cleaning sessions have been carried out. One option had been the possibility of the felling of overhanging pine trees, but the tree contractor had advised against this, stating that remedial surgery of overhanging branches would be sufficient. A letter of objection to the felling had been received from a resident. It was suggested that the unit could be turned on its axis, but agreed that, even if this was carried out, it would still lie under the canopy of adjacent trees. AGREED that remedial surgery, at cost of £480, is carried out, followed by a further steam clean in the week prior to the Spring Bank Holiday.

- Pineapple field

Calleva Football Club were currently in credit by £142.54. It was AGREED that the tariff for the field should rise to £75 per month, and that the Club should reimburse water and electricity bills retrospectively at the end of the financial year. Occasional use should increase to £20 per session.

- Path from Mornington Close to Heath End shops

This land has not yet been inspected by the arboricultural surveyor. Noted that many trees are ivy-girt, and this should be included in their report. The path which runs through here is not listed as a public right of way on the Definitive Map, but recommended that this should be considered by Footpaths Committee. More information required on the exact dimensions of the path. Meanwhile, maintenance contractor had been asked to clear overgrown vegetation to make the path more navigable.

- Land running from Woodlands Road to Hazel Green

- ❖ Planting of new trees/shrubs in open areas created by the recent felling of trees
- ❖ Widening of public right of way which runs through the site, to encourage walkers to use the designated path rather than the newly created 'rat-runs' which proliferate the site
- ❖ Clerk advised that the land which lies at the most southern part of the site is not owned by this Council. To attempt ownership, the land would either need to be totally enclosed for a period of five years, after which application could be made to the Land Registry, or an offer made, should the owner be identified, to buy it.

- Fly tipping

Letter received from resident complaining about litter in garaged areas. Response made and copied to Borough and County councillors, in whose remit the solution may lie.

- County land at Long Grove spur

Emails copied between residents and Cllr Lovegrove regarding parking on a large green open space in Long Grove spur, where residents are accessing the land by a privately owned driveway which crosses County land. Various suggestions had been put forward (marker posts to stop traffic, or fencing of the whole), and it was

suggested that this Council could also apply for a Licence over the land from HCC in order to enable fencing (similar to that adjacent to the Hurst Leisure Centre). AGREED that joint discussions should take place with HCC and BDBC officers.

- 105 Long Grove
Contractor due to be starting work on clearing vegetation which impedes progress and passage to the left of 105 Long Grove. Clerk had notified residents accordingly.

- Trees overhanging 6 Heathlands
Residents had provided half the cost of the remedial pruning and selective felling of Council trees overhanging their land, but had then changed their mind. The monies were refunded until such time as they decide to move forward with the works.
- Smoke-free zones
No further information yet received from BDBC, who are in the process of assessing sites and putting together a plan of action.
- British Gas – open areas
British Gas had stored equipment on various areas of land belonging to this Council without asking permission. Clerk had brokered an arrangement by email, whereby, should this Council give their permission, the sites would be restored to better than their original condition. AGREED that this course of action is followed, but a formal agreement drawn up to cover the eventuality.
- Land adj 105 Long Grove
Clearance work had started on the adjoining path, but fires set to burn the vegetation had resulted in some fire damage. Clearance has opened up a ditch, and the appropriate committee is to look at the site with a view to making good a path through.

116. Highways and Rights of Way

a) Footpaths walk

The proposed walk had been postponed due to torrential rain. However, Clerk and Cllr Curtis had met Rights of Way officer for one item only, to identify the route of footpath 7, Haughurst Hill. The route was identified, and a further date set for the clearance of the path. HCC will waymark accordingly once clear.

b) Potholes to be reported

- Browning Hill; Wolverton Road; Baughurst Road (Hillside); Crabs Hill Wolverton; Woodside, Wolverton Common; Axmansford

c) Replacement footpaths maps

Agreed that Clerk would investigate replacement of these through HCC Rights of Way.

117. Annual Parish Meeting

The meeting had been poorly attended, with no outstanding items for this Council to consider.

118. Parish elections

8 councillors had applied for 11 vacancies, and therefore no election will be held in any of the Wards. The cooption process will commence from 10 May for any persons interested in standing.

119. Accounts for payment

Received: Calleva £73; Premier interest £3.42; donations towards bollards 2 x £88, £1100 BDBC Limited General Grant; £21223 half yearly precept; £804 Council Tax support; £5119 parish funding grass cutting

To pay:

Inland	Tax and NI March	BACS	211.78
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Revenue			
Clerk	Salary and allowances April	BACS	938.30
Regency	Payroll – April	d/d	13.50 + 2.70 VAT
Toogood	Cleaning, Long Grove	BACS	90.00
HALC	Annual subscription, including NALC	BACS	409 + 130
BDBC	Newsletter printing	BACS	47.02
Southern Water	Pavilion	d/d	1.00
Datasharp	Copier service April	d/d	27.50 + 5.50 VAT
HCC	Pension April	BACS	274.38
	Mileage 70m @ 60.1	p/c	42.67 + 4.50 parking
	Norton antivirus	p/c	49.99
CAB	Donation	BACS	£650.00

118. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of **BAUGHURST PARISH COUNCIL** will be held on THURSDAY 12 May 2016 (Annual Meeting of Council), 7.30 pm, Wolverton Village Hall. Future dates are as follows:

Thursday 12 January 2017	7.30 pm	Heath End Hall
Thursday 16 February 2017	7.30 pm	Heath End Hall
Thursday 16 March 2017	7.30 pm	Heath End Hall
Thursday 6 April 2017	7.30 pm	Heath End Hall (Annual Parish Meeting)
Thursday 20 April 2017	7.30 pm	Heath End Hall
Thursday 11 May 2017	7.30 pm	Wolverton Hall (Annual Meeting)
Thursday 22 June 2017	7.30 pm	Wolverton Hall
Thursday 20 July 2017	7.30 pm	Wolverton Hall
Thursday 21 September	7.30 pm	Heath End Hall
Thursday 19 October 2017	7.30 pm	Heath End Hall
Thursday 23 November	7.30 pm	Heath End Hall

