

**BAUGHURST PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday 12 May 2016, 7.30 pm**  
**Wolverton**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs M G Slafford, (Chairman), C I Curtis, G Porter, F Langley, A Narracott, G Porter, S E Terrett  
Also present: County Councillor W Lovegrove and 2 members of the public  
Apologies received from Borough Councillors M Bound and R Tate, Cllrs P E Garrett, PCSO J Dullingham  
In attendance: Mrs P J Waterfield, Clerk

**1. Election of Chairman**

Cllr Slafford was unanimously re-elected to the Chair, and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**2. Signing of Declarations of Acceptance of Office by Councillors**

All Councillors present signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Adrian Narracott was welcomed to Council.

**3. Election of Vice Chairman**

Nominations were postponed until a full contingent of Council is in place.

**4. Apologies for absence**

As above.

**5. Minutes of the last meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting of 21 April 2016, copies of which had been circulated, were amended as follows: '110 – The Basingstoke branch of Hampshire Constabulary appeared to more proactive and supportive of the Speedwatch scheme than that shown by Hampshire Constabulary, and records of transgressions appear to have been recorded by the Basingstoke branch'. The Minutes were then taken as read and approved.

**6. 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).

**7. Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting of 21 April 2016**

(110) Speedwatch

Laverstoke Parish Council had been contacted, to identify whether they would wish to either rent the Speedwatch machine, or perhaps purchase it outright, but no response has yet been received.

(110) Retractable posts

Retractable posts have now been installed.

(110) 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Her Majesty

Entertainment now includes a ukulele band, a choral ensemble, and Morris dancing. Tadley Lions have also offered their help in setting up, running a quiz and tombola, and a PA system.

(110) Broadband

No response received from Stratfield Saye Parish Council. Ashford Hill Parish Council have been quoted £30k to get a fibre cabinet near the Ship. They have about 300 properties who would benefit, so 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).

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. A possible alternative is to use a fibre network instead, which will serve approximately 1000 properties, but is more expensive. A public meeting had been held to discuss the Broadband issue.

(110) Accessing HALC and NALC

Passwords were distributed for the NALC website. HALC are to provide access details for their website, which involves loading all details of all councillors beforehand.

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

a) County Councillor Lovegrove reported:

- Congratulations offered to Borough Councillor Bound on his recent election success
- HCC boundary review not yet published, although in this area may cover a wider area than currently
- HCC are holding a faster broadband briefing later this month
- 3000 employees have been made redundant by HCC since 2010, costing £44m in compensation
- Many issues still remain unresolved in terms of potholes, speed limits etc

b) Borough Councillor M Bound reported:

- Will be sitting on the Development Control Committee during the next Council year and subbing on: Communities, Environment and Partnerships Committee and The Manydown Overview Committee. This will be confirmed at the Council selection meeting 12/5/16.
- HCC have been alerted to some overhanging trees on the path alongside 78 Woodlands Road and also to flooding in Ham Lane, in the dip where the river passes under the road.
- At last evenings DC meeting, the application for the removal of condition 15 of 14/00903/FUL (Mulberry House) to reinstate permitted development rights was approved by committee as recommended by the case officer.

c) BDAPTC – next meeting 7 June 2016. Items on the agenda include devolution, rural policing, Speedwatch

d) Police

**Reported incidents between 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

- 11** Suspicious incidents - (from suspicious people to vehicles).
- 4** Assault. (not necessarily physical, mostly between partners)
- 2** Criminal damage incidents
- 4** Road traffic incidents
- 13** Anti-social behaviour incidents (environmental, between people known to each other, vehicle, groups of youths)
- 2** Public order
- 1** Dwelling breaks
- 2** Non dwelling breaks
- 5** Theft from vehicle
- 0** Theft of vehicle
- 2** Theft (Alcohol stolen from shop, wooden 5 bar gate stolen Wolverton Road)
- 2** Drugs

Dwelling burglaries

Between 17 April and 1 May – Holly Bush Lane, West Heath, Baughurst - Unknown persons have tried to force a rear external door of the property with an unknown implement, damage has been caused to the door frame, but no entry gained

Non-dwelling burglaries

Between 25 April 23.00hrs and 26 April 07.30hrs – Baughurst Road, Baughurst – Offenders have gained entry to a farm building at the rear of the property by driving across a field and cutting the fencing, machinery stolen and the horses escaped.

Between 26 April 18.00hrs and 27 April 07.25hrs – Brimpton Road, Baughurst – Offenders have gained entry to a nursery by smashing a first floor window, once inside they have stolen a safe from the office.

#### Incident of note

Between 5 April and 6 April – Wolverton Road, Axmansford - a large wooden 5-bar gate has been carefully dismantled and removed by persons unknown.

Overnight of 22 April into 23 April – Shyshack Lane, Baughurst – Two vehicles were targeted by unknown offenders, both vehicle had their wing mirror glass stolen.

Action Fraud – On 14 April – Sherborne St John - an elderly person received a call from an unknown person pretending to be a police officer from the fraud squad. The offender then went onto to say a fraudulent claim has been used on their card, asking them to transfer money into another bank account.

Since 1 April and 30 April there have been around 100 reported incidents of this type of offence in the area of Hampshire.

#### Suspicious Vehicle

*Silver Citroen C5 VTR - LC11 YZS* – Vehicle has been seen driving onto a farm yard on 7 April 2016. Vehicle has been involved in a number of similar incidents on suspicion of theft of tools.

**The above vehicle is still active in and around the area of Baughurst.**

#### Speeding

Figures for April 2016;

**FPN** – fixed penalty notice, **DAT** – driver awareness training (course), **VW** – verbal warning

<u>Site</u> (30 mph limit)	<u>Visits</u>	<u>Stops</u>	<u>Results</u> (speed)
New Rd, Tadley	1	3	1 x DAT (41) 2 x VW (36 & 37)
Baughurst Rd, Baughurst	2	6	1 x DAT (41) 5 x VW (35 – 38)

#### 9. **Open forum**

A member of the public explained the regulations surrounding General Permitted Development, and the rationale behind the law.

#### 10. **To confirm appointment of representatives**

Changes deferred to the next meeting of Council

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HCC Footpaths	
BDBC Road Safety	Vacant
Public Transport Liaison	Vacant

AWE Local Liaison BDAPTC	Cllr P E Garrett Cllrs M G Slatford and C Curtis
CAB Loddon Valley Day Care Centre	Vacant Cllr M G Slatford
Age Concern Heath End Hall Cheque Signatories	Cllr P E Garrett Vacant Vacant, P E Garrett, Vacant, M G Slatford, S E Terrett, Clerk

11. **To confirm appointment of committees**

Changes deferred to the next meeting of Council

Footpaths	Cllrs C I Curtis, Vacant, Vacant, R T Ward, Vacant, S E Terrett
General Purposes	Cllrs C I Curtis, Vacant, F Langley, Vacant, M G Slatford, S E Terrett
Playing Fields and Open Spaces	Cllrs C Curtis, Vacant, F Langley, Vacant, G Porter, M G Slatford, S E Terrett

12. **Planning**

a) to receive and consider the latest planning applications

16/01421/HSE	8 Woodlands Road	Single storey side/rear extension	No objection
16/00036/HSE	Wells House, Wolverton Lane	New tiled roof on detached garage to replace thatched roof	No objection
T/00140/TPO	London House, Brimpton Road	Removal of 21 Scots pine and replace trees with more suitable ones	Objection
16/01350/GPDE	52 Woodlands Road	Conservatory	No objection
16/01451/HSE	Dairymead Lodge, Baughurst Road	Detached double garage	Objection
16/01350/GPDE	52 Woodlands Road	Conservatory	Permitted development

b) Decisions by BDBC

16/00395/HSE	4 Stokes Lane	single storey front extension	Approved

c) Matters arising

16/00035/OUT – land at Bishopswood Lane, Baughurst – 149 houses plus 60 bed care home – withdrawn by applicant.

13. **Finance**

a) Financial statement

The latest financial statement was noted.

b) Insurance

Quotations for annual renewal were considered, and the best option, taken over three years, was accepted. Various questions were to be asked of the insurers before a final decision is made. Approval was given to an upper ceiling of £1522.81.

c) To approve payment, Council copier

Approval was given to the payment of the new copier, together with a toner cartridge for 10,000 copies, at a cost of £367.

#### 14. **Playing fields and Open Spaces**

##### a) to receive quotations for works rear of Long Grove

No quotations had been received by the due date of 12 May. Agreed that further quotations would be requested to be considered at a later meeting.

##### b) Land adj 105 Long Grove

The land had now been cleared, and the appropriate committee to consider the introduction of a more formalised pathway.

##### c) Sandford Woods

A 'Forest School' is making plans to open a facility in Sandford Woods. Clerk to write to them, asking for further details, including their provision for parking for visitors.

##### d) EJS Services

No further information had been received from EJS, and Clerk to write, expressing disappointment that their promises earlier this year had not been met. Clerk advised that the formal contract expires on 1 July 2016, and it was recommended that an alternative supplier be found, and the contract not to be renewed.

#### 15. **Highways and Rights of Way**

##### a) Footpaths walk

**Footpath 13b** Walked the length, adding waymark stickers on posts as we travelled. At the point where the path leads away across to the right (from Baughurst Road), curving round a field, a misleading sign has been affixed to a post, showing the route of the public footpath to the right, which, if taken literally, would mean walkers taking an incorrect route across a field. Clerk to notify HCC.

**Nearer Violet Lane, the path crosses a small stream via a stile. The upright posts of the stile have rotted in the ground,** and the structure is held together by its assembly, rather than a rigid base. Agreed that simply fixing two sturdier posts to either side would control the problem, and suitable posts to be sought.

**Footpath 13a** NW to be congratulated on opening up the correct route of the path. New gate and posts (metal) have been installed, presumably by the owner, at the junction with BR502. Similar gates have been installed at the western end, where it joins footpath 17, but we consider that they have been installed in the wrong position, not following the correct line of the path. HCC to be informed.

**Footpath 12** Again, clearance of the route by NW has enabled easier passage, and better waymarking has helped also. Some further remedial pruning needed here.

**Footpath 9** New kissing gate in situ at Axmansford – waymarking needed.

**Footpath 7** **Following recent visit by HCC, and attempted closures of the path by persons unknown, the correct route had been identified. A working party is to help clear the path and install a waymarking post in early May.**

**Footpath 11** Upon our walk, we met a resident who asked whether netting could be installed on the planking across the small stream south of Curtis Farm. Agreed that this would be put forward for consideration by Council. Waymarking needed on path.

**Footpath 14** Path has recently been closed by HCC to enable the felling of a dangerous tree adjacent to the path. Waymarking needed at the junction with 13b.

On 7 May a working party installed a new waymarking post on Footpath 7, and cleared the path. They also installed additional posts to the damaged stile on Footpath 13a.

16. **To consider cooption, Baughurst Common, Baughurst and Wolverton wards**

The cooption process had begun, with BDBC having been notified of the vacancies. Unless an election is called within 14 working days, this Council will then be able to invite parishioners to apply for the vacant positions.

17. **Accounts for payment**

**Received:** Calleva £73; Premier interest; VAT refund £1646.12; £30 footpaths booklets

**To pay:**

Inland Revenue	Tax and NI May	BACS	211.78
Clerk	Salary and allowances May	BACS	938.30
Regency	Payroll – May	d/d	13.50 + 2.70 VAT
Clerk	Plastic storage boxes	p/c	11.98
	Lamination paper	p/c	7.29
Printerbase	Council copier	BACS	306.05 + 61.21
SEB	Pavilion	d/d	43.17
Southern Water	Pavilion	d/d	1.00
Datasharp	Copier service May	d/d	27.50 + 5.50 VAT
HCC	Pension May	BACS	282.72
A D Gibbs	Mowing	BACS	
	St Catherine's		25.00
	Baughurst Common		398.05
	St Catherine's		25.00
	Pineapple field		58.14
	St Catherine's		25.00
Came & Co	Annual insurance	BACS	1522.81

18. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of **BAUGHURST PARISH COUNCIL** will be held on TUESDAY 21 June 2016, 7.30 pm, Wolverton Village Hall.