

BAUGHURST PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday 28 July 2016, 7.30 pm
Wolverton

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

36. Minutes of the last meeting

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

37. Apologies for absence

As above.

38. Presentation by Alex Hart, 'School Under the Pines'

Alex and Ian Gosling gave a brief explanation of the concept of the 'school', which is aimed at young children (2+) and easing them into education, by encouraging a knowledge of bushcraft and health and development. No permanent structures are erected on the site, although a canopy is erected temporarily when the 'school' is in situ. The site (approximately 18 acres) is just beyond the entrance to Sandford Woods, behind the playground. The 'school' meets 3 or 4 times per month, with different groups of young people, and with a maximum of 10 children. They always meet during the week, and in term time. Parents usually come along with the children. The 'school' is under the auspices of Hampshire County Council, and Ian agreed to let the Clerk have the contact there. BDBC Enforcement are currently investigating the situation regarding the 'school'. In answer to questions raised, the 'school' do promote 'hen' and 'stag' nights, but these are of an alternative variety, and do not involve music, alcohol or drugs, all of which being contrary to the concepts of 'forest' schools. The Chairman thanked both gentlemen for attending and for the presentation.

39. 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).

40. Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting of 21 June 2016

(27) Speedwatch

Local meetings of the police authorities governing Speedwatch had gone well, with more apparent enthusiasm for the scheme, which may well encourage greater take-up of rental of the SID machine.

(27) EJS Services

Clerk had invited EJS to provide a detailed statement of their site visits, and any works carried out, before consideration of payment of their final invoice can be considered. An acknowledgement had been received.

(27) Broadband

A local survey is currently being carried out, with some responses still awaited. BDBC are underwriting the cost of the survey, and a meeting is planned for the near future.

(27) School under the Pines

Agreed that, following the presentation, no further objection should be made to the use of the 'school', providing no complaints are received. Agreed that use of the playground car park should be permitted, providing two car parking spaces are left for use by the remainder of the public.

(32) Rural Exemption Sites

Chairman and Clerk had attended a presentation, on site, of housing recently built in Micheldever by Hastoe, HARAHA's new affordable housing partner. Hampshire parishes celebrated national Rural Housing Week with the Hampshire Alliance for Rural Affordable Housing (HARAHA) by welcoming new housing associations to the partnership.

During **Rural Housing Week** over 60 representatives from 37 local parishes joined HARAHA for events across the county. At each event Parish Councillors were able to find out more about the work of HARAHA, talk to other Parish Councils who have successfully provided new affordable housing, meet the new housing associations and hear how new affordable homes can help keep businesses and services open in villages.

In Micheldever Parish Councillors began with a tour of an existing rural housing scheme in the village, and heard from the Parish Council about the benefits of the scheme. Parish Councillors will now be able to go back to the parishes and share what they have learnt. HARAHA can support parishes through every stage of the process of providing new affordable homes, from assessing the local need and finding a suitable site right through to handing the keys over to the new residents.

Since 2005 the HARAHA partnership has successfully delivered 392 new affordable homes in villages across the county, providing homes for 1,400 local people. HARAHA is made up of six Hampshire Local Authorities, the County Council, two National Park Authorities, Action Hampshire, and the Homes and Communities Agency.

Following Hyde Housing's decision in late 2015 to rationalise its stock and end development in a number of the HARAHA local authority areas, HARAHA began the search to find new partners to continue the successful delivery of affordable rural housing across Hampshire. After a rigorous selection process, the HARAHA Board invited the Hampshire Village Homes consortium to join the partnership.

Hampshire Village Homes is a consortium of five housing associations. These are Hastoe, English Rural, Winchester Housing Trust, Petersfield Housing Association and New Forest Villages Housing Association. The five will work together with the HARAHA partners to ensure that 50 new affordable homes are delivered across rural Hampshire each year until 2020. All five housing associations in Hampshire Village Homes are committed rural housing specialists with proven experience of delivering new affordable homes. Three of the housing associations have strong roots in Hampshire.

The new site comprised of a small development which had been built in a field which was adjacent to their original affordable housing scheme of the 1990s. The link had been sympathetically introduced, and the field had been left to the parish council for this particular purpose, so no problems in finding a suitable site.

Micheldever is a small parish, with many local people whose origins go back a long way. We heard from a number of them who were delighted with the scheme because it enabled their extended families to remain in the village.

The houses were a mix of one, two and three bedroom, and a couple of one bedroom flats. They were scattered at different angles on the site, but had been built with a generous frontage (which had been bricked, rather than tarmac), surrounding open green areas, and backing onto fields, so their vista was as good as some people pay for rather more expensive, larger houses elsewhere. The gardens were large, and backed onto open farmland.

We were able to look around the one bedroom flat. It had been finished beautifully, with great attention to detail, and the rooms were of generous proportions, with plenty of additional space in the form of cupboards, etc. Materials used were of good quality, and the whole effect was that of private dwellings, rather than the historical aspect of 'Council housing stock'.

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

a) County Councillor Lovegrove reported:

- Local Children's centres are closing down as a result of HCC cutbacks
- Maurice Bound, father of Borough Councillor M Bound, had died at 103. A letter of condolence and card had been sent by the Parish Council
- HCC have withdrawn their contribution funding to West Berkshire recycling sites, and it is probable that, in the near future, West Berkshire and Reading will charge users who do not hold an identity card showing their Berkshire address, possibly £2. Wade Road (Basingstoke recycling) will close on Thursdays, and open later in the mornings
- Heath End hall had been successful in obtaining grants to approximately £20,000 towards the new proposed extension
- He commented on the inefficiencies of BDBC's telephone answering system, and the poor quality response from those answering the calls
- He thanked Penny Waterfield, Clerk to the Council, and also ex Chair of Burnham Copse Primary school, for her 27 years as a Hampshire governor

b) Police

Reported incidents between 1st June to 30th June 2016

9 - Suspicious incidents - (from suspicious people to vehicles).

4 - Assault. (not necessarily physical, mostly between partners)

2 - Criminal damage incidents

2 - Road traffic incidents

18 - Anti-social behaviour incidents (environmental, between people known to each other, vehicle, groups of youths)

1 - Public order

0 - Dwelling breaks

0 - Non dwelling breaks

0 - Theft from vehicle

0 - Theft of vehicle (no reports for the area, but 1 in Overton under incidents of note)

1 - Theft

1 - Drugs

Dwelling burglaries

During the month of June there were no reported incidents of dwelling breaks.

Non dwelling burglaries

During the month of June there were no reported incidents of non-dwelling breaks.

Speeding

Sherborne St John Speed Watch team were out on the 18/06/2016 from 10.30 hours to 11.30 hours on Vyne Road in Sherborne St John. 13 – first time offenders, warning letters sent out. Over the past month officers have completed various speed checks in the rural area. If you have any speed related issues for 30mph roads in your area please feel free to contact me. I will then forward your details over to my policing colleagues who will in turn assess the road for suitability for speed checks.

Incidents of note

On 30th June 2016 an old style blue Mini Cooper L registration was stolen from Over Railway Station while it was parked up for the day, the vehicle is still currently outstanding as stolen. If you see a vehicle matching the description please contact Hampshire Police on the 101 number, quoting incident number 44160243876.

Over the past few days reports have come in about Subaru 4X4's seen in suspicious circumstances regarding poaching incidents.

On 2nd June 2016 officers located a Subaru parked up on a byway in lower Wootton St Lawrence just up from the A339, 2 males with dogs located close by. The males were spoken with and at the time of speaking with the males no poaching offences had taken place.

Hampshire Alert Community Messaging system

The communities of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight play a key role in helping us to prevent and detect crime and anti-social behaviour. Improving the flow of information between the community and the police is vital to achieving our aim to work together to deter criminals and keep communities safe.

This site provides an invitation for you to participate in the exchange of information with Hampshire Constabulary and Neighbourhood Watch. You do not need to join a specific watch scheme but you may find that there are like minded residents or businesses in your area who would welcome your support.

If you live or work in Hampshire or the Isle of Wight, you are invited to register now to become a recipient of messages of information, crime alerts and witness appeals local to the area in which you live or work in a way that suits your needs and lifestyle by email, text or telephone. Just click on the REGISTER button at the top of this page to sign up.

As a registered recipient you will not only benefit from two way messaging but may also hear about positive police action in your community, help identify suspected or wanted criminals or learn about community groups, events or meetings in your area.

42. Open forum

Residents gave a brief explanation of a claim for adverse possession of land across which footpath 49 runs. Other items raised included the erosion of ditching in Wolverton Common.

43. Planning

a) to receive and consider the latest planning applications

16/02397/HSE	14 Portway	Single storey rear extension and alternations	No objection
16/02248/HSE	Wildermere, Haughurst Hill	Two storey extension to north elevation and alterations to roof	No objection
16/02431/AGPD	Barn on land at Pitt Hall Farm, Ramsdell	Open sided agricultural barn	Agricultural permission
16/01929/RET	Browning Hill Cottage, Browning Hill	Single storey rear extension to garage	No objection, but 'tie' requested

b) Decisions by BDBC

16/01421/HSE	8 Woodlands Road	Single storey side/rear extension	Approved
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44. Finance

a) Financial statement

The latest financial statement was noted. Comments from the internal auditor included the wish to see a greater breakdown of the assets held by this Council for insurance purposes. Ancient cheques which had never been presented were written off, and as a result the accounts were not finalised at completion. This had now been rectified. The accounts had now been sent to the external auditor.

45. Playing fields and Open Spaces

a) Tree Surveys

The quotation from Tree Surveys had been accepted, and they were in the process of mapping the area digitally before commencing the project.

b) Tree planting – area between Hurst Leisure Centre and Brimpton Road

Agreed that this should be considered in its entirety once all remedial tree works had been identified and carried out. Meanwhile, to be the subject of a site visit.

c) Long Grove play equipment

Last site inspection on 13 July 2016 showed the equipment to be clean and useable, following recent remedial tree surgery.

d) Path from Mornington Close to Heath End Road

Had been cleared by contractor, and compliments made by local people.

e) County land at Long Grove spur

Resident claims to have received a telephone call from HCC, advising that the situation would be remedied, but this has not yet been confirmed.

f) Land at 105 Long Grove

Clr Terrett had investigated the current situation, and had plotted different scenarios for the future of the path. It was AGREED that the current path, which lies partly in a ditch, should be retained; rubble removed, and the ditch to be filled with the rubble. Removal of the fence should also take place to allow access into Long Grove.

g) Trees overhanging 6 Heathlands

No further information available.

h) Smoke-free zones, play areas

Having supplied BDBC with the required information, no further outcome as yet.

i) British Gas – open areas

Clerk had supplied the contractors with a map showing areas of land belonging to this Council. All equipment had been removed, and the areas re-seeded and left in a satisfactory condition.

j) Quotations, land to rear of Long Grove

Three quotations had been received, and it was AGREED that the middle quotation, in the sum of £4260, should be accepted, with the proviso that all roots are extracted from the site.

k) Pineapple field

U3A Croquet Club had asked for the use of the field and pavilion as a croquet lawn. Calleva Football Club, when asked for their views, had given several valid reasons for refusing the request, and it was AGREED that this course of action is followed.

l) Land to rear of properties, Bishopswood Lane

Residents had enquired whether a small path at the rear of their properties was the responsibility of the Parish Council. Upon investigation, it transpires that it was land designated as part of a S106 agreement between BDBC and the builders, as a buffer zone between the new houses in The Hawthorns and the existing in Bishopswood Lane. Land Registry searches do not thus far confirm ownership of this land, but BDBC have confirmed that the land is not theirs.

m) bus shelters, A339

Overgrown both within and leading to the shelters. Contractor asked to clear, and Stagecoach asked to update the passenger information terminals.

n) Pineapple pavilion

Approval given to replacement liner for waste bin at £59.93 + VAT and carriage. Notification had been received from SSE, who supply the electricity to the pavilion, that they had found it necessary to object to another supplier's request to register the supply. Existing contract runs until October 2017, but Clerk had instructed SSE to object to all similar applications.

46. **Highways and Rights of Way**

a) Footpath 11

Landowner had indicated that he would be happy to carry out the replacement of planking and netting, providing Council paid for the cost of the materials. Agreed that a ceiling of £200 would be agreed for this provision.

- b) Footpaths Walk 25 July 2016
- i) Footpath 33
 - Post not in ground and waymark about to fall off. New post needed
- ii) Footpath 31
 - New trees in plantation impinging on path and about to completely hide it. The trees need cutting back or some removing
- iii) Junction of Footpaths 31 and 30
 - Stile post loose
- iv) Footpath 31
 - Cleared impassable kissing gate of overgrown vegetation
- v) Junction of Footpath 31 and 29
 - Kissing gate has no waymarks
 - Fallen tree needs chainsaw to clear path
 - Steel kissing gate has no waymarks
- vi) Footpath 29
 - Kissing gate has no waymarks
- vi) Footpath 28
 - Loose post
 - No post and waymark
 - Missing waymark
- c) General
 - Footpath 14 and 13 – overhanging vegetation to be cleared
 - Violet Lane – pothole to be reported
 - Footpath 18 – signpost uprooted

47. **Accounts for payment**

Received: Calleva £73; Premier interest £4.17

To pay:

Inland Revenue	Tax and NI July	BACS	211.78
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Clerk	Salary and allowances July	BACS	938.30
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Regency	Payroll – July	d/d	14.00 + 2.80
	Payroll – August	d/d	14.00 + 2.80
A D Gibbs mowing	St Catherine's	BACS	25.00
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	Baughurst Common		398.05
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	Wolverton field		50.00
	Pineapple field		58.14
Clerk	Postage 3 mos to 30.6.16	p/c	62.96
	Phone 3 mos to 30.6.16	p/c	67.12 + 7.02
	Annual mileage	BACS	156.26
	Annual use of home as office	BACS	70.00
HCC	Pension – July	BACS	282.72
	Pension – August	BACS	282.72
Heath End Hall	Hirings, Jan – April	BACS	64.00
Heath End Hall	Grant for hall extension	BACS	1000.00
Tadley Age Concern	Grant	BACS	150.00
T Marsh	Internal audit	BACS	675.00
HCC	Stationery	BACS	25.56 + 5.11
British Legion	Poppy wreath	BACS	40.00

48. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of **BAUGHURST PARISH COUNCIL** will be held on THURSDAY 22 September 2016, 7.30 pm, Heath End Hall.
