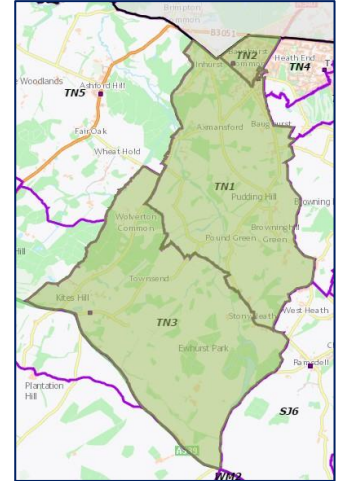




Baughurst Parish Council currently looks after:

- 56,000 sq m of open spaces and 1,200 sq m of car park
- 1,100 trees
- 21 Km of public rights of way, incorporating 32 kissing gates
- 17 Km of paths in Baughurst Common
- 9 bus shelters and 6 benches
- Two playgrounds and play equipment
- The playing field and changing rooms at the Pineapple Field
- Speed Camera and speed limit reminder
- The War Memorial

- Baughurst Common Ward: George Porter, Stanley Terrett and Russell Clark (with a vacancy).
- Baughurst Ward: Janette Hewitt and Colin Cooper (with 2 vacancies).
- Wolverton Ward: Martin Slafford and Richard Cockle (with a vacancy).



The Parish Council is a consultee on all planning applications within the parish and acts as a conduit for all issues raised by residents that are the responsibility of either Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council (such as waste disposal) or Hampshire County Council (such as highways and schools).

The Parish Council is also the Qualifying Body that can use the Neighbourhood Planning powers for Baughurst parish. As the Qualifying Body the council is responsible for approving the Neighbourhood Plan, that will be created by a community-led project that will need to align with the updated Local Plan over the next few years.

The Parish Council currently comprises 7 volunteer Councillors (with 4 vacancies) who employ a Clerk and provide local services using some of your Council tax on behalf of 2,500 people living in around 1,000 homes.

The following councillors were elected unopposed in the recent elections.

The parish council is seeking additional help and hopes to fill these



vacancies with individuals who want to improve their community. If you can help us do better, please scan this QR code for more information, to give a suggestion or to join as a volunteer.

The map shows the three wards of Baughurst Parish: TN1 = Baughurst, TN2 = Baughurst Common, TN3 = Wolverton.

Annual Parish Meeting

Everyone welcome

Thursday 23 May Heath End Village Hall 7:30pm
Helps set the agenda for the Parish Council for 2024/25.

The agenda for the meeting is:

1. Minutes of the meeting 20 April 2023
2. Matters arising
3. Parish Council Chairman's report
4. Success of the Baughurst Repair Café – Highlights
5. Moving forward with the Baughurst Neighbourhood Plan
6. County and Borough Council reports
7. Electors' question time
8. The Baughurst Society
9. Charities' reports
10. Parish Council accounts
11. Any other business

Ramblers Wellbeing Walks

Day: Thursday - 2nd and 4th of the month

Time: 10.30am

Meet: Baughurst Scout and Guide Hut, Ash Lane, Baughurst

Description: at a medium pace in the countryside, between 60-90 minutes, including some short hills and muddy paths

Contact: **Sara Hanson 0118 981 3098** for further information

From the Chair

Mark Charlton:

Parish elections were in

early May and after two years serving as a Parish councillor and one year as Chairman, I have decided to stand down for personal reasons.

One of the major success stories over the past 6 months has been the realisation of our first Repair Cafe (see below). This is a great initiative and I urge you all to take advantage of the many skills on offer to repair cycles, electrical appliances, and other household items free of charge. We have also seen Sustainable Baughurst make great strides - please feel free to attend their monthly meetings and get involved.

The Council is pleased to support community-focused organisations by offering grants for local projects. For more information and to apply, please contact our Clerk.

Basingstoke and Deane are moving forward with its Local Plan Update to address the area's need for affordable housing and protection of our environment. The Parish Council is also progressing with our Neighbourhood Plan. Not only will this give us some say over future development, but the consultation process will provide everyone with a say on what is important to you. Please get involved.

The recent wet and warm weather has taken a toll across our Parish - on our roads, playing fields, and pathways, impacting us all as we go about our day-to-day lives. The Parish Council has done everything in its power to keep the areas under our control both usable and safe. For this reason, swings at both playing fields need to be replaced and will be brought back into service as soon as we can. If there is something that needs our

Our Thanks

Baughurst Parish Council warmly thanks **Mark Charlton** and **Zul Mammon** for their contributions to the community during their time with the council.

attention, please report the matter to our Clerk.

We have vacancies on the Parish Council, if you are interested in playing a more active role in your community, please apply.

Finally, I am delighted to confirm that **Michaela Coward**, a local resident, will be joining us on 25 March as Parish Clerk. I would like to thank **Karen Ross** for all her help and hard work as Interim Clerk over recent months. On behalf of everyone, Karen, thank you and Michaela, welcome!

Baughurst Repair Café – Significant milestones reached



gone from strength to strength and has achieved some significant milestones with its various types of repairs.

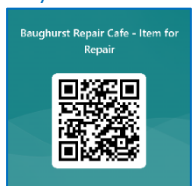
Repair Cafés are also free meeting places where you can find help to make any repairs you need. You can bring in clothes, furniture, electrical and

electronic appliances, bicycles, IT equipment, wooden items, textiles, toys, tool sharpening, jewellery repair and cleaning and more.

Jackie N, a Baughurst resident, says it's a brilliant community service. She brought in a wooden Christmas tree for repair. She says 'After discussing with me how he proposed to repair it, Alan made my wooden tree more robust than it originally was. My black leather purse was saved from the bin by Teresa who not only fixed the popper



problem, but she also showed me how to fix it if it happened again. I enjoyed the whole experience from the coffees and cakes to how the repairers engaged with you on the repairs. It was an amazing, I'm telling all my family and friends about it'.



Use the QR Code to register an item for repair at the Baughurst Repair Café. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you at an event soon.

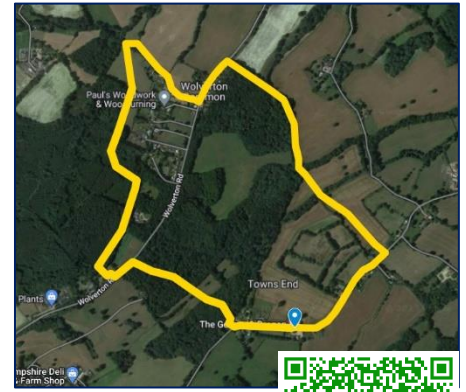
The Baughurst Repair Café runs every 3rd Sunday of the month (19 May, 16 June and 21 July) from 10:00am until 1:00pm at Heath End Village Hall.

**Baughurst Walks –
Wolverton Walkabout**



The walks section on our web site is growing with much more detail about the 17 current walks around the parish.

In this edition we highlight Walk 7: Wolverton Walkabout that takes you on a circular tour of Wolverton and Wolverton Townsend. The route starts and finishes at The George and Dragon Country House Hotel but takes in the wooded areas of Wolverton Woods, Brock Copse and Baldwins Copse as well as stunning farmland views to the east of Wolverton and the north of Wolverton Townsend. This walk is



particularly worthwhile in late Spring and early Summer to enjoy the abundance of wildflowers on the route. Use the QR Code to see our walks in detail and Walk 7 in particular.

Baughurst ..a history

**Local
Quakers**

We continue to pay tribute to Stan Terrett's "Baughurst...a history" by extracting stories about places and people of Baughurst for you. Here is one such story about the Local Quakers from 1652. For the fuller version, please follow the QR Code to our website.



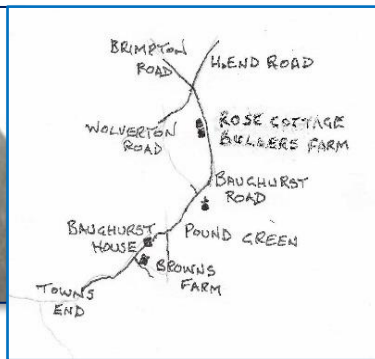
In the seventeenth century, the Civil War and a dislike of the power and wealth of the established church saw non-conformism flourish. From 1652, George Fox united groups into a movement called The Society of Friends (the Quakers) who believed in freedom to practice their own religion, which was mostly contrary to established Church and Civil Law. After a visit to

With the passing of the 'Five Mile Act' in 1665 (which forbade non-conformist ministers from preaching within five miles of a town where they had previously preached), the Quaker movement in Baughurst grew into one of the biggest Quaker centres in the south of England and attracted participants from Alton, Basingstoke, Kingsclere, Newbury, Reading and Oxfordshire. During these times, Fox visited their Meeting House (1670) and James Potter was elected to several high offices in the Hampshire Quaker movement.

The Potters had been at Brown's Farm for years, but in 1678 they inherited the house opposite (now Baughurst House) and in 1695 the leaders agreed they should meet in this house and that burials should take place in a piece of land in Towns End that James owned. The Toleration Act of 1689 and, along with the Declaration of Indulgence of 1672, gave a respite from persecution and reduced the



The image shows Buller's Farm, Chapel House and Rose Cottage with Elm Cottage on the left from this view looking south along Baughurst Road from 1907.



importance of Baughurst for the Quakers, and the Basingstoke Meeting re-opened in 1693. James Potter died in 1703 and was buried at Towns End and his son-in-law, John Harris, took over his mantle.

Basingstoke by Fox in 1657, a young follower, James Potter, was charged for reading a 'Friends' paper in church. He was condemned by the magistrate at Manydown and sent to prison in Winchester for 5 years. His brother and sister, Richard and Ann, were also roughly dealt with as they refused to pay tithes. When released in 1662, Potter set up the first Baughurst Quaker meeting in Richard's house (now Brown's Farm, Pound Green) and, in the following year, they conducted the first burial in the garden of their 'Meeting House'.

1728 saw a third move of the Quaker Meeting House to Rose Cottage in Baughurst Road belonging to Leonard Cole. Rose Cottage was bounded on the south side by the farm of John Buller - a leading Quaker. In 1735 a burial ground was established to the west of the cottage. Evidence of this was found in the 1970's when main sewerage pipes were laid in the garden. Cole was the leader of the local Quakers but, when he died in 1744, Buller took over. By the late 1770 the Quaker movement was declining locally as some villagers were joining the Anglicans and many farm workers had fallen under the spell of a new evangelism, Methodism.

Parish Councillors

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Wolverton Ward		
Martin Slafford Richard Cockle Vacancy	Tibbles, Wolverton Common The Old Hare and Hounds, Wolverton	martin.slafford@baughurst-pc.gov.uk richard.cockle@baughurst-pc.gov.uk
Baughurst Common Ward		
George Porter Russell Clark Stan Terrett Vacancy	The Old Coach House, Brimpton Road Newbies Cottage, Brimpton Road 8 Pinewood Close	george.porter@baughurst-pc.gov.uk russell.clark@baughurst-pc.gov.uk stan.terrett@baughurst-pc.gov.uk
Baughurst Ward		
Colin Cooper Janette Hewitt Vacancy Vacancy	6 Heathrow Copse Oak Cottage, Baughurst Road	colin.cooper@baughurst-pc.gov.uk janette.hewitt@baughurst-pc.gov.uk

Baughurst Diary

Key Parish Council meeting dates for your diary in 2024.

Annual Parish Meeting	Thursday 23 May, 7:30 pm	Heath End Village Hall
Council Meeting	Thursday 16 May, 7:30 pm	Wolverton Village Hall
Council Meeting	Thursday 20 June, 7:30 pm	Wolverton Village Hall
Playing Fields & Open Spaces Comm.	Thursday 27 June, 7:30pm	Heath End Village Hall
Council Meeting	Thursday 25 July, 7:30 pm	Wolverton Village Hall
Council Meeting	Thursday 26 September, 7:30 pm	Heath End Village Hall
Council Meeting	Thursday 24 October, 7:30 pm	Heath End Village Hall
General Purposes Committee	Thursday 7 November, 7:30 pm	Heath End Village Hall
Council Meeting	Thursday 28 November, 7:30 pm	Hurst Leisure Centre

Neighbourhood Plan – Supporting our Community

Developing a Neighbourhood Plan will allow our community to state its vision for Baughurst Parish and influence future development.

Neighbourhood planning was introduced in November 2011 to allow communities to set out their 10-, 15-, or 20-year visions for where they live and work. Creating a Neighbourhood Plan, ratified through a local referendum, gives local people a greater say in how the Baughurst Parish develops.

Alongside a vision statement, Neighbourhood Plans contain a series of policies that will cover the type, look and location of proposed new housing and business, as well as local preferences on

environmental protections, community assets, and other matters. Fourteen parishes in Basingstoke and Deane already have a Plan in place, including Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley, with six more Plans currently in development.

Once developed, the Plan will be submitted to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, examined by an independent planning inspector, and then put to a public referendum in the Baughurst Parish. If supported by the community, the Plan will form a key pillar in local planning policy moving forward, sitting alongside the Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan as a legal document with real strength when future

developments are under consideration.

Baughurst Parish Council will support the community-led development of the Plan, acting as the Qualifying Body to manage funding and formally submit the Plan for ratification. However, the plan development process will be led by community members in consultation with all those who live and work in Baughurst, and we are proposing to use the Annual Parish Meeting as the first opportunity to bring together interested members of the community.

If you would be interested in helping develop a community Neighbourhood Plan, please join us at our Annual Parish Meeting on the 23 May or email clerk@baughurst-pc.gov.uk.