

BAUGHURST PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday 12 January 2017
7.30 pm, Heath End Hall

PRESENT: Cllrs M G Slafford (Chairman), C Curtis, C Grenville, J Hewitt, F Langley, A Narracott, G Porter, S E Terrett, R Ward
Apologies for absence received from Cllrs P Postance and P Garrett
Also present: County Councillor W Lovegrove (fr3), Borough Councillor M Bound and 3 members of the public

90. Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2016, copies of which had been circulated were taken as read.

91. 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).

92. Matters arising

(80) Speedwatch

Hartley Wespall PC continue to use the machine, and Whitchurch TC had recently expressed an interest. There had been no meetings of the Baughurst team during December.

(80) School under the Pines

BDBC to be asked for the latest situation regarding the need for a planning application to be submitted for the forest school. Both caravans had been removed from the woods, although debris had been left and not cleared.

c) Tadley Community Centre Youth centre

Request for grant aid deferred to the next meeting.

d) WW1 Commemoration

A date had been arranged for a preliminary meeting to identify interest.

93. County, Borough, Police and BDAPC

a) County Councillor Lovegrove reported:

- An update on information received from HCC regarding the possibility of traffic calming measures in Stoney Heath
- An update on information received from HCC regarding 'pinch points'
- An update on information received from HCC regarding the parking of cars on a green open area in Long Grove
- An update on the recent invasion of Japanese knotweed in Little Aldershot Lane

b) Borough Councillor Bound reported:

- HARAH (Hampshire Alliance for Rural Affordable Housing) are due to meet with BDBC to discuss the way forward. An invitation is to be offered to Councils to meet. BDBC have historically funded £8k towards the alliance, but are considering withdrawing this, and without this funding their role with parishes will cease.
- West Berkshire and HCC have agreed that those residents who live outside a 10m radius of Wade Road refuse facility in Basingstoke will be able to use the waste facility at Newtown, and will be supplied with a pass to enable them to do so.

c) Police

Reported incidents between 1st December to 31st December 2016

- 11** Suspicious incidents - (from suspicious people to vehicles)
- 3** Assault. (not necessarily physical, mostly between partners)
- 7** Criminal damage incidents
- 7** Road traffic incidents

12	Anti-social behaviour incidents (environmental, between people known to each other, vehicle, groups of youths)
5	Public order
0	Dwelling breaks
4	Non dwelling breaks
1	Theft from vehicle
2	Theft of vehicle
1	Theft
0	Drugs
4	Driving complaint

Dwelling burglaries

Between 1st December and 31st December – No reported incidents of dwelling breaks.

Non dwelling burglaries

- On 09/12/16 between 01.00 – 11.00 hrs – Huntsmoor Road, Tadley – Unknown person/s have gained entry to a shed via a side garden gate, 1 item of property stolen.
- On 09/12/16 between 00.00 and 08.00hrs – Inhurst Way, Tadley – Unknown person/s have broken into a garden shed, access gained by lifting off the garden gate from its hinges. At this time no items reported stolen.
- Sometime between 26/11/16 and 10/12/16 – Wigmore Road, Tadley – Unknown offenders have gained entry to a shed located in a rear garden, stealing a push bike.
- Sometime between 22/12/16 and 28/12/16 – Charter Alley, Sherborne St John – A metal container was broken into in a rural location, a number of items stolen – 4 metal Jerry cans, chain saw and a hedge strimmer.

Traffic related offences

- Between 1st December and the 31st December 8 drivers were arrested for drink drive offences in the rural area.
- Between 1st December and the 31st December 3 vehicles were seized from the road side in the rural area.
- 1 vehicle showing no insurance, tax or MOT.
- 1 vehicle no tax.
- 1 vehicle showing no tax and insurance.

Incidents of note

- Between 04/01/17 and 07/01/17 – non dwelling breaks – Whitchurch x2, Kingsclere x1 and Little London x1 – Sheds and garages have been targeted in these areas.
- A silver Mercedes Estate T883 *** has been sighted acting suspiciously in the area of the B3051. The vehicle was sighted with 5 males on board possibly looking at running their dogs (poaching, hare coursing offences)
- Sometime overnight 03/01/17 into 04/01/17 – Wolverton – A vehicle was broken into and a number of tools stolen.
- White Ford Transit KX03 X** sighted acting suspiciously round the county in Winchester, Andover and Chandlers Ford between 07/11/16 and 05/01/17 – last sighted on the 5th January 2017 over in Overton at 09.30 hours.

d) BDAPIC

Cllr Slafford reported following their recent meeting:

- Failure of HARA to attend to present their case for continuation with BDBC
- Matthew Evans gave a presentation on Neighbourhood plans. 2 adopted within BDBC area, with 11 ongoing. The Plan allows councils to define where additional houses may be built, but cannot conflict with the Adopted Plan. No infrastructure may be involved. The cost is between £10-12,000, mainly covered by grants, and relies on work by volunteers. It also enables participating councils to obtain 25% of S106/CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) rather than the current 15%. The finished

plan is then looked at by the Planning inspector, then goes to a referendum, where 50% of those voting must approve.

- Planning – BDBC wish to streamline their planning process with councils, tightening up the area around the receipt of plans, timelines for response, etc and consistency. They also acknowledged the need to make their planning portal on the website more efficient. Training is to be offered to councils to help them improve their planning responses.
- Grants – with the exception of the precept, and the grass cutting grant, all other historical annual grants to parish councils are to be withdrawn

94. Open forum

Discussion revolved around the use of Wade Road refuse facility, and the recent decision by West Berkshire and Hampshire to only permit users who live more than 10 miles from the facility to use Newtown refuse facility at Newbury. A resident expressed his dissatisfaction with the current 'pinch points' in Wolverton Common and Axmansford, observing that, in his opinion, they are poorly placed and maintained, and do not serve the purpose for which they are intended. It was noted that HCC can apparently now look at schemes submitted for road improvements, cost them, and, if outside their budget or their requirements, can ask for financial help from parishes and/or individuals.

A local resident will become 100 in April, and approval given to a card and bouquet of flowers (£30 agreed). The British Legion had advised that a collection of Remembrance Sunday at the War Memorial had raised in excess of £1100, and thanked this Council for their help in supporting the event. Further information had been received from the Pensions Regulator, advising the relevant staging date for staff to be put into a pension scheme.

94. Planning

a) to receive and consider the latest planning applications

16/04701/FUL	Land at West View Farm, Baughurst Road	2 detached dwellings, associated parking, turning, landscaping, private amenity space and creation of shared access	Objection
16/04401/LDEU	The White House, Bishopswood Lane	Certificate of lawfulness for existing B2 general industrial use	Objection
16/04533/FUL	Baughurst House, Baughurst Road	New driveway to serve Baughurst House and installation of 2 cattle grids	No objection
16/0444577/HSE	Foresters Cottage, Stoney Heath	Removal of existing store and erection of 2 two storey extensions to side and rear and internal alterations	No objection
16/04321/HSE	16 Mornington Close	Single storey front extension	No objection
16/04326/FUL	41 Long Grove	Detached dwelling to side garden	No objection
16/03595/HSE	9 Forest Close	Infill extension following removal of existing	No objection
16/03385/HSE	2 Inhurst Cottages, Inhurst Lane	Part single storey, part 2 storey side and rear extensions	No objection
16/03384/HSE	1 Inhurst Cottages, Inhurst Lane	Part single storey, part 2 storey side and rear extensions	No objection

b) decisions by BDBC

16/03635/HSE	11 Long Grove	Part 2 storey part single storey extension following demolition of conservatory (amended)	Approved
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- d) General
- BDBC had advised that, with effect from 1 January 2017, all planning comments will be accessible on their website.
 - West Berkshire had invited comment on their Housing Site Allocations Development Plan. Clerk to check and respond.

95. **Finance**

a) financial statement

The latest statement was received and noted. Clerk advised that £12,000 of Council's reserves had been eroded this financial year.

b) Annual rental, Wolverton field

Agreed that annual rental of £150 should be made. (Cllr Slatford declared an interest)

c) SLCC annual premium

Agreed that annual premium of £139 should be made.

d) Annual Office 365 renewal

Agreed that annual premium of £90.95 should be made.

e) To consider renewal of BDBC SLR rental

Deferred to next meeting.

f) to consider grant aid, Seeability

Agreed that no grant aid should be given.

g) To approve payment, Poulson Ltd

Approval given to payment for works carried out at rear of Long Grove.

h) to approve payment, Vitaplay

Approval given to payment for remedial playground repairs

k) To approve payment, Tree Surveys

Approval was given to payment for tendering processes.

96. **Playing fields and Open Spaces**

• Land at 105 Long Grove

Works had recently been carried out to restore the path to a useable condition. People are now urged to walk the path to keep it open.

• Land at Bishopswood Lane

A temporary truce between the applicants, Land Registry, and other interested parties including HCC has been arranged, allowing time for a reconciliation process to be started.

• Maintenance of open areas

Agreed that this should be deferred until remedial tree surgery has been undertaken.

• Smoke-free play zones

Despite having provided BDBC with all information regarding the two sites in question, no further progress has been reported.

• To receive quotations for repair of spinning bowl, Long Grove play area

An alternative quotation had been received, and was agreed in the sum of £960.48.

• To receive latest reports from Vitaplay and to consider repair quotations

The latest reports were received and noted. Quotations are to be received for items considered medium risk, whilst those for high risk are to be carried out immediately.

a) Long Grove

- Spinning bowl - supply and install 16 linear meter of black EPDM edge repair to be carried out after repair of spinning bowl
- Flat swings – supply and install approximately 28 linear meter of black EPDM edge repair – to be carried out after repair of spinning bowl
- Gates – to supply and install 2 new self-closing mechanisms.
- Moss removal – all paths and surfaces. Quotation for cleaning to be received and work to be carried out as soon as possible.

- b) Wolverton field
- Amazon basin – remove and dispose of old worn ropes, chain and steps, and replace all
- Niagara Falls – remove and dispose of old worn ropes, and replace
- Climbing net – remove and dispose of single rope on climbing net and install new rope plus plastic connectors
- Small multi unit – replace 2 rotten timbers on platform
- Consideration to be given to resurfacing, parking area (Cllr Slatford declared an interest)
- Bark chippings – quotations to be received

b) To receive tenders, tree survey – Baughurst Common

The lowest quotation of £17,900 was agreed. This represents the 3 months' priority works. The quotation for the 12 months' works is to be deferred to the next committee meeting, and Clerk to identify whether a discount could be obtained if same contractor used. It was confirmed that a bat survey would only need to be carried out should evidence of bats be found whilst tree surgery is being undertaken.

- Moles, Wolverton field

A brief surcease in mole activity had been followed by the discovery of further molehills a month later. Agreed that the molecatcher should be further employed in an attempt to eradicate them.

- Wolverton field

Some discussion ensued regarding the need for resurfacing of the car park at Wolverton field. Agreed this would be deferred to next committee meeting.

- Litter Warden grant

Clerk advised notification of a recent communication about litter warden grants available from BDBC, and undertook to discover whether this Council may be eligible to receive them.

97. **Highways and Rights of Way**

- Pinch points

Agreed that HCC would be asked to provide a review, and costed proposals, on the grounds that it is considered that they are ineffective, suffer from poor maintenance, and have poor user instructions.

- Stoney Heath

Agreed that HCC would be asked to provide a strategic study of traffic calming in the area, including costed proposals.

- FP19

The blockage of FP19 by landowner had continued, and HCC had been asked to contact them with a view to its removal.

- BR51

Agreed that a grant should be submitted towards the cost of clearing the bridleway.

98. **Open forum**

Further comments by resident regarding the restrictions of Speedwatch, and the need for use of a hand-held speed gun by Police, further regretting the lack of suitable Police presence on highways currently. Noted that a rural policing conference will take place on 23 February.

99. **Accounts for payment**

Balance brought forward	£143,173
Interest	£7.59
Calleva fees	£73

January payments

A D Gibbs	Mowing	25.00
Pestpro	Moles, Wolverton field	220.00 + 44.00

Trees Survey Ltd	Tree survey tendering	1200 + 24
Clerk	Salary and allowances January	978.84
	3 mos telephone to 31.12.16	61.87
	3 mos postage to 31.12.16	55.43
Vitaplay	Playground inspection December	100.80
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	Remedial repairs	1253.86 + 250.77
M J Events	Remembrance Day marshalling	273.60 + 54.72
Heath End Hall	Hirings Sept – Dec 16	39.00
Poulsom	Landscaping Long Grove	4260 + 852
Regency	Payroll January	16.80
SLCC	Annual renewal	139.00
Southern Water	Pavilion	3.80
HCC	Pension – January	292.90
Inland Revenue	Tax and NI January	229.16
A D Gibbs	Hedgecutting, Wolverton field	175.00
Sir George Brown charity	Annual premium, Wolverton field	150.00
Misco	Office 365	90.95 + 11.99+ 20.59

Current account	6664
Premier account	81918
Petty Cash	111
BDBC account	48618

	137311
Less: unrepresented	5994

	131317
Add: balances R&P	47619

	£178,936

100. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of Baughurst Parish Council will take place on **Thursday 16 February 2017**, 7.30 pm, Heath End Hall, Baughurst.