

BAUGHURST PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday 16 January 2020
7.30 pm, Heath End Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllrs J Hewitt (Chairman), C Curtis, C Grenville, G Hetherington, M Russell, A Sciarretta, S E Terrett,
Also present: County Councillor D Mellor, Borough Councillor M Bound
Apologies for absence received from Cllrs M G Slatford, G Porter, P R S Postance, and Borough Councillor W Lovegrove. Two members of the public.
In attendance: Mrs P J Waterfield, Clerk to the Council

Councillor Mathew Russell was welcomed to his first meeting, and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

84. Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the meeting of 28 November 2019, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read and approved.

85. Declarations of interest

Councillors were reminded that for those with any interest to be disclosed in relation to an 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. Councillors had each received a form, which they were required to complete with any declarations of interest on an annual basis.

86. Matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting

(73) Speedwatch

No new coordinator had come forward, but Stratfield Saye had agreed to press forward with the hire. A contract had been sent to them for signature.

(73) Bus shelters

Supplier had advised that a special stainless steel cleaning gel is applied to the framework, and washed off with their 'reach' system. One kit will carry out two cleans. The polycarbonate is treated with a hammergeglass cleaner and preservative. Agreed that BDBC should be asked how they care for their bus shelters, and other more local companies asked whether they would be prepared to make the repair to a damaged bus shelter.

(73) BDBC – marking the death of a senior national figure

St Stephen's had advised lack of time to attend meetings currently, and the meeting will therefore be deferred until February or March.

(73) Defibrillator

- Locked or unlocked cabinets available. Register with the ambulance service, and if locked will keep details on the system for when 999 is called. Council, as the guardian, will receive the unlock code but it is advised to be secret from the general public.
 - The Defibrillator and cabinet are self-sufficient - once the cabinet is in place, the guardian is responsible for checking the defibrillator and the cabinet at least once a week, ensuring the battery and pads are in date and the cabinet is clear from debris etc.
 - The cabinet costs approximately £5 a year to run
 - The battery life is approximately 5 years shelf life/ 200 shocks
 - The pads are around 2.5 years. The pads and batteries are sent out with as much life on as possible.
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- Each defibrillator will come with 2 sets of pads and 2 starter kits – the starter kits include , scissors , face shield , gloves, razor. These items do not go out of date.

The defibrillator outside Kings' DIY in Tadley is not owned or managed by Tadley Town Council. Agreed that the defibrillator should be placed outside the Pineapple field pavilion. More information requested regarding Community Responders, their role locally, etc.

(73) The two ash trees in Brimpton Road felled in November had been reported to the Forestry Commission, as they had been suffering from ash die-back, a notifiable disease.

(73) Crabs Hill

Repairs are still awaited.

(78) Deeds of Dedication – BR1, and land adjoining Hurst Leisure Centre

Both deeds had been signed and sent to HCC. However, both need to be engrossed (at a cost of £5 each) by a solicitor. Agreed that Cllr Hewitt and Clerk would arrange for this to be carried out.

(81) Long Grove vandalism

Insurance company had asked for further clarification regarding the replacement of the gate closers. This will necessitate new gates, as the new closers will not fit the old gate mechanism.

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

a) County Councillor D Mellor reported:

- The recent Library consultation by HCC
- 72% of budget covers adult social care and education
- School transport consultation
- Household waste recycling – introduction of a scheme for registration of vehicle number plates for those using Hampshire recycling areas. £5 visitor charge. Residents can register on Hampshire website
- Flytipping – tonnage has dropped by 25%, but only a 4% drop in incidents
- Police update – the situation regarding petty vandalism (windows broken by lead pellets, firing of lit fireworks from cars in path of pedestrians, etc) resulted in MP Kit Malthouse entering discussions with the Police
- Many potholes throughout the county following months of endless rain has resulted in teams prioritising flooded areas rather than road repairs, which will be dealt with in due course
- LIDL store, Tadley – HCC had objected to the road layout, anticipating problems
- Councillors asked for clearing of gullies, Malthouse Lane

b) Borough Councillors M Bound and W Lovegrove reported:

- The SHELAA (previously SHLLA) has been published by BDBC. There are 10 sites in Tadley and 3 in Baughurst – BGH001 – Wolverton Plants for 20 dwellings, BGH002 – Kingsclere Quarry as an employment site and BGH003 – land at 1 & 2 Inhurst Cottages for 25 dwellings.
- As BDBC does not yet have a 5 year land supply, the Local Plan policies are out of date and the NPPF takes precedent, ie planning applications for new housing can therefore only be refused where adverse impacts would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits when assessed against policies in national guidance, or there are specific reasons within the policies of the NPPF for doing so. Therefore, the presumption in favour of sustainable development applies.
- Cllr Bound had experienced how the new Serco waste contract is operated from Wade Road. He was allowed to see how the crews are allocated to rounds and have to prepare their vehicles for the day. Later, they saw some of the operating procedures out on the rounds both for green waste and ordinary. They were shown a very large maintenance bay Serco have built at the site, that allows them to keep the vehicles in tip top condition from Wade Road to improve the turn round of vehicles out of service for mechanical reasons. The new waste trucks are the most environmentally friendly available at the present time; they are diesel as electric trucks are vastly more expensive as of now and are not man enough yet for the for the job. However, the lifts at the back of the vehicles are all electric and in the cabs the operatives have electronic aids to assist their efficiency. The new contract has taken a while to bed in but does seem to be settling and long term should mean a better service for the borough.

- Stagecoach has introduced a fleet of more environmentally friendly buses in the borough. Cllr Bound felt that riding on them the engine cuts out when the bus halts at stops, and so they are environmentally friendly, but they are still diesel. It has also been noted that they do not cut out at traffic lights, so the driver must have an over-ride – not so environmentally friendly.
- The Lidl store application got the go ahead from West Berkshire but, because by approving the application the councillors went against the policies of the West Berkshire Local Plan, the application will now be further considered on the 4th March at a meeting in Newbury; he hopes to be present.
- Just prior to the election in December, a group of Labour councillors decided to leave the Labour group on the council and become independents. Seats to committees are given proportionate to a groups size and so this has meant that committee placements have had to be revised and approved by Full Council. And extraordinary meeting has had to be called (16th January) to approve the new committees.
- The spate of vandalism in Tadley and area from persons inflicting damage on property from catapults and air rifles is continuing; the police are seeking intelligence to catch the perpetrators.

88. **Open Forum**

Increased vandalism in the form of the throwing of lit fireworks (especially bangers) from cars into the path of pedestrians has added to the misery of smashed house and car windows from lead pellets. No update available from the Police. Seeability had invited this Council to visit their premises to view their work. The Council phone had, since Christmas, failed to forward automatically to the Council mobile. This has now been fixed, with the help of Hampshire County Council IT Services. Two members of the public discussed proposed plans for their recent acquisition of Great Haughurst Copse, and their property.

89. **Planning**

a) to receive and consider the latest planning applications

20/00045/HSE	Rose Cottage, Wolverton Common	Single storey side extension to form porch and boot room	No objection
19/03403/FUL	Brook Barn, Stoney Heath	Replacement dwelling and garage with associated landscaping works	No objection (Cllrs Curtis and Sciarretta declared an interest)
19/03291/FUL	Land adjacent to St Ann's Cottage, Bishopswood Lane	1 x 3 bed dwelling and creation of new access	No objection, concern noted over construction vehicles and access
19/03409/FUL	The Beeches, Baughurst Road	1 x 2 bed dwelling with associated parking	Objection
19/03424/HSE	10 Pinewood Close	2 storey side extension with existing single storey rear addition to remain	No objection (Cllr Terrett declared an interest)
19/03397/GPDADW	Wolverton Plants	Notification of proposed change of use of agricultural building to 3 dwellings (Class C3) including associated operational development	No comment permitted by BDBC
19/03267/HSE	35 Portway	1 st floor extension, single storey rear extension and replacement garage	No objection

19/03277/HSE	33 Portway	1 st floor side and single storey rear extensions with internal alterations	No objection
19/03264/HSE	Well Farm, Baughurst Road	Variation of condition 1 of 19/01352/HSE to amend the plan numbers to allow an additional rear facing dormer and the rearrangement of the roof windows on the rear elevation	No objection

b) Decisions by BDBC

19/03077/GPDE	Little Acres, Brimpton Road	Single storey rear extension (permitted development notification)	Approved
19/02407/FUL	Gibbys Farm, Browning Hill	2 dwellings following the demolition of existing buildings	Approved
19/02458/FUL	Land at Inhurst Lane	1 x 4 bed dwelling and detached garage with gym/games room over	Refused

c) Any other matters

The new SHELAA (Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment) had been published, with 3 possible prospective sites within Baughurst identified.

90. **Finance**

a) Financial report

The latest financial report was received and noted.

b) Heath End hall – storage rental

Rental agreed at £300 pa for the coming year. (Cllr Hewitt declared an interest)

c) Society of Local Council Clerks

Approval given to renewal of annual subscription at £161.00.

d) Parish Online

No invitation to renew had yet been received.

91. **Highways and rights of way**

- New owners of Great Haughurst Copse had asked for a meeting with Council to discuss the future of both their property and the copse, and were invited to discuss the matter in Open Forum.

92. **Playing fields and Open Spaces**

a) Poplar tree, Lakelands

A quotation had been received for £295.00 + VAT, which was accepted. A quotation is awaited for the dead cherry in the same area.

b) Play equipment maintenance

The proposal to charge for play area inspections has been included as part of the BDBC 2020/21 to 23/24 Medium Term Financial strategy, as follows;

'The Council currently inspects 50 play areas on behalf of Parish Council's free of charge. The proposal is to offer this inspection service to the Parish Council's for £500/annum to carry out weekly safety inspections of individual play areas and one annual external audit/inspection'

If agreed through the budget process it is believed the charge will be introduced in April 2020. The Parish Councils will have the option to source this work from external contractors, however the cost for this work from specialist and experienced contractors is likely to be higher.

The charge is for the provision of a weekly inspection and annual independent inspection. The annual independent inspection is a legal requirement. The council does not provide play area maintenance for Parish Councils and the proposal does not include maintenance, however BDBC Play Area Inspectors will still be able to offer expert advice for faults identified as part of the weekly inspection, and for site improvements.

It was agreed that, at approximately £10 per week, this would be acceptable.

c) Wolverton play area

Multiplay unit is in need of paint and repair to wooden slats. A quotation had been received for its repair, at a cost of £2156, which was accepted.

d) Trees adjacent 38 Portway

Through their contractor, the residents above had asked for the removal of overhanging branches and remedial tidying. Quotations were requested.

e) Trees at 1&2 Inhurst Lane

Many mature trees had been felled on land abutting Stokes Lane just prior to Christmas. No Tree Preservation Orders were in place on the site. BDBC Enforcement had been informed.

f) Wolverton field – outstanding works

Amazon Basin and Victoria Falls units had been placed on order, at a cost of £4842 plus VAT.

g) Old Forge shops

Noted that an oak tree had been felled to the right of the Pet Shop, which has now closed.

93. Annual Parish Meeting

Arrangements were considered, with no changes envisaged for this year, other than the change of date of the meeting to 6 April 2020.

94. Renewal of trustee, Sir George Brown Charity (Mr R W May)

Agreed that, provided Mr May is happy to continue, he should be retained as this Council's representative.

95. Open forum

Cllr Hetherington, as representative from this Council, gave a brief overview of the latest meeting held with local interested parties. This included the National Audit Office report recently published, and the news that an AWE graduate physicist has been appointed to the WISE (Women in Science and Engineering) Young Professionals Board. He asked fellow councillors for any topical questions to pose at the next AWE meeting.

95. Accounts for payment

Received: Bank interest £4.42 and £3.56; Calleva £84.00 x 2

To pay:

Balance per bank statements as at 16 January 2020

Regency	Payroll January	14.50 + 2.90
SLCC	Annual subscription	161.00
Printerbase	Toner cartridge	49.50 + 9.90
Candover Solutions	IT repairs	68.75
A D Gibbs	Hedgecutting, Wolverton field	175.00
Bank	Storage fee	7.50
HCC	Pension January	394.24

Heath End hall	Room hire and storage fee	28 + 300
Inland Revenue	Tax and NI January	262.99
Clerk	Salary and allowance January	1130.88
Tesco	Mobile contract January	7.50
Microsoft	Office 365 January	17.60 + 3.52
Business Stream	Pavilion January	5.00
Nash Services	Tree felling	1210.00 + 242.00

Current Account	1461.09
Premier Account	71576.14
Petty Cash	159.85
BDBC	<u>48618</u>
	121815.0
Less; unrepresented	<u>2270</u>
	119545
Add: balances R&P	<u>35913.48</u>
	<u>155458.2</u>

96. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of BAUGHURST PARISH COUNCIL will take place on **Thursday 27 February 2020, 7.30 pm**, Heath End Hall. The meeting (Annual Parish Meeting) proposed for Thursday 9 April 2020 will now be held on **Monday 6 April 2020, 7.30 pm**, Heath End Hall.