

BAUGHURST PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday 20 September 2018
7.30 pm, Wolverton Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllrs M G Slafford (Chairman), C Curtis C Grenville, J Hewitt, A Narracott, G Porter
Also present: County Councillor D Mellor and 1 member of the public
Apologies for absence received from Cllrs F Langley, P R S Postance, S E Terrett, R T Ward and Borough Councillor M Bound

Commiseration were sent to Cllr Terrett on the recent death of his wife, Winnie, and to Cllr Postance on the recent accident involving his wife, Pauline. It was also noted that it was thought that Cllr Garrett may have died, although this is to be confirmed. A letter of condolence, and card, had been sent to Cllr Terrett.

162. Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the meeting of 19 July 2018, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read and approved.

163. 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.

164. Matters arising

(151) Speedwatch

The SID machine had been in use along Wolverton Common following the lengthy road closure at Ashford Hill.

(151) SID/SLR

Cllr Grenville had cascaded Information regarding the above situation, and agreed that the matter would be an agenda item for the next meeting.

(152) Clerk

The situation had changed little in the intervening period since the last meeting, and was likely to remain fluid until at least the end of the year. In the interim, a laptop had been offered by BCOT at a nominal price of £30.00; the Clerk had purchased a new landline phone, and subsequently a mobile at £299 plus VAT. All landline calls are now diverted to the mobile, which has been purchased under contract from Tesco on a 12 month contract. It is not possible, under this contract, to transfer calls from the Tesco mobile to that owned by the Clerk. Agreed that 'Hello Mail' should be used at a cost of £5 per month.

(153) Wolverton Lane

The leak had worsened, and resulted in a call-out from Thames Water, who had been Successful in stemming the flow. Some residual water is still trickling.

165. County, Borough, BDAPTC and Police reports

a) County Councillor Mellor reported that:

- Recent cuts had saved approximately £500m over the last five years, with no scope for further savings. HCC are to apply to central government for additional funding. Most of the monies expended had been on adult social care and children's services.
- Waste recycling – a decision is to be made in early October regarding the continuation of joint use with West Berkshire at Newtown refuse facility. Wade Road at Basingstoke is to be improved.

- Pothole filling continues, although he was not aware of any works planned at Axmansford bridge, where signs advise a road closure in early October. Wolverton Road is to be re-asphalted during the winter months.
- The Ashford Hill road closure had been effected in 6 weeks rather than 13, although doubts remain about any future closure.
- Jetting is still to be carried out on Baughurst Road at Church Lane junction.
- Paving works at Heath End Road to be carried out in first quarter.
- HCC only use domestic products for weedkilling in verges.

b) Borough Councillor Bound reported by letter:

BDBC remained mainly closed down over the August period. On 12 September a Development Control Committee briefing relating to changes pertaining to the NPPF; the main points are:

- Reinforcing the importance of Local Plans & Neighbourhood Plans, Strategic Planning and Regular Reviews – **Plan Making**
- Streamlining the Development Management Process – **Decision Making**
- Developer Contributions - **ditto**
- Adopting a Standardised Approach to Assessing Housing Requirements - **Delivering a sufficient supply of homes**
- Introduction of Housing Delivery Test - **ditto**
- Encouraging the Development of Small Sites - **ditto**
- Proactive Approach to Bringing Forward New Settlements Through Plans - **ditto**
- Identifying Housing for Different Needs and Affordable Housing Provision (including a broader definition of affordable) - **ditto**
- Recognition of Need for Storage & Distribution Facilities – **Building a Strong & Competitive Economy**
- Brownfield Sites and Housing Densities – **Making Effective Use of Land**
- Renewed Emphasis on Design – **Achieving Well Designed Places**

A briefing was also held on the approach to the Manydown planning application which will be coming forward very soon.

- Wolverton Lane – Thames Water has sorted out the problem leak.
- The post box on the parade at Bishopswood Road – Royal Mail now seem to think the area is in the ownership of Clarion Housing and say they are seeking the permission of Clarion, despite a map showing that HCC appears to own the site.
- Boundary Commission report favours a warding arrangement that would mean Baughurst & Tadley North being tacked onto Kingsclere, Headley, Ashford Hill and going right out to Hannington and North Oakley. Three councillors would cover this area – down from the present total of four so not great for democracy with rising populations. The Boundary Commission web site allows comment on the proposals. Tadley Central would join with Tadley South and a part of the Pamber/Silchester ward.

166. **Open forum**

A resident raised the issue of flooding in Wolverton Lane. The Clerk mentioned an approach from a resident who hoped to become a councillor in due course, and had been invited to attend meetings on a regular basis. There had been further aggravation by individuals in Violet Lane.

167. **Planning**

a) to receive and consider the latest planning applications

18/020264/FUL	September House, Heathrow Copse	New vehicular access and driveway to north; erection of car port with covered access	No objection, but concern over bulk, height and density of pavilion
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		to house, new front door and erection of garden pavilion.	
18/020219/FUL	Folly Farm, Kingsclere Road	Landscaping works including construction of 4 ponds	Objection
T/00314/18/TPO	6 Wellington Crescent	Oak: 20% crown thin and crown clean	No objection
18/02585/HSE	Browning Hill Farm	Single storey front and side extension including demolition of porch, and a single store side extension to replace conservatory	No objection
18/02277/FUL	The Acorns, Bishopswood Lane	1 x 3 bed dwelling with solar outbuilding and creation of new access	No objection, but concern over right of way
18/02432/FUL	Gibbys Farm, Browning Hill	Retention of existing temporary agricultural worker's dwelling as permanent	No objection, but questioned the need for change
18/00309/18/TPO	30 Mornington Close	T1 oak – crown lift and reduce Beech 1 – crown reduction Beech 2 – crown reduction Silver birch 1 – crown reduction	No objection

b) decisions by BDBC

18/01300/LBC	Baughurst House	Variation of condition 1 of 17/00633/LBC	Approved
18/01894/HSE	The White House, Wolverton Lane	Single storey rear infill extension and alterations to secondary entrance on front elevation	Approved
18/01818/FUL	Heathrow, Heathrow Copse	Five bedroom detached dwelling with double detached garage and relocation of vehicular access	Approved
18/01835/FUL	West View Farm, Baughurst Road	Detached dwelling with associated vehicular access, parking, turning, landscaping and private amenity space following removal of existing outbuilding	Withdrawn
T/00184/18/TPO	3 Wellington Crescent	1 oak – overall reduction by 3m of the peripheral canopy extents, and 1m down in height	Approve

168. **Finance**

a) to receive the latest financial statement

The latest statement was received and noted.

b) to approve distribution of newsletter

Approved. Clerk advised that production may be more difficult for this edition.

c) to approve annual renewal of Data Protection Licence

Approved at £40.00.

d) Audit

Both the internal and external auditor had passed this year's accounts with no issues. Internal auditor had asked that variances are displayed in an easier format for next year. Payments of £360.00 and £695.00 were agreed.

e) Idverde

Approval was given to quarterly invoice from Idverde.

f) Grant application, Tadley Community Centre

Requested accounts had not yet materialised.

g) Remembrance Sunday

Approval was given to security for the service. Approval was also given to printing of large plastic poppies with names of those Baughurst men killed in WW1.

169. **Highways and Rights of Way**

- Agreed that, if HCC re-asphalt Wolverton Road, greater attention should be taken with road markings to reduce traffic speeds and destruction of verges
- FP13 – fallen hazel trees. Clerk to ask maintenance contractor to remove
FP49 – vegetation is enclosing the path. Maintenance contractor to remove
BR6 – to be closed temporarily at Ashford Hill water meadows junction for bridge repairs

170. **Playing fields and Open Spaces Committee report**

a) Molehills

More molehills had since reappeared, and their removal is to be undertaken.

b) BDBC Inspection reports

At a recent Clerks' meeting with BDBC Officers, this subject had been recommended for consideration by Councils' annual meeting with BDBC officers to be held in the summer. It was thought this was not followed through. Agreed the system was not user-friendly, and could not be readily accessed by other than the Clerk. Notification is not made by BDBC of any offending issues – the site needs to be checked regularly by the Clerk for information.

c) Bark chippings

Approval had been given by full Council for a repeat order of the bark chippings in the autumn.

d) Dropped gates, Wolverton and Long Grove

Working party had agreed to take another look at the gates in question.

e) Noticeboard, Wolverton Common

Working party had agreed to take another look at the gates in question.

f) Grass cutting

The first cut by Idverde had not presented problems, but the subsequent cut was, it was agreed, too late after the first, given the wet and warm conditions which prevailed in April and May. Many complaints were received, and it was agreed that in subsequent years these first cuts would be closer together. The third cut was satisfactory. The maintenance contractor is carrying out an inspection after each mowing to ascertain whether all areas had been mown. Idverde had tried to mow the Pineapple field on the second visit, but had been prevented from doing so by the users of the field. Agreed that this cut should be charged to them.

g) Seat for Memorial Corner

Clerk is about to order the seat, at £650.

h) Parish Online

Hampshire Broadband Ltd data had been removed from the site.

i) Vitaplay contract

Agreed that the contract should be renewed for a further year at a cost of £84.00 + 16.80 per month. A list of items addressed during the previous year had been submitted, and it was agreed that these should be supplied on a quarterly basis.

j) Play areas and open spaces

a) Quotations for Wolverton field equipment

Agreed:

- Amazon Basin – to remove and dispose of all worn ropes, chains and steps, and supply and install new ropes, chains and steps - £2785,80 + £335.16 VAT.
- Victoria Falls – to remove and dispose of climbing net and fixings, and supply and install new climbing net and fixings - £,102.84 + £420.56 VAT.
- 'A' Frame Low – remove and dispose existing unit, and supply and install new timber A frame – £2,235.15 + 447.03 = accepted, but not to be installed or paid for until April 2019
- Log Rope – £2505.30 + 501.06 - to remove and dispose of existing unit, and supply and install new timber Log Rope – accepted, but not to be installed or paid for until April 2019
- Long Grove – £554.30 + 110.86 to repair damaged areas of rubber – Accepted

k) To consider fencing, Heath End Road

Agreed that consideration should be given for the removal of fencing along the length of Heath End Road from Calleva roundabout southwards, on the eastern side.

l) To consider provision of banners, Pineapple field

Agreed that Calleva FC should be permitted to put up sponsor signs (3m x 1m x 3) along the length of the left hand hedgerow in the field, next to the Pavilion. Sponsors pay £300 each for the privilege, £200 of which will go to a fund for the care and maintenance of the field. This should be reviewed after one year. Also agreed that if they are given a ride-on mower, it may be stored in the container on site, and any additional insurance costs would be borne by the club

m) Agreed that maintenance contractor is asked to cut back vegetation overhanging the pavement in Bishopswood Lane

n) Two wasps nests at Wolverton field, at different times but in the same location, had been treated by Pestpro. Maintenance contractor to be asked to scrape out debris between the planking on the unit, and also to address weeds in the field

o) After discussion, agreed that this Council should not hand over responsibility for the play areas to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council. A representation from BDBC is to be invited to attend a meeting to discuss possible arrangements for their ongoing management of the sites.

p) Agreed that approval is given to the purchase of a replacement log bench at Long Grove, which had rotted, at a cost £494.50 +VAT.

q) Residents had complained about flytipping in garaged areas near Fair oak Way, but BDBC had refused to collect, advising that the area is privately owned.

r) Clerk advised that she had been given the contact details of a contractor who provides signage to County standard. Agreed this would be considered where signs are owned by this Council.

b) To receive information from HCC regarding land adjacent to Hurst Leisure Centre

Agreed that the current contract would be extended for a further 25 year term, including:

- A peppercorn rent
- Mutual break clause of 12 months after the 5th anniversary
- To be used only as amenity land – no structures
- Usual management of land and insurance clauses

171. **WW1 Commemoration Tea Party**

Community spirit carried the day at the tea party held at Heath End hall to commemorate the lives of 23 young men from Baughurst who died in World War 1, and whose sacrifice has benefitted us all. At least 150 people attended, and the afternoon was rated a great success.

Calls for help went out to almost every group in the community – Heath End WI, Tadley U3A, Baughurst Scouts and Guides groups, the Trefoil Guild, Tadley Art Club, British Legion, Tadley and District and Heath End Hall, who donated the hall and grounds for free. Everyone responded – from those who knitted or crocheted over 1000 poppies to decorate the hall and surrounding area, to those who made a seemingly endless supply of cakes for the tea, or, perhaps more importantly, washed up afterwards!

Residents had also been asked to bring along their own memorabilia to display alongside those held by the Parish Council and other organisations, and the contributions filled the hall. Many people spent long periods of time reading all the information to hand, especially that relating individually to the 23 young men who died 100 years ago.

Whilst people browsed through the information, or drank tea and ate cake, they were entertained throughout by a succession of musical entertainment – Tadley Concert Brass band, followed by the U3A Ukelele Band, Generations, and then a finale from Tadley Band, all singing or playing songs from the era. Payment was approved to those community groups who had offered their resources.

The weather was glorious, and everyone had a good time. It was a fitting memorial to the gallantry and bravery of those 23 young men.

The Chairman thanked the Clerk on behalf of Council for all her hard work, and for ensuring that the event was a resounding success.

172. **Accounts for payment**

Received: £78.00 Calleva; £2.42 and £2.54 bank interest; BDBC half year precept £22,841.50; AWE grant WW1 £200.00; HCC grant WW1 £300.00; Footpaths booklets £39.38 from library (who have ceased to stock and sell them on our behalf).

To pay:

Business Stream	Pavilion – September	7.00
Vitaplay	Inspections – September	85.00 + 16.80
Clerk	Salary and allowances September	11074.06
	3 mos postage to 30.9.18	48.20
	3 mos phone to 30.9.18	59.20 + 4.81
Microsoft	Office 365 September	17.60 + 2.52
Inland Revenue	Tax and NI September	251.97
HCC	Pension September	347.95
Regency	Payroll September	14.50 + 2.90
Pestpro	Wasps nest	70.00 + 14.00
ICO	Data Protection	40.00
PKF	External auditor	300.00 + 60.00
T Marsh	Internal auditor	695.00
Sainsbury	Office phone	35.00

Amazon	Mobile phone	199.97+ postage and packing £3.74 + 40.75
Tesco	Mobile contract September	7.50
SEB quarter 1	Pavilion	48.56 + 2.42
SEB quarter 2	Pavilion	40.18 + 2.00
Sir George Brown charity	Wolverton field	150.00
WW1 tea party	Scouts	50.00
	Tadley Band	75.00
	Tadley Concert Brass	75.00
	WI	150.00
	Heath End Hall	150.00
R Dyas	Mouse for laptop	9.99

174. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of BAUGHURST PARISH COUNCIL will take place on **Thursday 18 October 2018, 7.30 pm, Heath End hall.**