

OLD BASING & LYCHPIT PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting: FULL PARISH COUNCIL
Date: 7 September 2021
Location: Royal British Legion, Old Basing
Time: 7.30 pm
Members Participating: Cllrs A Renwick (Chairman), P Bloyce, D Whiter, R Doust, A Jones, G Moore, J Robinson, S Grassi, S Brown, R Barker, M Campbell
Members Absent: Cllr K Tuck
In Attendance: Mrs K Hope (Deputy Clerk); L Orvis (Finance Officer); Cllr E Still (HCC); Cllr M Ruffell (BDBC) joined the meeting at 20:00.

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1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr K Tuck was unable to join the meeting, due to family commitments.	
2.	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES The Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3 August 2021 had been circulated and were confirmed as a true record of the business conducted.	
3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Cllrs Moore and Grassi declared an interest in relation to item 11.4.	
4.	MATTERS RELATING TO FINANCE	
4.1	The Invoice Log detailing the previous month's invoices, petty cash expenditure and salary costs and bank balances had been circulated in advance of the meeting. No queries were raised and the Invoice Log was received and ratified.	
4.2	The updated Financial Regulations reviewed and agreed by the Finance & Resources Committee were ratified.	
4.3	An Investment Policy agreed by the Finance & Resources Committee was also ratified.	
4.4	Renewal of the Parish Council's Insurance under the 3 Year Long-term Agreement totalling £6,849.23 was noted. Councillors were also informed that the cyber insurance policy renewal is due on 1st October 2021 (total £319.20). Councillors understood that the policy would be paid, but requested further information relating to the previous years' cost and reason for the large excess increase.	Clerk
4.5	A report suggesting changes to the Annual Parish Award was received and the following agreed: To open the award up to the wider community, the Parish Council will ask residents to nominate a community group, such as Brownies, Guides, Millfield Conservation etc.	

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5.	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION There were no members of the public present.	
6.	REPORTS FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS Cllr Still (HCC) reported that fencing in Lychpit Centre will be repaired by the end of September 2021. Parking problems in Park Lane have been reported to HCC and action will be determined in due course. Park benches for Lychpit are being arranged – some detail needs to be clarified as to the proposed location. Cllr Ruffell (Basing & Upton Grey Ward Councillor) arrived at the meeting at 20:00. The Chairman suspended standing orders. Councillors received a report regarding the Economic, Planning and Housing Committee meeting at BDBC on 2 nd September 2021, at which Cllr Ruffell objected to the sites east of Old Basing (OLD001, OLD002 and OLD007). Cllr Ruffell is keen to protect the Loddon Valley and will work with SOLVE to preserve the north flowing Chalk Stream. The Chairman noted an excellent letter to the Daily Telegraph which had been written by a resident. Cllrs Still and Ruffell left the meeting at 20:17.	GM/SG/RD
7.	MONTHLY MONITORING REPORT	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Castle Water – meter readings ongoing prior to a review in the Autumn. 	Clerk
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removal of waste following tree/hedge felling — Borough Council contacted – nothing removed to date. 	Clerk
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lychpit Centre fly tipping – Cabinet debating today - Borough Council report awaited. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Garden vouchers – on hold. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bake Shop parking – Signs produced by Bake Shop now erected. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speedwatch parking – PB to speak to the Manager of the Assisted Accommodation Development prior to next session. 	PB
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of Lychpit Benches – HCC officer has requested a map with Saxon Way site marked. HCC Estates Dep. Contacted re bench outside Tesco Express. 	Clerk Clerk/Deputy
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of website – ongoing. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FOI request – response sent. Deputy Clerk to send a copy to all Councillors. 	Deputy Clerk
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact with Carnival Committee Chairman re meeting attendance. 	GM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter article re changes to Local Plan – done – Close. 	KT
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HALC Training – Core Skills – GM & SG booked in November – Close. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilities Working Group – updated information sent to all Councillors – Close. 	

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8.	<p>CHAIRMAN’S COMMUNICATIONS</p> <p>Various Parish Councillors attended a demonstration at Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council offices on Thursday 2nd September 2021, in advance of a meeting of the Economic, Planning & Housing Committee. The demonstration was well attended by members of the public and local groups alike. Cllr Bloyce commented that current housing plans far exceed what is required. Cllr Brown thanked Cllrs Bloyce (on behalf of the Parish Council) and Tuck (on behalf of SOLVE) for their contributions at the meeting.</p>	
9.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</p> <p>9.1 Correspondence from a resident regarding parking on double yellow lines and pavement blocking with building materials was noted. Cllr Elaine Still will raise both issues with HCC Highways. The Chairman expressed his personal apologies to the resident for his lack of action.</p> <p>9.2 A letter from the Police & Crime Commissioner addressed to the Chairman was tabled and noted and Councillors agreed that Cllr Doust would form a response to the survey contained within the letter.</p>	
10.	<p>REPORTS FROM COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES</p> <p>10.1 Village Hall (GM) – no update.</p> <p>10.2 Beddington Centre (AR/MC) – no report.</p> <p>10.3 Basinga (PB)– face to face meetings are due to resume soon, in the Parish office.</p> <p>10.4 BDAPTC (AR/PB) – Cllrs Renwick, Bloyce and Campbell attended the most recent meeting, at which updates were provided on the Local Plan, the new hospital development, environmental issues, a police report and a new Code of Conduct for Councillors, specifically including conduct relating to social media use.</p> <p>10.5 Transport (AJ) – no update.</p> <p>10.6 Carnival (GM) – no update.</p> <p>10.7 ILP/ERF (DW/RD) – No report.</p> <p>10.8 Footpaths/ROW (RD) – Cllr Doust expressed concern regarding the lack of work done by the Council to the disastrous state of the footpaths in the area.</p> <p>10.9 Speedwatch (PB) – Cllr Bloyce confirmed that some Speedwatch dates have been set for September 2021.</p>	
11.	<p>MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS</p> <p>11.1 The final proof of the Community Newsletter had been circulated prior to the Bank Holiday weekend and comments relayed to the publishers. Subject to those changes the proof was ratified and distribution will take place w/c 13 September.</p> <p>11.3 The Clerk’s note regarding implementation of the new security arrangements was received and noted.</p>	

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11.4 An updated report regarding the current status relating to the Broadhurst Grove and Saxon Way sites was **received and noted**. **Cllr Moore confirmed that the residents group had exchanged contracts on 6th September 2021 and were due to complete the purchase of the Broadhurst Grove green space on Monday 13th September 2021. The Chairman thanks Cllr Grassi and Moore for their update report.**

12. MATTERS RELATING TO COMMITTEES

12.1 The resignation of Cllr Jones from the Finance & Resources Committee due to other commitments was noted.

12.2 The Minutes of the following meetings had been circulated in advance and were **received and ratified**:

- Planning & Development Committee 10 August (agreed Minutes) and 24 August (draft Minutes).
- Finance & Resources Committee 17 August (draft Minutes).

13. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

No items.

There were no further items for discussion and the Chairman resolved to close the meeting at 20.30 hrs.

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