

**OLD BASING & LYCHPIT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Planning Response Sub-Committee

Meeting Date: Tuesday 23 November 2021
Location: The Pavilion Tea Room, Recreation Ground, Old Basing
Time: 6.45pm
Members Present: Cllrs. P Bloyce, A Renwick, K Tuck, D Whiter, M Campbell, S Brown, G Moore, A Jones, S Grassi
Members Absent: Cllr J Robinson
Also Present: Cllr R Doust (from 19:10 onwards), Kate Hope (Deputy Clerk) and one member of the public

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1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE No formal apologies were received from Cllr J Robinson. Cllr K Tuck explained that she would be leaving the meeting to join another meeting to gather useful information for this committee (she left the room shortly afterwards). Cllr A Jones and Cllr R Doust arrived at 7.10pm.
2.	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES The Minutes of the Planning Response Sub-Committee Meeting held on Thursday 16 th September 2021 were agreed as an accurate record of the events that took place.
3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Cllrs P Bloyce, K Tuck and G Moore declared their involvement with SOLVE as an interest in relation to the work of the sub-committee as a whole.
4.	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION The Chairman welcomed Mr John Keary to the meeting and thanked him for his work within the group working on a leaflet design.
5.	CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS No items to discuss.
6.	MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS 6.1 To note and confirm Briefing Note No. 2 which incorporates the minutes of the Strategy Team and Leaflet Team meetings. NOTED. 6.2 To receive an update on progress. The Chairman explained that he and Cllr A Renwick have spoken to ten Planning Consultants regarding working with the Parish Council to object to the proposals to select three local sites for inclusion within the next Local Plan as suitable development sites. Potentially four of these Planning Consultants would be able/willing to work with Old Basing & Lychpit Parish Council. The Committee wishes to meet with each company to discuss possible strategies and timetables. Costs were discussed, but nothing more than an indication is available at this time. Cllr A Renwick told

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	<p>members that he had accepted an invoice from one of the Planning Consultant companies, who had billed for their time and travel expenses to attend the meeting – the Committee was asked to agree to this invoice expenditure (£157.10 excl VAT) retrospectively and they approved this payment.</p> <p>Cllr A Renwick reported that the leaflet team has already completed some great work, which brings together strong narrative and photographs to illustrate the problem to local residents. Certain Planning Consultants had suggested that the leaflet should be distributed once a more certain picture of the shortlisted sites is available.</p> <p>Cllr D Whiter commented that following such a positive response from residents to the SOLVE public meeting, it is important to keep interested parties updated and involved and Councillors agreed that the article which Cllr K Tuck has contributed to the latest Newsletter on behalf of SOLVE will provide a useful reminder.</p> <p>Cllr P Bloyce mentioned that he had attended a webinar held by Better Statistics CIC, with several presentations, at which there was a great deal of unease regarding how housing numbers are being calculated. There was suggestion of a legal challenge in due course and Cllr P Bloyce suggested that Old Basing & Lychpit Parish Council considers participating should this happen. It was agreed that the Planning Consultants should be asked for their views regarding the housing number calculations when they are questioned.</p>
6.3	<p>To consider and approve next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Councillors agreed to bring the four interested Planning Consultants in to meet with the sub-Committee, to discuss the possibility of working for the Parish Council in preparing necessary documentation to challenge the planning threats. Cllr G Moore suggested that it would be helpful to gather some references for these Planning Consultants, preferably from other Parish Councils who have used their services for similar predicaments.- Councillors agreed to continue work on a leaflet design, with a view to distributing it to all households once a clearer indication of the confirmed shortlisted sites is available.- Councillors agreed to publish an article in the January edition of the Basinga, to update parishioners on any relevant developments regarding the Parish Council's efforts to challenge this development threat (communications could also be made via Facebook, Parish Noticeboards and other means where appropriate).

MEETING CLOSED AT 7.26pm.