

# OLD BASING & LYCHPIT PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

**Meeting:** FULL PARISH COUNCIL  
**Date:** 1 February 2022  
**Location:** The Pavilion Tea Room, Old Basing  
**Time:** 7.30 pm  
**Members Participating:** Cllrs A Renwick (Chairman), P Bloyce, R Doust, A Jones, S Brown, K Tuck, S Grassi, J Robinson  
**Members Absent:** Cllrs M Campbell & G Moore, D Whiter  
**In Attendance:** Mrs S Tuck (Clerk); L Orvis (Finance Officer);  
Borough Councillor Onnalee Cubitt

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1.	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE &amp; COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION</b> Apologies were received from Cllr Campbell due to other commitments and Cllrs Moore and Whiter.	
2.	<b>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES</b> The Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 7 December and the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 17 December 2021 had been circulated and were <b>confirmed as a true record of the business conducted.</b>	
3.	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> There were no declarations of interest.	
4.	<b>MATTERS RELATING TO FINANCE</b>	
4.1	The Invoice Log detailing the previous month's invoices, petty cash expenditure, salary costs and bank balances had been circulated in advance of the meeting. There were no queries raised and the <b>Invoice Log was received and ratified.</b>	
4.2	The Finance Officer reported that the Q3 Management Accounts for the period October – December 2021 had been completed. There were no items of concern and these will be presented to the Finance & Resources Committee Meeting on 15 February.	
4.3	Confirmation from the Borough Council of the Council Tax base for 2022-23 was received and noted. The Finance Officer pointed out that the Agenda detailed figures for Basingstoke & Deane and that the figure relating to Old Basing & Lychpit is 3150.7.	
4.4	Correspondence from the External Auditor was received and noted. In view of the considerable delay in the investigation into the challenge to procedures relating to an item in the 2020/21 accounts it was agreed that the Auditors' current	Clerk

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	invoice should be paid now. The hourly rate relating to the investigation was also noted.	
<b>5.</b>	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION</b> There were no members of the public present.	
<b>6.</b>	<b>REPORTS FROM DISTRICT &amp; COUNTY COUNCILLORS</b> Councillor Cubitt updated members on the current situation regarding the updated Local Plan and stressed the need for the Parish Council to oppose the proposed changes. Cllr Cubitt also put forward her views on the planning application relating to the battery storage facility off Swing Swang Lane, urging Councillors to consider the implications if the application were approved. County Cllr Elaine Still had emailed her apologies and report which the Clerk will forward to Councillors in the morning.	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>MONTHLY MONITORING REPORT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Castle Water – CW complaints team investigating – awaiting date for a visit from Thames Water.</li> <li>• Lychpit Centre fly tipping – all bins removed – the LW bin has been re-sited to the Tesco bin area. <b>Close</b></li> <li>• Provision of Lychpit Benches – The Borough Council will source &amp; install a suitable bench – cost to be covered by S.106 Open Spaces funds.</li> <li>• Councillor Vacancy – advertised but no responses received to date.</li> </ul>	
<b>8.</b>	<b>CHAIRMAN’S COMMUNICATIONS</b> No communications.	
<b>9.</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</b> <b>9.1</b> Correspondence from a resident regarding anti-social behaviour was received and noted. The Clerk explained that this is a long-standing dispute between neighbours and will refer it to the CSPO requesting they liaise with the relevant housing association.	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>REPORTS FROM COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>10.1</b> Village Hall (GM) – no report.</li> <li><b>10.2</b> Beddington Centre (AR/MC) – no report.</li> <li><b>10.3</b> Basinga (PB)– seeking a new Advertising Manager.</li> <li><b>10.4</b> BDAPTC (AR/PB) – No report.</li> <li><b>10.5</b> Transport (AJ) – the numbers using the No.55 bus are constant but future funding uncertain.</li> <li><b>10.6</b> Carnival (GM) – no report.</li> <li><b>10.7</b> ILP/ERF (DW/RD) – no report.</li> <li><b>10.8</b> Footpaths/ROW (RD) – all hedges now cut back and footpaths cleared of leaves. Clerk to compliment the Borough Council on its work.</li> <li><b>10.9</b> Speedwatch (PB) – currently with Chineham. Next OB outing will be March.</li> </ul>	<b>Clerk</b>

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<b>11.</b>	<b>MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS</b>	
11.1	Councillors were asked to consider how the Parish Council should mark the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. One suggestion was to plant mature Oak trees along the boundary at the rear of the recreation ground to improve the tree line. This would qualify for S.106 Open Spaces funding and is in keeping with the “Queen’s Green Canopy Project”. Other suggestions were for a series of commemorative benches alongside footpaths in Lychpit, to plant a second “Jubilee Cross” in Old Basing and/or to offer support to an organized community event. Members were in favour of planting Oak trees and the Clerk will liaise with the Grounds Manager to ascertain the number of trees required and obtain a quote. Further consideration will be given to benches once the cost of trees has been established.	Clerk / Grounds Mgr
11.2	Councillors were asked to review the Scheme of Delegation agreed at the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting in December in view of the lifting of Covid restrictions. The Clerk recommended that the Scheme of Delegation should remain in place with the removal of the final Covid-related paragraph and should be reviewed again at the May Annual Parish Council Meeting. <b>Recommendation agreed.</b>	Clerk
11.3	Councillors were asked to consider a topic and speaker for the Annual Parish Meeting on 16 May. <b>The suggestion to approach the author of the Life of a Chalk Stream was agreed.</b>	Clerk
11.4	A proposal by Councillors Tuck, Grassi and Moore to hold “Meet your Councillor” sessions to engage more with residents <b>was agreed.</b> The first will take place at the Lychpit Community Hall on 24 February – Cllrs Tuck, Moore & Grassi to attend. Future dates and locations will be agreed with the Clerk.	Clerk
11.5	Councillors were asked to consider whether the Community Partnership Event cancelled in December due to Covid should be re-scheduled. It was decided by 5 votes to 3 not to re-schedule but that the event will be re-introduced in December subject to no unforeseen restrictions at that time.	Clerk
11.6	The content for the Spring Newsletter was <b>discussed and agreed.</b>	
<b>12.</b>	<b>MATTERS RELATING TO COMMITTEES</b>	
12.1	The Minutes of the Facilities Management Committee of 18 January and actions and expenditure agreed at that meeting were <b>received and ratified.</b>	
12.2	The following Planning Committee Minutes were received. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning &amp; Development Committee Meeting of 14 December 2021.</li> <li>• Planning &amp; Development Committee Meeting of 11 January held remotely.</li> </ul> Cllr Bloyce disagreed with the decision not to accept his suggested amendment to the Meeting note of 11 January as he was not present at the 25 January Planning	

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	Committee Meeting to put them in person. His request that the meeting note be re-considered at the next Planning Committee meeting was refused. However, the indicative vote of 3 in favour, 1 against and 2 abstentions relating to the survey discussed at the meeting was noted.	
13.	<b>CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS</b> No items.	
	<b>There were no further items for discussion and the Chairman resolved to close the meeting at 8.50 pm.</b>	

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DATED: .....