

OLD BASING & LYCHPIT PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting:	FULL PARISH COUNCIL
Date:	5 April 2022
Location:	The Pavilion Tea Room, Old Basing
Time:	7.30 pm
Members Participating:	Cllrs A Renwick (Chairman), P Bloyce, R Doust, S Brown, K Tuck, S Grassi, G Moore, D Whiter, M Campbell, A Jones
Members Absent:	Cllr J Robinson
In Attendance:	Mrs S Tuck (Clerk); L Orvis (Finance Officer) Mr C Butfoy; 2 residents.

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	The Chairman welcomed all attending and reminded them of the fire regulations.	
1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION Apologies were received from Cllr Robinson who is attending a meeting elsewhere.	
2.	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES The Minutes of the Ordinary and Extraordinary Parish Council Meetings held on 1 March 2022 had been circulated and were both confirmed as a true record of the business conducted.	
3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest.	
4.	COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION & CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR	
4.1	A letter of resignation from Cllr Alan Jones was received and noted. The Chairman invited Cllr Jones to speak and he explained his reasons for stepping down following which the Chairman thanked Cllr Jones for his dedication and support to the Parish Council during his years as a Councillor, particularly with regard to planning related issues.	
4.2	An application for co-option from Mr Charlie Butfoy to fill the vacancy left by Richard Barker last October was received. Details of Mr Butfoy's experience had been forwarded to Councillors in advance and he briefly outlined his voluntary activities and answered questions following which a unanimous vote was passed to co-opt Mr Butfoy. After signing a Declaration of Acceptance of Office he then joined the meeting.	
5.	REPORTS FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS County Councillor Elaine Still sent apologies. A Hants CC report will be forwarded to Councillors following this meeting.	

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6.	MATTERS RELATING TO FINANCE	
6.1	The Invoice Log detailing the previous month's invoices, petty cash expenditure, salary costs and bank balances that had been circulated in advance of the meeting was received and ratified.	
6.2	The Asset Register for the period 1 April 2021 – 31 March 2022 had been updated following recent changes relating to machinery and equipment and the revised asset register was ratified.	
7.	CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED	
7.1	<p>Correspondence from residents (present at this meeting) and the Borough Council's Planning Department regarding the erection of a fence had been circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>The Chairman invited the residents to briefly outline the history of their experience in dealing with Hants CC Highways, the Borough Council's planning department, Borough Councillor Sven Godesen and the Parish Council regarding erection of the fence which had been very protracted and had caused them a considerable amount of anxiety.</p> <p>All Councillors considered the approach by the Borough Council towards the residents was overly forceful and inconsistent with what has happened previously and agreed the Parish Council should contact the Planning Department and Borough Councillors to try and resolve the issue. Cllr Bloyce will discuss this with Deputy Clerk who will then contact the Borough Council.</p> <p>The residents then left the meeting.</p>	PB/Dep. Clerk
8.	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION	
	No other residents present.	
9.	MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS	
9.1	The next "Meet your Councillors" session on 28 April was noted. This will be attended by Cllrs Brown, Campbell, Robinson and Doust.	
9.2	<p>A report and proposal regarding football at the Recreation Ground had been circulated in advance of the meeting. Councillors had been provided with full details of the circumstances surrounding recent and past issues with the football club concerned and agreed that the club had been given every opportunity to work with the Council.</p> <p>The Chairman said it was likely the club would contact the local newspaper and said he did not think it appropriate to speak to reporters but had prepared a written statement which Councillors were asked to agree.</p> <p>A vote was then taken and whilst Councillors were keen to support football at the recreation ground, particularly for</p>	

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	<p>juniors, they voted unanimously to agree the proposals as set out in the report and agreed the press statement.</p> <p>The Chairman wished to record thanks to the grounds staff for all the remedial work carried out on the grounds.</p>	
10.	MONTHLY MONITORING REPORT	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Castle Water – CW complaints team investigating – Thames Water have tried unsuccessfully to contact the office – Clerk following up. 	Clerk
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of Lychpit Benches – 1 bench installed. The Clerk is pursuing the possibility of installing an additional bench outside Tesco Express and has written to Tesco Head Office for support. 	Clerk
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenge to 2020/21 accounts – External Auditor still investigating. • Councillor Vacancy – see item 4.2. • Platinum Jubilee Oak Trees at Recreation Ground – Quotes being obtained. Clerk to also chase the Borough Council re the DofE Oak at Lychpit. 	Clerk
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker for Annual Parish Meeting – Simon Cooper (The Life of a Chalk Stream) booked – no fee to be charged. Will need projector & screen. RBL now booked – they have a screen. • Borough Council Policy regarding fallen logs/trees – Policy sent to Councillors. The Clerk explained reporting procedure. • Replacement Trees at Village Hall – VH has made suggestions. Clerk to liaise with resident and grounds staff. 	Close Clerk
11.	CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS	
	No items.	
12.	REPORTS FROM COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES	
	12.1 Village Hall (GM) – meeting note already circulated.	
	12.2 Beddington Centre (AR/MC) – no report.	
	12.3 Basinga (PB)– meeting on 4 th . Lack of funds due to lost advertising. Need to purchase new computers. Next meeting 26 September.	
	12.4 BDAPTC (AR/PB) – MC attended recent virtual meeting.	
	12.5 Transport (AJ) – National Bus Strategy Hants & BS bid at top of list. More information at forum meeting – RD to attend. No. 55 bus – contract extended for a further 2 years.	
	12.6 Carnival (GM) – meeting note already circulated. AR again suggested inviting the Chairman to speak to the PC.	
	12.7 ILP/ERF (DW/RD) – DW had received an email suggesting meetings will resume in the summer.	
	12.8 Footpaths/ROW (RD) – traffic lights at Swing Swang Lane – no idea why they were there – no sign of any work. Email received re bridge on footpaths 2/7 with reasons why work delayed. Clerk to send strongly worded email complaining.	Clerk
	12.9 Speedwatch (PB) – 3 outings in March.	

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13.	MATTERS RELATING TO COMMITTEES 13.1 The Minutes and draft Minutes of the Planning & Development Committees of 8 & 22 March and Planning Response sub-Committee of 8 March were received and ratified.	
14.	CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS No items.	
There were no further items for discussion and the Chairman resolved to close the meeting at 20.42 pm.		

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