

# OLD BASING & LYCHPIT PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>FULL PARISH COUNCIL</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>5 JULY 2022</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>The Pavilion Meeting Room, Old Basing</b>
<b>Time:</b>	7.30 pm
<b>Members Participating:</b>	Cllrs P Bloyce, M Campbell, A Renwick, R Doust, S Brown, K Tuck, S Grassi, D Whiter, C Butfoy, F Maritan
<b>Members Absent:</b>	Cllr G Moore
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Mrs S Tuck (Clerk); 1 member of the public (Basing Royals Representative)

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1.	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Moore who is on holiday.	
2.	<b>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES</b> The Minutes of the full Parish Council meeting of 7 June 2022 were received and <b>confirmed as a true record of the business conducted.</b>	
3.	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> There were no declarations of interest relevant to items on this Agenda.	
4.	<b>COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION</b> One application for co-option to fill the Old Basing vacancy following the resignation of John Robinson had been received and circulated prior to the meeting. The candidate was not present to answer questions and it was agreed by 9 votes to 2 to invite him to attend the next meeting if he still wished to put his name forward. Clerk to contact.	<b>Clerk</b>
5.	<b>REPORTS FROM DISTRICT &amp; COUNTY COUNCILLORS</b> County Councillor Elaine Still sent apologies and reported that she is progressing the proposed site meeting with a Hampshire Highways Officer regarding the Milkingpen Lane Footpath. Cllr Tuck reported that there is an EPH Meeting scheduled for 18 July to discuss the waterfront & transport impact study and suggested a representative from the Parish Council attends. Cllr Tuck expressed concern that no future legislation is likely to help the fight against future development and the 5 year supply still stands. Figures put forward by Cllr Cubitt are still being scrutinised but any decision will be down to the Council Leader and his cabinet.	
6.	<b>MATTERS RELATING TO FINANCE</b> <b>6.1.</b> The Invoice Log detailing the previous month's invoices, petty cash expenditure, salary costs & bank balances were <b>received and ratified.</b> <b>6.2.</b> The Clerk reported that Thames Water had now agreed an abatement percentage of 72% relating to water returned to sewer and that the dispute with Castle Water relating to the reduced abatement was now resolved.	

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6.3. The Finance & Resources Committee’s report and recommendations regarding allocation of CIL funding had been circulated in advance and Cllr Whiter outlined the Committee’s discussion and reasons leading to the proposals as follows:

CIL funding is expected to be £350K in 2022/23 and 2 principles apply:

- A stringent policy and Terms of Reference for the process of awarding grants.
- The need to be transparent and make public the decisions and reasons supporting them.

3 suggestions put forward are already in progress:

- Basing Rd & Swing Swang Lane footpath – this is HCC’s responsibility and the Parish Council has no control.
- A water bottle refill station has been installed by the Council at the Pavilion.
- Contributions to SOLVE will be funded from other internal sources.

No action is needed beyond informing the public and dealing with the SOLVE contribution.

Other suggestions dependent on HCC highways are:

- Milkingpen Lane footpath
- 25 mph speed limit
- Extension of footpath at the Five-ways entrance to the common.

The Council will continue to engage with HCC and the Clerk will arrange a meeting between Cllr Still, the Clerk and Cllrs Bloyce and Whiter.

Clerk

More information on other suggestions (cultural & leisure activities/guides/walks etc. is needed).

The Council has always supported the provision of a Lychpit play area but agreement from the site owner and costings are needed including involving the Borough Council. It also supports plans for youth activities which are lacking in the parish.

The Scout Hut project greatly exceeds Parish Council funds and more financial information is needed. Cllr Renwick suggested obtaining a business plan and possibly providing £5k to pay for a quantity surveyor report on the scheme and Cllr Whiter proposed seeking more information.

Clerk

**Concrete proposals were as follows:**

1) **Climate Challenge**

Dedicate £30k of the £90k currently available which could run to £120k and as more CIL becomes available to dedicate more funds to reach a more reasonable figure to do what is needed. Of the £30k to allocate up to £10k for consultants to make recommendations on the Parish Council’s 4 properties and possibly also the Village Hall. Cllr Whiter proposed appointing consultants - Martin Heath to be contacted for advice.

- **Cllr Whiter proposed dedicating £30k with £5k towards consultancy to survey the 4 Parish Council properties plus the Village Hall (if the VH Committee agrees). Proposal agreed.**
- **Cllr Whiter proposed 3 grants of £2k to each of the Commons Trustees, Millfield & Churchyard Conservation**

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	<p><b>Groups to be used towards ecological wellbeing and promoting tree &amp; hedge planting. Proposal agreed.</b></p> <p>2) <b>Village Hall to renovate toilet facilities - £5-10K grant agreed.</b></p> <p>3) <b>Basing Royals Football</b> – DW proposed a £5k grant and after the club representative put forward his case under item 8 Cllr Grassi proposed increasing this to £10k due to the need to start the work in September. <b>A vote was taken and £10k voted for unanimously.</b></p> <p>Cllr Whiter pointed out that funds allocated so far total £51-£56k and if Milkingpen Lane footpath and Climate Challenge all happened at the same time this would use all the available funds.</p> <p>Cllr Tuck also suggested funds might be used to improve the River Loddon.</p> <p>Cllr Whiter requested the Clerk responds to each applicant and publish information in the Basinga and on the Parish Council website.</p> <p><b>The Grant Application Form had been reviewed and was agreed subject to point 19 being amended to include a request for a short description of how the grant is to be used.</b></p> <p><b>Grant applications will be processed at the next available full Parish Council meeting after receipt of the application.</b></p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
7.	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</b></p> <p>No items.</p>	
8.	<p><b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION</b></p> <p>The Chairman invited the Basing Royals representative to address the meeting. He handed out updated information and said that the quote for £10,800 was to upgrade the land for football. He confirmed there were stringent covenants on use of land and the club has the full support of the RBL and also Rick Bourne on use of the cadet hut.</p> <p>He explained the current status of the club and plans for the future. There are no plans to expand beyond the current capabilities of the club and they only want one playable pitch with good external area for run-off although there is sufficient space for 2 pitches. All those involved are fully FA qualified &amp; DBS checked and the club is an accredited FA club. Currently 32 of 40 children in the club either live or have relatives in the parish.</p> <p>Cllrs Renwick and Doust spoke in support of the application, commenting that this would take pressure off the recreation grounds and show the Council's support for football and junior members of the community.</p> <p>A discussion regarding funding had already taken place (Item 6.3) and the proposal to increase the original suggested contribution from £5 - £10k was agreed to enable the work to start in September subject to satisfactory completion of the Grant Application Form being ratified at the August meeting.</p>	
9.	<p><b>MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS</b></p> <p>9.1 A quote from Valens Water relating to an audit of the Parish Council premises for legionella was received the Clerk's recommendation that, as a Parish Council owned public building, the Beddington Centre should also be included. <b>The quote and recommendation were both agreed.</b></p>	
10.	<p><b>MONTHLY MONITORING REPORT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Castle Water – dispute resolved – see 6.2.</b></li> </ul>	Close

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bench at Lychpit Centre</b> – HCC has not agreed to the installation – Clerk has contacted HCC again requesting a review of this decision.</li> <li>• <b>FOI request</b> – Email received 8 June advising ongoing delay.</li> <li>• <b>Jubilee Oak trees</b> – quote now received – to be discussed at Facilities Management Committee.</li> <li>• <b>Dof E Oak</b> – Borough Council response chased in June – still no progress. KT to chase.</li> <li>• <b>ILP/ERF</b> – DW awaiting information re summer meeting. Tour of the STW has taken place – MC commented this was very interesting.</li> <li>• <b>Village Hall trees</b> – Clerk to contact resident with suggestions in the Autumn.</li> <li>• <b>Footpaths 2 &amp; 7 – bridge</b> – contract to be awarded early July – awaiting confirmation of start date. Clerk to contact for update.</li> <li>• <b>Football invoice</b> – response from Club circulated – goal posts &amp; other items now removed from grounds.</li> </ul>	<p>Remove</p> <p>KT</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Close</p>
<b>11.</b>	<b>CHAIRMAN’S COMMUNICATIONS</b> No items.	
<b>12.</b>	<b>REPORTS FROM COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES</b> <b>12.1</b> OB Village Hall (GM) – no report. <b>12.2</b> Beddington Centre (AR) – AR/ST to meet committee reps tomorrow. <b>12.3</b> Basinga (GM) – next meeting 26 September. <b>12.4</b> BDAPTC (PB) – No report. <b>12.5</b> Transport (RD) – No. 55 bus continuing to be well-used. Poor service by No. 10 bus – 2 hourly – unreliable. <b>12.6</b> Carnival (GM) – written report circulated. <b>12.7</b> Incinerator Liaison Panel (ILP) & Energy Recovery Facility (ERF) (DW) – still waiting for date for meeting – has chased. <b>12.8</b> Footpaths & Rights of Way (RD) – many footpaths overgrown. Lychpit Courtyard area particularly bad – Clerk has reported to HCC. <b>12.9</b> Speedwatch (PB) – SID this month.	
<b>13.</b>	<b>MATTERS RELATING TO COMMITTEES</b> <b>13.1</b> Minutes of the following meetings were received: <b>Planning &amp; Development Committee of 14 June (draft)</b> Cllr Renwick referred to the Facilities Management meeting in September 2021 when the Tennis Club’s proposal for floodlights was raised and said the Committee agreed in principle to the proposal. He said there is now a full-throated objection in the Planning Committee Minutes and expressed his concern regarding future dealings between the Club and the Parish Council. Cllr Bloyce commented that the Planning Committee’s decision is supported by the Borough Council’s Landscaping Team and Cllr Campbell suggested the Facilities Management Committee may have given the Club a false impression of the view likely to be taken by full Council. Cllr Doust pointed out that the Parish Council is the land-owner. <b>Finance &amp; Resources Committee of 28 June (draft)</b> <b>13.2</b> Cllr Maritan’s request to join the Planning & Development and Finance & Resources Committees was agreed.	

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14.	<p><b>CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS</b></p> <p><b>The Chairman resolved, in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, to exclude members of the public and press to consider the following confidential contractual and staffing matters which meet the criteria of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 Part 1.</b></p> <p><b>14.1</b> The recommendation of the Finance &amp; Resources Committee regarding an uplift to the Deputy Clerk's salary effective from 1 July was unanimously agreed.</p> <p><b>14.2</b> Additional hours worked by the Deputy Clerk to cover the completion of CILCA and the Clerk's absence on annual leave were noted and payment agreed.</p>	
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SIGNED:..... (Chairman)

DATED: .....