

OLD BASING & LYCHPIT PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting:	ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Date:	MONDAY 16 MAY 2022
Location:	ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, OLD BASING
Time:	7.30 pm
Members Present:	Councillors P Bloyce (Chairman), R Doust, A Renwick, M Campbell, S Brown, S Grassi, G Moore, C Butfoy; Robinson & Tuck
Members Absent:	Councillor D Whiter
In Attendance:	Mrs S Tuck (Clerk), Borough Councillor Sven Godesen & 6 members of the public

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1.	<p>CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME & REPORT</p> <p>The newly elected Chairman, Cllr Peter Bloyce, welcomed those present and thanked former Chairman, Alan Renwick for his hard work during the past 3 years, particularly during the Covid-19 Pandemic when it became necessary to hold meetings via Zoom.</p> <p>Cllr Bloyce also thanked all Councillors for their work, pointing out that the role is a voluntary one that can be very time-consuming.</p> <p>He congratulated Parish Councillor Kate Tuck on her recent election to the Borough Council and also thanked the Borough and County Councillors in their absence.</p> <p>Cllr Bloyce then proceeded to mention issues that the Parish Council would be addressing in the year ahead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Climate Change – following the Community Engagement meeting held in November 2021 Cllr Steve Brown will continue to lead this initiative on behalf of the Parish Council.• Roads, pavements and footpaths – these continue to present a range of problems and, with input from Cllr Roger Doust, the Parish Council will work with the Borough and County Councils to press for improvements. In particular the Basing Road footpath has now been approved with completion promised prior to the first house being completed on the new Swing Swang Lane development. Councillors are liaising with County Councillor, Elaine Still, to progress the proposed footpath along Milkingpen Lane from Manor Lane to Churn Close.• Local Plan update – Cllr Murray Campbell is leading the fight against excessive development, supported by other Councillors. The Parish Council has engaged Planning Consultants to provide expert advice but there is still much work to be done, particularly in light of the Government's recently published Regeneration Bill which now needs to be considered to determine its effect locally. <p>Finally, Cllr Bloyce thanked Parish Council staff, including the grounds staff (now employed as contractors), commenting on the excellent</p>	

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	upkeep of the recreation grounds, the Finance Officer and the two Clerks.	
2.	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES The Minutes of the 2021 held via Zoom were received. These Minutes had been ratified and signed at the subsequent full Parish Council Meeting in June 2021.	
3.	REPORTS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS County Councillor Elaine Still sent apologies and the Chairman briefly mentioned her support for the Loddon Valley catchment area to become part of a Local Nature Recovery Network. Cllr Still's full report will be published in the Summer edition of the Community Newsletter. Cllr Godesen reported that the 3 Borough Councillors for Basing & Upton Grey Ward had all been elected to those committees most important in supporting the local interests.	
4.	SPEAKER & PRESENTATION The Chairman then introduced Simon Cooper, author of The Life of A Chalk Stream. Simon's talk and his presentation slides provided those present with a vast amount of information about chalk streams and how they should be managed. This is particularly relevant locally as our own local chalk stream, the River Loddon, and the Loddon valley is currently under threat from development. A number of very pertinent questions followed and all agreed that this was a most interesting and informative presentation with many of those attending purchasing one of his books which he happily signed.	
	The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55 pm.	

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