



OLD BASING & LYCHPIT PARISH COUNCIL

FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

Meeting Date:	TUESDAY 3 JANUARY 2023
Location:	PAVILION MEETING ROOM, OLD BASING
Time:	7.30 PM
Members Participating:	Councillors P Bloyce (Chairman), A Renwick, D Whiter, R Doust, S Brown, F Maritan, M Hermitage, M Campbell, S Grassi, C Butfoy, G Moore
Members Absent:	Cllr K Tuck
In Attendance:	Mrs S Tuck (Clerk); L Orvis (Finance Officer); Borough Councillor Onnalee Cubitt; 7 members of the public

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1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Tuck who is unwell.	
2.	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES The Minutes of the full Parish Council meeting of 6 December 2022 were received and confirmed as a true record of the business conducted.	
3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Cllr Maritan declared an interest in Item 9.1. Cllr Butfoy declared an interest in Item 8.	
4.	REPORTS FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS Borough Councillor Onnalee Cubitt reported on the following: A meeting between the Borough Councillors and residents regarding football on common land adjacent to the RBL. As a result a meeting will now take place early in the new year between the residents and the football club. Confirmed her support for the Parish Council's objection to the Planning Application for 1A Pyotts Hill due to the flood risk. A meeting by the 3 Borough Councillors with the bake shop owner pre-Christmas. Cllr Godesen is in contact with County Councillor Elaine Still to explore the possibility of delivery vehicles parking in the Basing House car park overnight and Cllr Cubitt has spoken to the Royal British Legion regarding staff using its car park. It is hoped these measures, if agreed, will free up designated spaces and reduce roadside parking. The owner will re-affirm to his customers the need to be polite to residents.	

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	<p>The proposed Service Station at J6 of the M3 is still a possibility and Borough Councillors continue campaigning for an EI assessment on pollution to the Loddon.</p> <p>Battery storage – Swing Swang Lane – Unfortunately the EA will determine the outcome but Borough Councillors continue to object.</p> <p>Cllr Tuck has seconded a motion for the Borough Council to be more demanding regarding environmental issues and the impact on the Loddon.</p> <p>Cllr Cubitt is requesting the Borough Council reconsiders the impact of more Council housing.</p> <p>The Leisure Park project has collapsed and is now being reviewed.</p> <p>County Councillor Elaine Still sent apologies and her written report was read by the Clerk.</p> <p>This report confirmed her agreement to facilitate a meeting with a Highways Officer to explore possible measures to alleviate parking in The Street by customers of the Bake Shop.</p>	
5.	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION	
	After confirming those present were attending either for Item 8 or Item 9.1 the Chairman postponed the public session until the relevant Agenda item.	
6.	CHAIRMAN’S COMMUNICATIONS	
	The Chairman reminded those present that work on the Basing Road footpath was due to start on 16 January. The Clerk had forwarded details to Councillors for information.	
7.	MATTERS RELATING TO FINANCE	
	<p>7.1. The Invoice Log detailing the previous month’s invoices, petty cash expenditure, salary costs & bank balances were received and agreed</p> <p>7.2. The Precept Request for 2023/24 was authorised and signed by the Chairman, two Councillors and the Clerk.</p>	
8.	PRESENTATION	
	<p>The Chairman invited Gary Schuster, Chairman of the newly formed Lychpit Community Residents Association (LCRA) to address the meeting.</p> <p>Mr Schuster started by introducing the Treasurer and Secretary and outlined the structure of the group and its aims and objectives as follows:</p> <p>3 meetings have been held so far with the aim of forming a group to represent the views of residents of Lychpit, provide a better sense of community and a greater voice to campaign for improved services.</p> <p>A sub-committee has been formed to support Lychpit Hall and to arrange fund-raising events to retain the hall as a community asset – 3 events currently planned.</p> <p>A Constitution is being drafted and the Facebook pages have been merged with the LCRA page.</p> <p>The vision is to work with the PC and individuals to make Lychpit a desirable place to live by addressing traffic issues, green space management and provision of play areas to benefit the Lychpit community.</p> <p>More residents will be invited to join the group and meetings will be minuted.</p> <p>Cllr Renwick thanked Mr Schuster for his concise presentation.</p>	

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8.1. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The Chairman invited residents to speak prior to debating Item 9.1 requesting they do not repeat what has already been communicated by email. He then invited Mr Chris Hawkins to speak and acknowledged his written suggestions to alleviate the problem.

Mr Hawkins said measures taken so far are not working. The parking problem is mainly caused by people from outside the local area and delivery drivers. Noise from early morning deliveries is a particular problem. Abusive from those parking and asked to move is common. The impact on the value of properties if residents wish to move was also mentioned. He said he has been hit by a car wing mirror and suggested that a more serious accident is “waiting to happen”. It was felt the Bake Shop Owner’s use of social media makes things worse.

In answer to Cllr Brown’s query about the impact of double yellow lines on those residents living near the bakehouse, whilst not wishing to see them, it would not be a problem for themselves as they all have large driveways.

Cllr Whiter emphasised need to not shift the problem from one area to another. In answer to Cllr Campbell’s query as to what the PC can do, Cllr Bloyce said it can only make recommendations and request changes by the Borough Council, Police and/or Highways.

Cllr Moore queried whether delivery drivers would walk from Basing House car park to the bake shop and was concerned about car park security and risk of travellers. She suggested the field next to the old barn but as this is surrounded by an ancient wall this is unlikely.

Cllr Renwick commented that the residents’ tranquility has been shattered and there is no answer to the problem. Whilst applauding the success of the business, he said it is in the wrong place. He commented on the impact on the Church & school and those users that need parking and said the correspondence reflects the fact that those parking cannot be reasoned with.

Cllr Whiter expressed great sympathy with the residents but said it will be a problem to get anything done with the need to put pressure on different organisations.

The general feeling of residents is that the owner is not receptive to doing anything to help the village or residents and they asked whether a licence was required and, if so, whether it covers the current number of seats provided. Clerk to check.

Clerk

Cllr Doust said the PC can only act as a go-between and asked what the authorities have done since the previous meetings and whether any fixed penalty notices been issued.

After 40 minutes of discussion the Chairman closed the public session for Councillors to consider the proposal in item 9.1.

9.1 Emails received from a residents regarding parking in The Street by Bake Shop customers provided to Councillors for consideration in advance of the meeting were received and noted.

The Chairman said the first course of action is for no more than two Councillors and the Clerk to meet with Highways and **proposed that the Chairman, Cllr Maritan (as a residents) plus the Clerk should meet with**

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	CLL Still and a Highways Officer. This proposal was agreed by 9 votes. CLRs Maritan and Renwick abstained from voting.	
9.	MONTHLY MONITORING REPORT	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bench at Lychpit Centre –A suitable bench has been agreed with HCC – Clerk obtaining grant funding to cover the cost. Challenge to 2020/21 Accounts – Further email received 14 Sept advising ongoing delay – expect to complete within next 2 months. – No progress. D of E Oak – Borough Council response chased in June – still no progress. KT to follow up with Tree Officer. Village Hall trees – resident has agreed to purchase a disease resistant Elm and a Nordmann Fir (suggested by the VH) – difficulty in sourcing suitable trees due to dry summer. No progress. Footpaths 2 & 7 – bridge – work completed – Close. RD wished to record thanks to PC on behalf of residents for getting this done - Close. CIL Grant for Scout Hut – Clerk has contacted Andy Molloy offering support for pre-build items as suggested in DW meeting note – no response to date. New Bank Account with Unity Trust Bank – no progress. Rural England Prosperity Fund – Clerk still to investigate. No progress. Cottage Drainage Leak – still awaiting contact from plumber. Use of Community Payback Scheme to decorate changing rooms – Insurance cover confirmed - booked for w/c 13 February. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>KT</p>
10.	REPORTS FROM COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES	
	<p>11.1 OB Village Hall (GM) – no report</p> <p>11.2 Beddington Centre (AR) – attended meeting pre-Christmas facilitated access for Energy Survey.</p> <p>11.3 Basinga (GM) – meeting took place on 16th to discuss finance.</p> <p>11.4 BDAPTC (PB) – no report.</p> <p>11.5 Transport (RD) – number 7 bus improvements in service. Problems with No. 10 service noted.</p> <p>11.6 Carnival (GM) – no report.</p> <p>11.7 Incinerator Liaison Panel (ILP) & Energy Recovery Facility (ERF) (DW) – no report. Clerk to ask ES whether this is now defunct.</p> <p>11.8 Footpaths & Rights of Way (RD) – no report.</p> <p>11.9 Speedwatch (PB) – 2 volunteers have given up. DW suggested LCRA may be interested in volunteering. PB is investigating the possible use of a speed gun that has been offered by the police.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>PB</p>
11.	MATTERS RELATING TO COMMITTEES	
	12.1 The draft Minutes of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting dated 13 December 2022 were received.	
12.	CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS	
	No items.	
There were no other matters for discussion and the meeting closed at 20.55.		

SIGNED:..... (Chairman)

DATED: