

OLD BASING & LYCHPIT PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting:	ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Date:	THURSDAY 25th MAY 2023
Location:	ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, OLD BASING
Time:	7.30 pm
Members Present:	Councillors P Bloyce (Chairman), R Doust, D Whiter, S Brown, S Grassi, G Moore, C Butfoy, K Tuck
Members Absent:	Councillor M Campbell, A Renwick, F Maritan
In Attendance:	Mrs S Tuck (Clerk), members of the public

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1.	CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME & REPORT The re-elected Chairman, Cllr Peter Bloyce, welcomed those present and thanked Councillors and staff for their work during the past year. Cllr Bloyce then briefly summarised projects during the year: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basing Road footpath – the Parish Council had been actively pressing Hampshire Highways for this for many years and, as part of the Redrow development agreement, this has now been completed.• Milkingpen Lane footpath - Councillors have met with County Councillor, Elaine Still and a Hampshire Highways officer to progress this and a response is still awaited.• Local Plan update – The Parish Council has formed a group to oppose excessive development and a recent public meeting of this group (OBLEC) was attended by over 200 people. Work continues on this and with the Review of the Neighbourhood Plan.• Coronation Lunch – the picnic held at the recreation ground was successful with approximately 150 people participating.• Community Warm Hub – not as well attended as was hoped and is not likely to be restarted next winter.• Best Community Newsletter Award – this was won by the Parish Council for the second time.	
2.	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2023 were received. These Minutes had been ratified and signed at the subsequent full Parish Council Meeting in June 2022.	
3.	REPORTS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS County Councillor Elaine Still sent apologies. Her report had been circulated to Councillors in advance of the meeting and will be published in the Summer edition of the Community Newsletter to be distributed in early June. Cllr Tuck in her capacity as a Borough Councillor reported on changes at the Borough Council and said that Cllr Cubitt now has responsibility for	

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	Major Projects & Regeneration whilst Cllr Tuck will be responsible for the Local Plan policies, rivers and the natural environment.	
4.	REPORT ON PARISH COUNCIL'S ENERGY SAVING INITIATIVES Cllr Whiter reported on the energy saving initiatives currently being investigated by the Parish Council for the 4 properties that it owns and that the cost of implementing these measures will be covered by Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding.	
5.	SPEAKER & PRESENTATION The Chairman then introduced Martin Heath, a local veteran of the renewable energy industry, who is involved with various community energy groups. Martin's presentation entitled "Climate Change: Should I be bothered?" covered four areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is climate change real?• If so, what is causing it?• What impact could it have in our Parish and further afield?• What can I do about it? The statistics presented by Martin and in particular CO ² emissions for Basingstoke and Old Basing were staggering and suggestions to manage these by reducing the amount of farmland used for pasture and crops and instead planting trees and re-wilding generated a number of interesting comments and questions.	
	The Chairman invited further questions. A member of the audience spoke in favour of the tennis club floodlights and the Club Chairman and a Member also raised queries on this subject following which a heated discussion took place prior to the Chairman closing the meeting at 21.30.	

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