



OLD BASING & LYCHPIT PARISH COUNCIL
FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

Meeting Date: TUESDAY 9th JANUARY 2024
Location: PARISH OFFICE, OLD BASING
Time: 7.30 PM
Members Present: Cllrs P Bloyce, F Maritan, R Doust, S Grassi, S Brown, C Butfoy, K Tuck, A Renwick, M Hermitage, M Campbell, D Whiter
Members Absent: None
In Attendance: Mrs K Hope (Deputy Clerk); Mr L Orvis (Finance Officer); 1 member of the public (co-option applicant)

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1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE No apologies were received. The Chair shared the sad news of resident Don Grassi's recent death and acknowledged the most exceptional commitment to the community which he had made over many years.	
2.	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5 th December 2023 were received and confirmed as a true copy of the business conducted.	
3.	CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR An application for co-option was received from a member of the public. Having answered a series of questions from Councillors, the Chair resolved to exclude members of the press and public while the Parish Council discussed the application. Following an extensive debate, a majority of Councillors voted not to co-opt the applicant. The member of the public left the meeting at this point.	
4.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Cllr Grassi declared a pecuniary interest in Item 12.1 relating to Broadhurst Grove.	
5.	REPORTS FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS Cllr Tuck was able to confirm that, earlier that evening at its Cabinet meeting, Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council had approved (subject to call-in) the Local Plan Update: Regulation 18 Consultation. This progress also brings with it the much-needed	

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	<p>additional protection against unsuitable speculative development, thanks to the new National Planning Policy Framework dictating that the Borough Council only needs to demonstrate a four year housing supply (it currently has a 4.6 year supply) once Regulation 18 is under way.</p> <p>HCC is looking for new sites for EV charging points. Cllr Tuck has been in conversation with the Clerk about suitable sites. Tescos at Chineham is currently installing a row of charging points. Bartons Mill pub currently offers four points. Cllr Whiter pointed out that conversations have taken place about points being added to the Parish Council car park, but now it is closed overnight with the new security measures, this option is not considered practical.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION</p> <p>The member of the public had left the meeting.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>MATTERS RELATING TO FINANCE</p> <p>7.1 The Invoice Log detailing the previous month's invoices, petty cash expenditure, salary costs and bank balances was received and agreed.</p> <p>7.2 Receipt of a Borough Councillor grant of £1,000 towards an information board to be sited at the recreation ground in Old Basing was noted.</p> <p>7.3 A letter from WWA relating to their estimated fees covering work relating to Regulations 18 & 19 was received and noted. Councillors agreed that funds spent on professional fees in this regard to date have been sensible and arguably very good value for money, since some documents have also proven useful for the Neighbourhood Plan Update. Cllr Butfoy thanked Cllr Renwick and Cllr Campbell for their effort, time and precision with regards to the development threat rebuttal. The proposed fees referred to in the letter were agreed.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS</p> <p>The Chairman advised Councillors that the 'Christmas at the Rec' event held on 22nd December 2023 raised £729.69 for St Michael's Hospice and was an enormous success. Councillors thanked the Parish Office staff for their work to bring the event together. The Finance Officer's retirement is to be confirmed in the next edition of the Basinga, after which more detailed advertisements will be distributed.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>MONTHLY MONITORING REPORT</p> <p>The Monitoring Report was received, and an updated report is attached to these Minutes.</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</p> <p>10.1 Correspondence relating to a new Biodiversity Group to be known as the Loddon Valley Biodiversity Group was received and the contents noted. The Chairman explained that the request for funding was to SOLVE and not the Parish Council</p>	

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	but that the group was seeking Parish Council approval for its proposal to set up Mink monitoring rafts & traps on the R. Loddon. Councillors fully supported the biodiversity group's work.	
11.	REPORTS FROM COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES	
11.1	OB Village Hall (MH) – New security cameras have been installed. An application has been made for a further grant to cover the cost of installing solar panels. As the Chairman shared at the beginning of the meeting, the Committee was very sad to learn of the passing of Don Grassi whose incredible dedication towards the Village Hall will not be forgotten.	
11.2	Beddington Centre (AR) – Building energy efficiency work is ongoing.	
11.3	Basinga (AR) – Councillors congratulated the editorial team on its recent National Parish Magazine Award, in which it came fourth place overall and won the Best Editor Award.	
11.4	BDAPTC (PB/MC) – Nothing to report.	
11.5	Transport (RD) – Nothing to report.	
11.6	Carnival (SG) – Nothing to report.	
11.7	Footpaths/Rights of Way (RD) – Nothing to report.	
11.8	Speedwatch (PB) – Nothing to report.	
11.9	LCRA (SG) – Cllr Doust reported the successful Christmas event in the Community Centre courtyard, which will be repeated in 2024.	
12.	MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS	
12.1	Cllr Grassi left the meeting, due to having declared a pecuniary interest in this matter. A report by the Clerk and information relating to costs associated with the purchase of the Village Green at Broadhurst Grove was received . The Parish Council unanimously agreed to accept the gifted piece of land. Regrettably, Councillors did not feel it appropriate to repay the money paid by residents to purchase the land at auction. They did not wish to accept the small amount of remaining funds available which were offered to the Parish Council towards ongoing maintenance (agreed unanimously). All Councillors thanked Cllr Grassi, her husband, and Gillian Moore, for their dedication to this wonderful outcome.	
12.2	Councillors had received the updated Local Plan prior to Christmas and were asked to consider what further action might be taken. Cllr Tuck asked whether the Parish Council could advertise the consultation in the local community and point out the importance of residents responding. Cllr Renwick confirmed that the next OBLEC meeting will be addressing how to engage the local community. He also pointed out that the Parish Council's views should be reiterated in its response to the Regulation 18 Consultation.	

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	<p>12.3 Councillors were advised that, to date, 467 Neighbourhood Plan questionnaires had been received and Cllr Whiter outlined his proposal as to how these should be analysed. Cllr Whiter confirmed that the next working group meeting will be held on January 17th, at which point the questionnaire responses will be split between councillors to process.</p>	
13.	<p>MATTERS RELATING TO COMMITTEES</p> <p>13.1 The offer of Cllrs Renwick and Doust to join the Finance & Resources Committee following the Chairman’s request at the December meeting, was agreed unanimously by all other Councillors.</p> <p>13.2 The draft Minutes of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting dated 12th December were received.</p>	
14.	<p>CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS</p> <p>No items.</p> <p>There were no other matters for discussion and the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.17pm.</p>	

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