



OLD BASING & LYCHPIT PARISH COUNCIL

FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

Meeting Date: TUESDAY 2ND JULY 2024

Location: PARISH OFFICE, OLD BASING

Time: 7.30 PM

Members Present: Cllrs. M Campbell, P Bloyce, A Renwick, C Butfoy, R Doust, D Neat, K Tuck, S Grassi, D Whiter, F Maritan, Cllrs. S Brown,

Members Absent:

In Attendance: Mrs S Tuck (Clerk), Mrs K Hope (Deputy Clerk), Mr L Orvis (Finance Officer) 1 co-option candidate, 2 members of the public

Item No	Item	Action
1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from Cllr Neat.	
2.	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7 th May and the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 4 th June 2024 were received and agreed as a true record of the business conducted.	
3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest.	
4.	COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION A co-option application from Mrs Kerry-Ann Chamberland for the vacancy for an Old Basing Councillor was received. Mrs Chamberlain had previously served as a Councillor but had resigned due to pressing family and work commitments that are now resolved. Councillors welcomed her application and after signing a Declaration of Acceptance of Office Cllr Chamberlain joined the meeting.	
5.	REPORTS FROM BOROUGH & COUNTY COUNCILLORS No County Councillor present. No Borough Councillor reports.	
6.	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION The two members of the public were attending to hear comments from Councillors on proposed changes relating to the Music Festival .	

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7.	<p>MATTERS RELATING TO FINANCE</p> <p>7.1 The Invoice Log detailing the previous month's invoices, petty cash expenditure, salary costs and a summary of bank balances was received and agreed.</p>	
8.	<p>CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS</p> <p>The Chairman offered congratulations to local resident, Peter Guthrie, on being awarded a CBE in the King's Birthday Honours. A Professor at Churchill College, Cambridge and a distinguished engineer and Vice-president and Trustee of the Royal Academy of Engineering, Peter already holds an OBE and this most recent accolade is richly deserved.</p>	
9.	<p>MONTHLY MONITORING REPORT</p> <p>The Monitoring Report was received and is attached to these Minutes.</p> <p>An item of particular note this month is the recent new Licensing Application relating to the Old Skool Neverland Festival due to take place over the August Bank Holiday weekend. The changes to the location and implications locally were discussed at length. A new Traffic Management Plan (TMP) is due to be submitted later this week and comments from Councillors and residents relating to this new application will be forward to the Highways Officer prior to the next Safety Advisory Group (SAG) meeting next week. Cllr Bloyce outlined the ongoing problems with the new arrangement and possible implications.</p> <p>Cllr Tuck clarified the procedure relating to the licensing hearing. The two members of the public were invited to speak and they suggested the timescales for submission of a revised TMP were not achievable and commented that the postcode being promoted on social media had not been changed.</p> <p>The Chairman suggested the Council had 3 choices in its response to the new application either:</p> <p>No response / to support /to object.</p> <p>A vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed the Council should continue to OBJECT.</p>	
10.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</p> <p>10.1 A letter of apology from the youth responsible for the recent anti-social behaviour activity in the public toilets was received and noted.</p> <p>10.2 A request from a resident to consider replacing the small plaque at the base of the Jubilee Tree in Old Basing with a more striking memorial commemorating both the Diamond Jubilee of HM Queen Victoria and the Platinum Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II was received. Photographs of suggested stone memorials were viewed with a triple pillar granite memorial being favoured. The Clerk will obtain quotes before the Finance & Resources Committee Meeting with a view to considering this for CIL funding.</p>	Clerk

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11.	<p>REPORTS FROM COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES</p> <p>11.1 OB Village Hall (SG) – queried CIL funding for new floor.</p> <p>11.2 Beddington Centre (AR) – MC/AR attended committee meeting in June – both impressed with upkeep of hall.</p> <p>11.3 Basinga (AR) – met Graham Merry (Secretary) for an update. He will attend September meeting.</p> <p>11.4 BDAPTC (PB/MC) – no report.</p> <p>11.5 Transport (RD) – no report.</p> <p>11.6 Carnival (SG) – very successful and made more money than last year despite the weather. Will return on 21st June 2025. Funds to be distributed to 13 local charities/organisations.</p> <p>11.7 Footpaths/Rights of Way (RD) – all badly overgrown. 19 & 20 cut back by volunteers also footpath by St Mary’s Church. KT offered thanks to footpaths volunteers.</p> <p>11.8 Speedwatch (PB) – see 12.3.</p> <p>11.9 LCRA (RD) – no report.</p>	
12.	<p>MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS</p> <p>12.1 A proposal by Cllr Bloyce that the Parish Council supports an application by a resident and former Countrywatch member to register the Recreation Ground and Belle Vue open space as Green Spaces was received and support agreed. Clerk to advise relevant officer of agreement. FM queried whether Lychpit Green spaces should also be mentioned in NHP.</p> <p>12.2 Cllr Whiter updated members on completion of the installation of solar panels and heat pumps which it is hoped will cover one-third of consumption. The work was budgeted at £120k for all 4 buildings with the actual cost coming in at around £73,400. Remedial work is, however, needed. The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Councillors Whiter and Brown for their work on the project.</p> <p>12.3 A proposal relating to the future of Speedwatch was received. Cllr Bloyce stated that, after 12 years of managing this initiative he wished to stop and said that, for various reasons, the system was less effective. He proposed 4 options for consideration:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Abandon and sell or donate the SID. 2. Continue and recruit more volunteers/co-ordinator. 3. Hand over to the LCRA (if they are willing to take it on). 4. Transfer SID to Chineham (who own a 50% share in the unit). <p>His recommendation is to pursue Option 1 after consultation with Chineham Parish Council.</p> <p>AR proposed thanks to Cllr Bloyce for over 10 years of service and the onerous work involved in managing the system.</p> <p>After a vote Option 1 was agreed. Clerk to contact Chineham.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
13.	<p>MATTERS RELATING TO COMMITTEES</p>	

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13.1	The draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 28th May 2024 were received. AR commented that he was at meeting but is recorded as not attending – minutes to be adjusted accordingly.	
13.2	Cllr Grassi’s request to join the Facilities Management Committee was agreed.	
13.3	The Chairman advised members that he and Cllr Renwick would swap responsibility for communicating with WWA in respect of OBLEC.	
14.	<p>CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS</p> <p>The Chairman resolved to exclude the press and public in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to consider the following confidential contractual and staffing matters that meet the criteria of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 Part I.</p> <p>14.1 The Chairman’s report on the recent recruitment exercise was received and the Recruitment Panel’s decision relating to the following new recruits was ratified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Finance Officer (contractor role) ii) Assistant Clerk iii) Admin. Officer <p>The Chairman referred to a possible issue with current Clerk’s salary stating that the Council did not take up a previous option to seek advice from HALC but now wishes to do this at a likely cost of £1 - £2k. Cllr Renwick was not in favour of using HALC and considered there were Councillors with sufficient experience to deal with this in-house. The Chairman’s proposal to seek advice from HALC was agreed by all present with the exception of Cllr Renwick who abstained. Members noted that the Clerk’s final day of employment will be Friday 30th August and ratified the appointment of the Deputy Clerk as Clerk from 1st August to accommodate staff holiday arrangements.</p>	
	<p>There were no other matters for discussion and the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.05 hrs.</p>	

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DATED:.....