

# OLD BASING & LYCHPIT PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>FULL PARISH COUNCIL</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Tuesday 7 January 2020</b>
<b>Location:</b>	Parish Council Meeting Room
<b>Time:</b>	7.30 pm
<b>Members Present:</b>	Cllrs A Renwick (Chair), R Doust, S Brown, A Jones, R Barker, V Riley-Shaw, M Oszczyk, D Whiter, J Robinson, Cllr P Bloyce
<b>Members Absent:</b>	K A Chamberlain, C Fowler
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Mrs S Tuck (Clerk), L Orvis (Finance Officer), 1 member of the public Cllr O Cubitt

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	<b>The Chairman wished all present a Happy New Year and advised them of the fire regulations.</b>	
<b>1.</b>	<b>COUNCILLOR RESIGNATIONS &amp; APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>	
1.1	Letters of resignation were received from Cllrs Fowler and Chamberlain. The Chairman explained the reasons for their resignations and passed around the table a letter he had written to Cllr Fowler.	
1.2	There were no apologies for absence.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES</b>	
	Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting of 3 December 2019 were confirmed as a true record of the business conducted.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	
	No declarations of interest.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION</b>	
	The Chairman suspended Standing Orders and invited the resident present to address the meeting. He expressed his concerns about the Increase in speed and volume of traffic in Old Basing, and Park Lane in particular, especially during school run times when parking is an added problem and suggested the 30mph signs along Park Lane should be increased in size and an illuminated speed indicator introduced. Cllr Robinson confirmed the problem had become worse in recent years, particularly parking at the end of Park Lane nearest the schools. The Chairman resumed Standing Orders stating that further discussion would take place under the relevant Agenda item.	
<b>5.</b>	<b>MATTERS RELATING TO FINANCE</b>	
5.1	The high electricity cost relating to the showers was queried and the Clerk confirmed that improvements to the showers was currently being investigated. The Invoice Log detailing the previous month's invoices, petty cash expenditure and salary costs was then <b>received and ratified.</b>	<b>Grounds Mgr</b>

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5.2	The Clerk's note regarding insurance on the parish buildings and the advice from the brokers was <b>received and noted.</b>	
5.3	Information from VisionICT regarding Website Accessibility Compliance was noted and <b>the additional cost to implement such measures was agreed subject to clarification of possible ongoing admin fees and Cllr Oszczyk and the Clerk were happy with VisionICT's response.</b>	Clerk / MO
<b>6.</b>	<b>CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS</b> No items.	
<b>7.</b>	<b>MONTHLY MONITORING REPORT</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Issue with Castle Water – Chairman and Clerk spoke to CCW again and await outcome of CCW contact with Thames Water. The Chairman asked whether there was a local Thames Water office where direct contact could be made.</li> </ul>	Clerk / Chairman
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crown/Church Lane footpath – Grant Funding not available due to size of Parish. Cllr Still will contribute £1,000 towards costs; PC will contribute £1,000. Rights of Way Officer will make a site visit during January to ascertain whether the footpath meets the criteria for S106 funding. ES will follow up.</li> </ul>	ES
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Bank Account with Nationwide to be opened with a nominal balance (£5,000) pending receipt of 2020/21 Precept – Finance Officer recommended postponing this pending completion of high expenditure projects.</li> </ul>	Clerk / FO
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Computer upgrades – NAS installed. Decision needed on installing Office 365 – not urgent.</li> </ul>	MO/Clerk
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safety on recreation ground – Archery SLA revised and sent to solicitors for comment together with Tennis Club Lease following recent meeting with solicitors.</li> </ul>	Chairman /Clerk
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Office equipment – telephone handsets purchased and in use. Emergency mobile phone set up. Finance Officer's laptop now used for meetings. <b>Close.</b></li> </ul>	Clerk
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commemorative Benches – form to be drafted.</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electronic Planning Applications – Assistant Clerk in contact with Planning Officer regarding access. To be added to next planning agenda.</li> </ul>	Asst. Clerk
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lychpit footpaths – unsatisfactory repairs - photos already forwarded to Cllr Still.</li> </ul>	
<b>8.</b>	<b>REPORTS FROM DISTRICT &amp; COUNTY COUNCILLORS</b> Cllr Cubitt commented on revised SHELAA – Local Plan now only has 5 year lifespan so will be re-appraised this year when	

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	<p>SHELAA sites will be re-evaluated. New Government formula requires more than 845 houses p.a. therefore pressure on this side of Basingstoke is greater. Cllr Cubitt expressed huge concern regarding transport and a possible by-pass and said the delay in a decision on the motorway service station is worrying. She urged all to look at sites on the SHELAA which will be seriously considered this year.</p> <p>Cllr Cubitt commented that a planning application for the solar farm not yet been submitted and said she and Cllr Godesen completely supported the Parish Council's views.</p> <p>Cllr Bloyce commented that solar panels were preferable to housing. Cllrs Cubitt and Godesen are meeting with the canal group and other bodies and Cllr Cubitt asked to be included on the sub-committee's distribution list.</p> <p>Cllr Cubitt urged councillors to engage in the housing &amp; homeless strategy survey.</p> <p>RD commented on the state of rubbish after bin collections – Cllr Cubitt will forward to portfolio holder.</p> <p>Cllr Godesen sent apologies for not attending due to illness.</p> <p>Cllr Still was unable to attend but her update on the proposed yellow lines in Milkingpen Lane was read. Cllr Cubitt advised that following consultation and meetings with residents – a counter proposal was submitted to the officer resulting in a lengthy delay. However, residents were not all agreed on the proposal and she had asked that the project be suspended. There had been no further action.</p> <p>The Chairman ended the discussion requesting the Clerk arrange a meeting between the Parish Council, Borough and County Councillors to agree a way forward.</p>	<p>Asst. Clerk</p> <p>OC</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<b>9.</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</b>	
	<p><b>9.1</b> Confirmation from Historic England and the Borough Council that the Old Basing War Memorial has been awarded Listed Building Status was <b>received and noted</b>.</p> <p><b>9.2</b> Correspondence from a resident expressing concern at the unacceptable parking in Milkingpen Lane and the condition of the road surface was <b>received</b>. The Chairman's proposal to speak to the resident about the historic traffic problems in Old Basing and the 2007 report was <b>agreed</b>.</p>	Chairman
<b>10.</b>	<b>REPORTS FROM COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES</b>	
	<p><b>10.1</b> <b>OB Village Hall (VRS)</b> – meeting on Thursday.</p> <p><b>10.2</b> <b>Beddington Centre (AR)</b> – no report – unable to attend meeting due to PC commitments.</p> <p><b>10.3</b> <b>Basinga (PB)</b> – meeting on 22 April.</p> <p><b>10.4</b> <b>BDAPTC (AR)</b> – no report.</p>	

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10.5	<b>Transport (AJ)</b> – Nov. figures for no. 55 bus around 850 per month – average since Waitrose & MS drop offs introduced increased from 140 to over 500 per month. Change to route not successful so reverting to original.	
10.6	<b>Carnival (VRS)</b> – meeting tomorrow.	
10.7	<b>Incinerator Liaison Panel &amp; ERF (DW)</b> – no report.	
10.8	<b>Footpaths/Rights of Way (RD/MO)</b> – no report.	
10.9	<b>Country Watch (AR/JR)</b> – no report.	
10.10	<b>Crime Statistics (JR)</b> – no report.	
10.11	<b>Speedwatch (PB)</b> – still need volunteers.	

## 11. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

- 11.1 The report & recommendations of the MUGA sub-committee based on a survey of users had been circulated in advance of the meeting.  
Cllr Brown thanked councillors for their views. The survey was based on 100 out of 180 responses, most as a result of the Facebook notification. The recommendation is to retain the MUGA and erect a pitched net to contain footballs.  
Cllr Robinson reported on his conversation with the resident who did not wish to see the facility closed.  
Cllr Whiter queried the strength of the netting and whether it would sag and suggested a partial covering may be an option.  
Cllr Bloyce objected to spending more money on the MUGA and queried whether S106 funding was available to cover the costs. He said residents should be made aware of the costs involved, possibly via the Facebook page.  
The Chairman proposed the following:
- a. The MUGA should be retained and remain open.  
**Cllr Bloyce abstained – all others in favour.**
  - b. An A Frame netting roof should be installed at a cost to be ascertained by the Grounds Manager and not exceeding £6,645.00 plus VAT (quote from Foresport Fencing) and subject to other netting possibilities being explored.  
**Cllr Bloyce voted against – all others in favour.**
  - c. The cost of re-installing netball/basketball hoops to be investigated. These should be basketball size to accommodate footballs.  
**Cllr Bloyce abstained – all others in favour.**
- 11.2 Information from the Royal British Legion regarding VE Day 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorations was received. MO commented on his recent discussion with RBL representatives when he had indicated the Parish Council would offer support for any activity such as a street party.  
**Clerk to write to RBL.**

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11.3	A request from the tenant of The Cottage for permission to keep a cat or small dog was <b>agreed</b> .	
11.4	Following the representations of the resident attending the meeting Cllr Renwick proposed that the Parish Council asks HCC to increase the size of the 30 mph signs along Park Lane and to consider installing a flashing movable speed indicator. Councillor Whiter reminded councillors of the outcome of the meeting with the highways representative regarding Hatch Lane. However, <b>it was agreed the proposal should be put to HCC. Clerk to contact HCC.</b>	Clerk
<b>12. MATTERS RELATING TO COMMITTEES</b>		
12.1	The DRAFT Minutes of the following meetings in 2019 were received: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Facilities Management Committee of 10 December.</li> <li>b. Planning &amp; Development Committee of 17 December.</li> <li>c. Solar Farm Sub-Committee of 17 December. – <b>not received - unfinished</b></li> </ul>	
<b>13. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS</b>		
13.1	The Chairman’s proposal in respect of the Clerk’s hours in 2019 was <b>agreed unanimously</b> .	
13.2	The Chairman’s proposal that <b>staff undertaking Lychpit Hall caretaking duties should be paid at the rate paid to the regular caretakers was agreed</b> .	
<b>The meeting closed at 9.08 pm.</b>		

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