

BALDONS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Monday 14 March 2022, in the Village Hall

Present:	Dorothy Tonge (DT; Chairman), Stephen Dance (SD; Vice-Chair) Lauren Collett (LC), Elizabeth Gillespie (EG), Tom James (TJ; Clerk) Sam Casey-Rerhaye (SC-R, District Councillor), Robin Bennett (OCC)
Members of the public	There were 4 members of the public in attendance

Ref	Item	Notes	Action
103/21	Introduction by the Chairman	The Chairman welcomed councillors and members of the public.	
104/21	Apologies:	Apologies were accepted from John Maskell	
105/21	Declarations of Interests	There were no new declarations of interest	
106/21	Minutes of the Previous Meetings	The minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2022 were approved as an accurate record	
107/21	Matters Arising	There were no matters arising from the previous minutes	
108/21	Open Forum	Three matters were raised by members of the public: 1. Clarification on the planning regulations concerning permitted development on agricultural land 2. Support for the application for a shed to store cricket equipment 3. The silver jubilee tree is covered with ivy. LA agreed to investigate and report back.	
109/21	Village Matters	7(i) The Council has applied for a 20mph limit through the villages. A recent survey indicated that nearly 90% of residents supported the application. 7(ii) The Council approved, in principle, to the installation of a storage shed behind the cricket pavilion. The shed would be well hidden by the existing hedge. The Council requested further information concerning the height of the shed. The next stage is for the club to apply for permission from Queen's College. 7(iii) The Council received an update on the work of the southern track committee and thanked the committee for their dedication and hard work. 7(iv) BEC have submitted plans for the Queen's Jubilee. On Sunday 5 June, there will be an extended picnic for local families, starting at 12.30pm. The event does clash with a proposed cricket match against Islip.	

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		<p>The Council approved a grant of £500 to support the BEC Jubilee plans. Proposed: DT Seconded: LC</p> <p>The Council is also considering planting a tree to mark the Jubilee. LA agreed to identify a possible location for the tree and provide a quote for a suitable tree.</p> <p>7(v) The plans for Operation London Bridge. The announcement, when it arrives, will be distributed via the newsletter, Baldons Info and on noticeboards. There will be books of condolence in both churches.</p> <p>7(vi) DT referred to her email detailing her response to the OCC consultation on Transport Connectivity and Infrastructure. The response was discussed during the report from RB.</p> <p>7(vii) In response to a concern raised by LA, the Council agreed that SODC planning department would be asked to include ‘renovation and restoration’ of the Green to any planning application where building materials or waste might be stored on the Green.</p>	
110/21	Report from OCC	<p>RB highlighted parts of his monthly report; particularly the success of the recent secondary school placements and the award for commitment to LGBTQ+ employment.</p> <p>RB accepted that the consultation on Transport Connectivity and Infrastructure was somewhat cumbersome and encouraged the Council to OCC with recommendations.</p> <p>The following conclusions were agreed by the Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support in principle for the aims and objectives; increasing public transport and decreasing personal transport must be the goal. To achieve this, there must be major investment in the bus services in the region. All we have so far is a decrease in service and disrupted bus routes. 2. Concern at the targets and timescale for reducing car usage 3. Concern that additional and essential infrastructure and public transport will not be available to meet the targets as evidenced by recent reductions and route changes in public transport affecting our villages. 4. Council is opposed to any infrastructure project that results in an increase in the numbers of vehicles using the A4074 5. Support for a cycle route between Berinsfield and Cowley via the Baldons 6. Concern that villages will be disadvantages and left reliant on volunteer transport solution which may not be viable 	
111/21	Report from SODC	<p>In addition to the monthly report, SC-R provided some insight into the decision by SODC not to connect some Toot Baldon houses to the proposed Thames Water mains sewage scheme. The work to connect the houses is too expensive and thought to be overpriced. SC-R will contact JM, who has been leading the campaign to get mains drainage to all houses.</p>	
112/21	Treasurer’s report	<p>10(i) The current status of the accounts was scrutinized and accepted as an accurate record. The figures had been checked by JM, in line with the Council’s financial regulations. The Treasurer informed the Council that expected surplus at the end of the financial year will be around £500-750.</p>	

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113/21	Approval of payments	<p>10(ii) The Council approved the following payments:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Date</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Description</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Payee</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Amount (incl VAT) (£)</th> <th style="text-align: center;">VAT (£)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">12.1.22</td> <td>Dog waste bin emptying</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Tactical Facilities</td> <td style="text-align: right;">51.55</td> <td style="text-align: right;">8.59</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">18.1.22</td> <td>Newletter cost</td> <td style="text-align: center;">PCC of Baldons & NC</td> <td style="text-align: right;">186.68</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">15.2.22</td> <td>Pear Orchard project</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Ali Barne</td> <td style="text-align: right;">37.50</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">15.2.22</td> <td>Pear Orchard project</td> <td style="text-align: center;">D Vincenza Belli</td> <td style="text-align: right;">652.04</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Date	Description	Payee	Amount (incl VAT) (£)	VAT (£)	12.1.22	Dog waste bin emptying	Tactical Facilities	51.55	8.59	18.1.22	Newletter cost	PCC of Baldons & NC	186.68		15.2.22	Pear Orchard project	Ali Barne	37.50		15.2.22	Pear Orchard project	D Vincenza Belli	652.04		
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114/21	Planning applications 1.Pending	<p>P22/S0766/Ful. This is an application for a minor change to a property already approved by the Council. The amended application was approved.</p> <p>Application P22/S0524/AG, for a new vehicle track linking an existing track to a gate at Durham Leys Farm had already been approved under permitted development rules for agricultural properties. DT explained that the planning rules for farms was different from those governing residential properties. However, although permissible under the regulations, the Council had raised concerns about increased traffic along the bridleway.</p>																										
115/21	2. Decision	<p>The Council noted that the following applications had been approved by SODC:</p> <p>P21/S4243/HH, for development work at the following location: The Boundary House The Green Marsh Baldon The application is for: Use of the storage area above the garage to provide ancillary residential accommodation (retrospective).</p> <p>P21/S3685/HH, for development work at the following location: Aldworth Cottage 13B The Green Marsh Baldon The application is for: The Erection of Single Storey timber clad detached garden room/ outbuilding in rear garden</p>																										
116/21	Item for the next Agenda	<p>DT reminded councillors that their attendance was expected at the Annual Villages Meeting on Monday 4 April. The Village Clear-up day is booked for Sunday 3 April.</p>																										
117/21	Dates of the next meetings	<p>9 May 2022 11 July 2022 12 September 2022 14 November 2022 At 7.30 pm at the Village Hall</p> <p>The Annual meeting of the Villages will take place on Monday 4 April at 7.30pm</p>																										

Signed as a true record:

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