

BALDONS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Monday 13 September, 2021 in the Village Hall

Present:	Dorothy Tonge (DT; Chair), Lauren Collett (LC), Laurence Attewill (LA), Elizabeth Gillespie (EG), Tom James (TJ; Clerk)
Members of the public	There were three members of the public in attendance

Ref	Item	Notes	Action
053/21	Introduction by the Chairman	The Chairman welcomed councillors and members of the public.	
054/21	Apologies:	The Council accepted apologies for absence from John Maskell. EG explained that she had to leave part way through the meeting	
055/21	Declarations of Interests	There were no new declarations of interest.	
056/21	Minutes of the Previous Meetings	The minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2021 were approved as an accurate record	
05721	Matters Arising	(i) The Council was discussing the replacement of the tree outside the Mole Inn with Savills (ii) The Council had not received any response from Highways to the drainage problem at the top of the Croft.	
058/21	Open Forum	There were no matters raised by members of the public attending the meeting.	
059/21	Village Matters	7.1 (i) LA, DT met with Savills to discuss the trees on the Green. The Council were now waiting for a consultation paper from Savills. The Council was advised by Savills to remove a large number of self-seeded saplings along the ditch to open-up the view across the Green and to showcase the large specimen trees. (ii) It is still not clear who is responsible for the damaged culverts on the southern track. Savills agreed to investigate and report to the Council as part of their proposals for the Green. 7.2 DT gave a verbal report on the meeting with Lucy's Developments who will be developing the site at Durham Leys Farm. The developers were keen to minimise the damage to the track. Lucy's had delivered a letter to local residents with contact details of the project manager. 7.3. The Council thanked Peter Cave and Andrew Speight for their detailed and carefully researched paper on the restoration of the track. Given the costs of various approaches, it was agreed that crushed and graded stone was the only viable option. The question of ongoing maintenance of the track following restoration. The general view indicated that the council would	

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		<p>not be prepared to commit capital funds into the restoration of the track unless there was some kind of formal agreement with the track homeowners to maintain the track. Given the number of houses along the track, the contribution per household, to maintain their own frontage, would be manageable. Lucy's have agreed to contribute towards the restoration of the track from the Seven Stars Inn to their development.</p> <p>The Council agreed to purchase 4 bulk bags of Type 1 aggregate for volunteers to complete the repair work on the track. This would be paid with the remains of the track fund.</p> <p>7.4 Amended plans for the Solar Farm have been submitted which only deal with those objections from OCC. The amended plans fail to address the objections linked to loss of Green Belt and spreading industrialisation. The Council has been informed that this planning application is proving very difficult for OCC and will certainly go to Committee.</p> <p>7.5 Fireworks night will return to the Green on 6 November 2021.</p> <p>7.6. The Council needs to respond to the latest Oxfordshire 2050 plan. The plan proposes a number of options, some could result in up to 150,000 houses being built in the county. SD proposed that the response from the Council should focus on quality and affordability of housing, loss of the Green Belt, diversity and plans to run alongside the building to ensure changes in infrastructure met the demands of increased traffic. Responses must be submitted, online, by 8 October.</p> <p>7.7 The Council supported the plans to develop the pear orchard but agreed to contact the project leaders to acquire about the nature of the proposed hedging.</p> <p>7.8. The Council agreed to go ahead and instal posts long the southern track.</p>																									
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063/21		<p>9.2 The Council approved the following payments:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Description</th> <th>Payee</th> <th>£</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>30.6.21</td> <td>Mowing the Green</td> <td>Ady Podbery</td> <td>160.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9.7.21</td> <td>Strimming the ditch verges</td> <td>Oxon. Garden Contractor</td> <td>586.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>13.7.21</td> <td>Dog waste bin emptying</td> <td>Tactical Facilities</td> <td>96.66</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10.8.21</td> <td>Clerk's wages</td> <td>Tjames</td> <td>282.24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.9.21</td> <td>Dog waste bin emptying</td> <td>Tactical Facilities</td> <td>96.66</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>SD asked if the strimming of the ditch verges would happen once or twice a year. The Clerk explained that the Council agreed to one visit a year with the option of a second visit in the Autumn.</p>	Date	Description	Payee	£	30.6.21	Mowing the Green	Ady Podbery	160.80	9.7.21	Strimming the ditch verges	Oxon. Garden Contractor	586.00	13.7.21	Dog waste bin emptying	Tactical Facilities	96.66	10.8.21	Clerk's wages	Tjames	282.24	2.9.21	Dog waste bin emptying	Tactical Facilities	96.66	
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064/21	Planning applications 1. Pending	There were no new planning applications																									
065/21	2. Decision	The Council noted that the following applications had been approved by SODC: P21/S2516/HH for demolition of lean-to and construction of new lean-to extension at 11 The Green, Marsh Baldon																									

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		P21/S2610/HH for erection of double storey rear extension plus altered internal configuration at 2 Potland Cottages, Toot Baldon P21/S2706/LDP for installation of a caravan at the front of the property for ancillary residential use at 1 The Croft, Marsh Baldon. The Council had objected to this application but permission was granted under current legislation.	
066/21	Item for the next Agenda	Digital technology	
067/21	Dates of the next meetings	8 November 10 January 2022 14 March 2022 At 7.30 pm at the Village Hall	

Signed as a true record:

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