

BALDONS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council

Meeting held on Monday 13 March, 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present:	Dorothy Tonge (DT; Chair), Lauren Collett (LC), Stephen Dance (SD), Dawn McGiveron (DMcG), Tom James (TJ; Clerk) Sam Casey-Rerhaye (SC-R; SODC)
Members of the public	There were eight members of the public in attendance

Ref	Item	Notes	Action
114/22	Introduction by the Chairman	The Chairmen welcomed everyone to the meeting. Members of the public were invited to speak during the Open Forum. If appropriate, the agenda will be suspended on a particular item for a member of the public to make a statement.	
115/22	Apologies for Absence	Apologies were accepted from Laurence Attewill and Robin Bennet (OCC),	
116/22	Declarations of Interests	There were no declarations of interests from councillors	
117/22	Minutes of the Previous Meetings	The minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2023 were approved as an accurate record	Minutes approved
118/22	Matters arising	There were no matters arising	
119/22	Open Forum	The Council received complaints concerning the speed of the broadband in the villages. DMcG agreed to follow-up with BT and Gigaclear over the possibility of a high-speed fibre network. The issue relating to the bins belonging to the new Rickyard houses has been resolved.	
120/22	Village Matters (i) BEC Coronation grant	The Council approved a grant of £750 to BEC for their forthcoming Coronation Celebration on the Green Proposed: DMcG Seconded: LC	<u>Grant approved</u>
121/22	(ii) Citizens Advice grant	In recognition of the support given the local community, it was agreed to give the Citizens Advice Bureau £100 Proposed: SD Seconded: DT	Grant approved
122/22	(iii) May elections	There are elections for both Marsh and Toot Baldon Parish Councils on 4 May 2023. Councils wishing to be stand for re-election should inform the Clerk as soon as possible. The Clerk will be delivering nomination papers on 28 March.	Councillors to inform Clerk if intending to stand for re-election

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		<p>(iii) The Treasurer distributed a updated record of expenditure and budget for 2023/24. The Precept will yield a small surplus as a contingency fund.</p> <p>SD enquired about the SIL money held by the Council. The Clerk explained that all the money from the DL Farm development had been spent on the restoration of the southern track. The remaining money has come from the Hunters Gap development. This needs to be spent on an infrastructure project, ideally in Toot Baldon, within the next 5 years. Identifying a possible project(s) would be a priority for the new council in May.</p>	
<p>130/22</p>		<p>Local Planning</p> <p>P23/S0746/HH: Application for single storey rear and side extension at Rojac, The Green, MB The Council were concerned about the invasion of privacy of the extension on neighbouring property and the lack of detail on the application. The extension would also need to protect the culvert that runs through the garden. It was agreed that a site visit would be required before any decision could be made.</p> <p>P23/S0738/HH: Detached double garage at Parsonage Barn, The Green Marsh Baldon This was approved with the recommendation that an electrical charging point should be installed.</p> <p>Update on planning application, P22/S4323/FUL, for development work on land to the west of the Green Marsh Baldon The Council agreed that the response from the architects was their opinions and not based on fact or evidence. The Council remains strongly opposed to this project. DMcG and DT will contact the planning officer. If the application goes to committee, then this would be the time to hire a professional planning consultant.</p> <p>Solar Farm – appeal to the Secretary of State concerning the life span of the solar farm and application for the installation of an underground cable. The Council has submitted another objection to this application</p> <p>P23/S0729/HH Court Leys Toot Baldon Single storey rear extension with wine cellar below part of the new extension. Replacement single storey link between the main house and the existing music room. Alterations to the side stairwell, general refurbishment and alterations throughout, including the replacement of some existing windows and doors & addition of new</p>	

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		<p>crittall style glazed doors and windows in the rear of the music room. Conversion of detached garage to form a gym. Existing annex to be refurbished and upgraded.</p> <p>The Council agreed that a site meeting was required for this large and complex application. An extension to the deadline would also be necessary</p> <p>(b) Permissions granted for the following applications:</p> <p>The council has approved a planning application, reference P22/S4310/HH, for development work at the following location: 6 The Croft Marsh Baldon</p> <p>SODC has refused permission for development work at Penstemon House; application number P23/S0252/HH</p>	
131/22	Item for the next Agenda		
132/22	Dates of the next meetings	<p>15 May</p> <p>10 July</p> <p>11 September</p> <p>13 November</p> <p>The Annual Village meeting will take place on 17 April</p> <p>All meetings take place at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall</p>	

Signed as a true record:

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