

Baldons Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held on Monday 9th September 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present:	Cllr Dawn McGiveron (Chairman; DMcG), Cllr Andy Speight (Vice Chairman; AS), Cllr Lauren Collett (LC), Cllr Phil Price (PP), Cllr Sally-Anne Williams (SW), Cllr Adam White (AW), County Cllr Robin Bennett, District Cllr Sam Casey-Rerhaye (SCR), Catherine Morgan (Clerk)
Members of the public	There were three members of the public in attendance

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049/24	Introduction by the Chairman	The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
050/24	Apologies for absence	N/A.	
051/24	Declarations of Interests	There were no new declarations of interest made.	
052/24	Minutes of the Previous Meetings	The minutes of the meeting held on 8 th July 2024 were approved as an accurate record.	Propose SW, 2nd AS
053/24	Matters Arising	<p>Cllr Lauren Collett announced that she will be standing down from the Parish Council with immediate effect but is willing to continue helping out with volunteering. DMcG thanked her for her contribution to the Council. The Clerk to publicise the casual vacancy and to inform SODC.</p> <p>LC raised the issue of the overgrown vegetation around the pond by the school. Her husband would like to gather a team of volunteers to clear it. It was suggested to consult with the former Chair and the former Clerk on this as they were both heavily involved in this two years ago.</p> <p>AW raised the issue of the recent hot air balloon incident, causing damage to buildings and scaring animals, and highlighted this isn't the first time it has happened. AW suggested the PC investigates licensing arrangements on this and what the official flight path is.</p> <p>AS reported on the response from OCC regarding the traffic calming trial. Initial results from this show 80 plus contraventions per day. (judged as any journey time less than 10min through the villages.) This means cameras are likely to be installed. DMcG felt that this would be welcomed in the villages.</p>	<p>Action: Clerk</p> <p>Action: AW</p>
054/24	Open Forum	A member of the public asked the PC whether they know any more details regarding the energy storage system that they had received a letter about. DMcG said this is similar to an existing application (albeit separate and a different organisation), that the plan is currently conceptual and no	Action: DMcG to research further

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		planning permission has yet been applied for. DMcG believes it is regarding the new solar farm.	
055/23	Village Matters	<p>(i) Broader issues regarding brambles across villages AS suggested the Council should address the maintenance of broader areas of the Villages beyond just the grass cutting, strimming, ditch clearance and ponds. Footpaths and other areas have become overgrown in both Marsh and Toot Baldon. There is some money available that could be used for this this year and then an annual budget for it should be included in future precepts.</p>	Action: Clerk to invite TFM to quote. AS to formulate scope with MOPs.
		<p>(ii) Tree maintenance DMcG to speak to The Queen's College regarding responsibilities for trees along the avenue and crown-lifting by the cricket pavilion in addition to any other trees that require attention on the Green. AW mentioned the overgrown corner entering the village. This is believed to be the responsibility of private residents.</p>	Action: DMcG Action: DMcG to speak to residents in question.
		<p>(iii) Update on Green erosion AS met with OCC Highways department regarding their trial on verge erosion. It had been concluded that the Parish is not a suitable candidate for this trial. However, they are prepared to deal with the worst area on the approach into the Croft, but this would not allow for a passing place. When the PC met at the Croft they felt there does need to be accommodation for a passing place here but it needs to be in conjunction with protecting The Green. The PC is committed to creating a passing place but possibly it could be located further up the road. An MOP believed that this has always been a passing place and the recent issues stem from a refuse lorry cutting it up the verge here. DMcG said the PC is also looking into installing a mirror but might need planning permission for this. Other areas of Green erosion are also being looked at.</p>	Action: AS/DMcG to progress
		<p>(iv) Current status of playground consultation LC explained that this round was to understand whether there was a desire for a playground at all. The survey demonstrated there is, so the next step is to investigate the feasibility of the potential sites. DMcG asked that someone take on this project given LC's resignation. PP offered to now take the lead on this. Next steps to consult with the Village Hall Committee and progress feasibility scoping of the project.</p>	Action: PP to progress
		<p>(v) Review updated grass cutting SLA for approval The new grass cutting service level agreement was unanimously approved.</p>	Action: Clerk to sign new SLA with contractor Action: PP to indicate paths on plan. Clerk

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		It was agreed to seek a quote for mowing paths across the Green along the lines of the existing, informal routes.	to request quote																																																																																					
		<p>(vi) CiLCA training for Clerk in 2025 The Clerk reported that she would like to study for the CiLCA qualification next year, starting in January. This is comprised of a couple of training courses (£300+VAT) and the qualification itself (£450 no VAT), totalling £810 inc VAT, for which the Clerk requested that BPC fund 50% (£405). Following a number of questions this budget request was approved.</p>	Unanimously approved																																																																																					
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058/24	RFO report	<p>a. To receive the current status of the accounts</p> <p>The current status of the accounts were accepted and approved.</p> <p>b. To approve the invoices since July meeting</p> <p>Payment Schedule for 9th September 2024</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Description</th> <th>Payee</th> <th>Amount (incl VAT) (£)</th> <th>VAT (£)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>05/07/2024</td> <td>Google Cloud June + domain registr</td> <td>Google</td> <td>52.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>24/07/2024</td> <td>Road planings for the Southern trac</td> <td>Hazell & Jefferies</td> <td>660.00</td> <td>110.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>02/08/2024</td> <td>Clerk salary June</td> <td>C Morgan</td> <td>236.25</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>02/08/2024</td> <td>Clerk salary July</td> <td>C Morgan</td> <td>441.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>02/08/2024</td> <td>Clerk expenses July</td> <td>C Morgan</td> <td>30.60</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>02/08/2024</td> <td>Dog bin emptying July</td> <td>Tactical Facilities Management</td> <td>128.88</td> <td>21.48</td> </tr> <tr> <td>02/08/2024</td> <td>One-off flailing West Side</td> <td>Tactical Facilities Management</td> <td>288.00</td> <td>48.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>02/08/2024</td> <td>Grass cutting July</td> <td>Tactical Facilities Management</td> <td>141.50</td> <td>23.58</td> </tr> <tr> <td>07/08/2024</td> <td>Google Cloud July</td> <td>Google</td> <td>42.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>19/08/2024</td> <td>Grass cutting April</td> <td>Tactical Facilities Management</td> <td>141.50</td> <td>23.58</td> </tr> <tr> <td>19/08/2024</td> <td>Grass cutting May</td> <td>Tactical Facilities Management</td> <td>141.50</td> <td>23.58</td> </tr> <tr> <td>19/08/2024</td> <td>One-off extra cut cricket outfield</td> <td>Tactical Facilities Management</td> <td>78.00</td> <td>13.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>03/08/2024</td> <td>Grass cutting August</td> <td>Tactical Facilities Management</td> <td>141.50</td> <td>23.58</td> </tr> <tr> <td>03/08/2024</td> <td>Dog bin emptying August</td> <td>Tactical Facilities Management</td> <td>103.10</td> <td>17.18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>03/08/2024</td> <td>Clerk salary August</td> <td>C Morgan</td> <td>252.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="text-align: right;">Total</td> <td>2877.83</td> <td>303.98</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Date	Description	Payee	Amount (incl VAT) (£)	VAT (£)	05/07/2024	Google Cloud June + domain registr	Google	52.00		24/07/2024	Road planings for the Southern trac	Hazell & Jefferies	660.00	110.00	02/08/2024	Clerk salary June	C Morgan	236.25		02/08/2024	Clerk salary July	C Morgan	441.00		02/08/2024	Clerk expenses July	C Morgan	30.60		02/08/2024	Dog bin emptying July	Tactical Facilities Management	128.88	21.48	02/08/2024	One-off flailing West Side	Tactical Facilities Management	288.00	48.00	02/08/2024	Grass cutting July	Tactical Facilities Management	141.50	23.58	07/08/2024	Google Cloud July	Google	42.00		19/08/2024	Grass cutting April	Tactical Facilities Management	141.50	23.58	19/08/2024	Grass cutting May	Tactical Facilities Management	141.50	23.58	19/08/2024	One-off extra cut cricket outfield	Tactical Facilities Management	78.00	13.00	03/08/2024	Grass cutting August	Tactical Facilities Management	141.50	23.58	03/08/2024	Dog bin emptying August	Tactical Facilities Management	103.10	17.18	03/08/2024	Clerk salary August	C Morgan	252.00		Total			2877.83	303.98	<p>Accounts approved: Proposed DMcG, 2nd AS</p> <p>Invoices approved</p>
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059/24	Local Planning	<p>To consider and agree new planning applications:</p> <p>None</p> <p>To receive decision notices:</p> <p>P24/S2133/NM: Non material amendment to application P23/S0738/HH (Detached double garage with associated alterations to landscaping and turning area) - to relocate turning area so as not to conflict with access rights. Parsonage Barn, The Green Marsh Baldon OX44 9LJ (Planning agreed).</p> <p>P24/S1968/DIS: Discharge of condition 12 (vision splay) on application P22/S1541/FUL - appeal ref APP/Q3115/W/22/3308675 (Application under Section 73 (of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990) for the variation of condition 3 on application P20/S4360/FUL - to extend the time limiting restriction of the operational life of the proposed</p>																																																																																						

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		development from 35 to 40 years resolving the discrepancy between condition 3 and condition 19). Land to South West of Cowley Substation Nuneham Courtenay OX44 9PA (Partially Discharged on 14th August 2024).	
060/24	Item for the next Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trees • Parking areas on the Green • Play area update 	
061/24	Agree dates of Meetings 2025	13th January 10th March 14th April - Annual Parish Meeting 12th May - Annual Parish Council Meeting 14th July 8th September 10th November	
062/24	Date of Next Meeting	Monday 11 th November 2024 at 7.30pm.	
063/24	Future dates	Meeting ends 21:15	

Signed as a true record:

Date: