

BALDONS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11 September 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present:	Dawn McGiveron (DMcG), Phil Price (PP), Andy Speight (AS), Adam White (AW), Lauren Collett (LC), Sally-Anne Williams (S-AW), Lisa Fermer (acting clerk), Sam Casey-Rerhaye (SODC)
Members of the public	There were three members of the public in attendance

Ref	Item	Notes	Action
059/23	Introduction by the Chairman	The Chairman welcomed and thanked the members of the public for attending the meeting	
060/23	Apologies for absence:	Apologies were accepted from Robin Bennett (OCC) and Tom James (clerk)	
061/23	Declarations of Interests	There were no new declarations of interest made.	
062/23	Minutes of the Previous Meetings	The minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2023 were approved as an accurate record	Approved
062/23	Matters Arising	The planning application for 2 Eco-houses in Nuneham Courtenay. The Chairman had been in touch with Nuneham PC and agreed to co-ordinate the council's response with them. Nuneham PC would welcome further engagement and dialogue.	
063/23	Open Forum	Given the increase in fly-tipping and general litter, it was suggested that the council should organise an 'Autumn Clear-Up'. This would take place on 11 November 2023 at 10.30am.	Note in Parish Newsletter
064/23	Village Matters	<p>Update on Strategic Plan</p> <p>(i) Tinny Lane</p> <p>Despite numerous approaches from the Clerk, Hazel and Jefferies appeared reluctant to engage with the project. It was decided the Council would search for another contractor. In the meantime, it was agreed to organise a weekend for volunteers to remove or coppice those trees that overhung the ditch, in line with the advice from the Countryside Officer. This would help the track to dry-out. Proposed date was 28/29 October.</p> <p>(ii) Play provision on the Green</p> <p>The council proposes to consult villagers using an online questionnaire. LC to help with the survey, which should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location • Definition of play provision • Feedback from residents 	

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		<p>There are a variety of grants available but given the likely cost, it is important to get the planning correct. Previously, the idea of play provision was strongly opposed by the residents and so consultation is important.</p> <p>Clerk was asked to gather information concerning possible grant-awarding bodies. Match funding by the council would increase the chances of a successful application.</p> <p>(iii) Bench on the Green</p> <p>Given the time of year and future budget-setting, it was agreed to wait until the Spring and fund from 2023/24 budget.</p> <p>(iv) Revision of the Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>It was proposed that a complete revision should be completed by February 2024. SC-R advised the council that revision should take place every three years and so therefore overdue.</p> <p>The process will require another consultation and referendum, which is a legal process scheduled by Democratic Services. Grants are available for the revision and Democratic Services will provide help, where required.</p> <p>(v) Replacing stiles with gates along the Oxford Green Belt</p> <p>This is part of a long term plan, implemented by OCC for the replacements of stiles with ‘kissing gates’. The council footpath ambassador will monitor the project.</p>																																																													
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067/23	Treasurer’s report	The reconciled accounts for July and August, verified by Cllr Price, were approved. Proposed: S-AW Seconded: DMcG																																																													
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069/23	Cash reserve	The council unanimously agreed that it should maintain cash reserves at £5000. Any major expenses should be budgeted for next financial year.																																																													
070/23	Local Planning	Mole Inn – replacement of agricultural barn with 12 B&B rooms. This was discussed at length, with the council concerned about the size and design of the building, its proximity to a listed building and the conservation area. With a number of developments in this area, the																																																													

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		council had raised the issue of increased traffic in Toot Baldon with Highways. 25 The Green – rear extension. Views from the council were not unanimous and therefore it was agreed to arrange a site visit with the applicant before submitting the response by 4 October.	
071/23	Planning decisions	Permission had been granted for internal changes to Parsonage farm	
072/23	Item for the next Agenda	Oak posts along the southern track Budget for 2024/25	
073/23	Date of Next Meeting	13 November 2023 at 7.30pm	
074/23	Future dates	8 January 2024 11 March 2024 22 April 2024 – Annual Villages Meeting (to be confirmed) 13 May 2024 – BPC AGM 8 July 2024 9 September 2024 11 November 2024.	

Signed as a true record:

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