

## **BASILDON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of Basildon Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Upper Basildon on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

Present: Ms Halina Czajka, Mr Oliver Chadwyck - Healey, Ms Sarah Barnes, Mr Alan Law, Mr Ian Parsons (Chair) and Robert Greasley (clerk),

Apologies were received from Councillors Jones, Couchman and Cox

The following members of the public attended the meeting:

Mr Field

### **1 OPEN FORUM**

The issue of parking in Lower Basildon was raised by Mr Field. Currently, a number of properties have very little parking available with Mr Field's own house having no allocated spaces at all. With the removal of parking from Church Lane the situation has deteriorated further. The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council could offer no financial assistance but would be happy to get involved should any fresh alternatives become available and it was suggested that a further meeting with Highways should take place.

### **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

### **3 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> June having been circulated to members were declared correct and signed by the Chairman.

### **4 PLANNING**

The following planning applications were reviewed:

Review applications

19/01117 - Tomb Farm, Change of Use

The Parish Council reviewed the application and had no objections subject to the views of the conservation officer.

Confirmed Decisions

19/01034 Caius Cottage, Orangery - Approved (PC No Objection)

19/00702 Emery Down House, New Garage - Approved (PC Objection)

19/01056 Bethesda, Bethesda St, Replacement Garage - Approved (PC No objection)

It was noted that Chandos Chase (revised driveway) had gone to appeal.

### **5 REVIEW OF OPEN ACTIONS**

The refurbishment of Wakemans play area is almost complete.

The next NAG meeting is on w/c 8<sup>th</sup> July with the Chairman hoping to attend.

The Chairman will look into options for a new circular bench on the village green following a request from local residents.

Councillor Barnes will measure the Lower Basildon noticeboard so that a replacement can be ordered.

The Clerk confirmed that section 137 rules allows a greater variety of spend than first thought. The clerk requested that councillors continue to look for projects to support in the community.

The Clerk will chase again the speed and traffic management report.

Councillor Barnes confirmed that the footpath between Skew Bridge and Lower Basildon has been reported to WBC as being overgrown. Additionally, a number of pot holes in the parish have been reported.

#### 6 FOOTPATHS, HIGHWAYS AND OPEN SPACES

Fly tipping was reported and cleared by the entrance to Broom Wood (Aldworth Road). All other footpaths remain in good condition with footpath 18 flagged to WBC as becoming a little overgrown.

#### 7 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

The District Councillor continues to work on local issues and updated the meeting with the following:

Following the recent election the District Council is now made up of 24 Conservatives, 19 Liberal and 3 Green Party representatives.

The District Council has declared a climate change emergency. This means that all policies reviewed must consider the climate impact.

The Grotto remains a concern and WBC continue to work to ensure its protection by working closely with developers to ensure the building receives the necessary attention.

#### 8 FINANCE

The following cheques were presented to the meeting:

Ch No	PAYEE	PURPOSE	NETT	VAT	TOTAL
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			£	£	£
103268	R Greasley	Salary	350.83	0.00	350.83
103269	HMRC	Tax on salary	234.00	0.00	234.00
103270	Scofell	Grass Cutting	366.50	73.30	439.80
103271	West Berkshire Council	Library Contribution	1740.00	0.00	1740.00
103272	Country Neighbour	Donation	250.00	0.00	250.00

The Council accepted cheque numbers 103268-103272 and the ongoing Standing Order to cover litter picking was confirmed.

Reconciliations have been completed and no issues reported and the external audit has been sent off following its signing last month.

#### 10 CORRESPONDANCE

No correspondence was received.

#### 11 OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

The meeting concluded at 8:30pm