

BASILDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Basildon Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Upper Basildon on 4th September 2019.

Present: Mr David Jones, Mr Ian Parsons (Chair), Mr Chadwyck – Healey, Ms Sarah Barnes and Ms Elaine Cox and Robert Greasley (clerk),

Apologies were received from Ms Halina Czajka and Mr Geoff Couchman,

1 OPEN FORUM

Mr Golton attended the meeting and raised the issue of the footpath by the Grotto. This will be followed up the clerk and chairman.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6th August having been circulated to members were declared correct and signed by the Chairman.

4 PLANNING

The following planning applications were reviewed:

19/01911 16 Kiln Ride, Single Storey rear extension

The Parish Council had no objections subject to the views of neighbours

10/01913 Tomb Farm (Shooting School), extension

The Parish Council had no objections subject to the views of neighbours but noted that dark skies policies should be adhered to. Additionally, West Berkshire Council should consider the potential impact of increased traffic to and from the site when making any decision.

Confirmed Decisions:

19/00289 Flint House - New Garage, WBC Approved, PC No objection

19/00102 Maple Corner, New house, WBC Rejected, PC Objection

19/00186/187 Grotto, New hotel , WBC Approved, PC No objection

5 REVIEW OF OPEN ACTIONS

Councillors reviewed a number of questions for the planning department and agreed on twelve points to be raised at an upcoming meeting. These covered settlement boundaries, general procedures and other relevant areas with the chairman set to report on progress at the next meeting.

The new bench for the village green has been selected and an order placed.

Vandalism has taken place on two occasions at the old phone box in Lower Basildon. The Chairman confirmed that damage has been repaired.

The Chairman will write to Beale Park and thank them for their discount scheme offered this year.

The Wakemans Park refurbishment is now complete and the final invoice has been signed off.

6 FOOTPATHS, HIGHWAYS AND OPEN SPACES

Footpath clearance has taken place across footpaths 3, 5, 6, 17

All other paths remain OK.

Signs warning motorists of horse riders in the area have been erected on Yattendon Road and at Kiln Hill.

7 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

The District Councillor continues to work on local issues.

8 FINANCE

The following cheques were presented to the meeting:

Ch No	PAYEE	PURPOSE	NETT	VAT	TOTAL
			AMNT		
			£	£	£
103283	R Greasley	Salary	350.83	0.00	350.83
103284	HMRC	Tax on salary	234.00	0.00	234.00
103285	Scofell	Grass Cutting	366.50	73.30	439.80
103286	I Parsons	Laptop	229.99	0.00	229.99
103287	I Parsons	Phone Box glass	78.20	0.00	78.20
103288	I Parsons	Phone Box glass	63.94	0.00	63.94
103289	Opio Ltd	Park Refurbishment	1277.02	0.00	1277.02

The Council accepted cheque numbers 103283-103289 and the ongoing Standing Order to cover litter picking was confirmed.

Reconciliations have been completed and no issues reported. The Clerk confirmed that there has been no reply from HMRC re: VAT reclaim and also that the auditors are yet to formally confirm that the audit is complete.

10 CORRESPONDANCE

No correspondence was received.

11 OTHER BUSINESS

There has been a number of recent attempted burglaries in the Parish with a concentration of activity in the Bethesda Street area. Residents should be vigilant and report any suspicious activities.

The meeting concluded at 8:30pm