

BASILDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Basildon Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Upper Basildon on 3rd October 2019.

Present: Mr Geoff Couchman Mr Ian Parsons (Chair), Mr Chadwyck – Healey, Ms Sarah Barnes, Ms Halina Czajka and Robert Greasley (clerk),

Apologies were received from Ms Elaine Cox and Mr David Jones.

1 OPEN FORUM

The Clerk was asked to write to the Country Neighbour regarding a number of rural issues and will share this amongst councillors before submission.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 4th September having been circulated to members were declared correct and signed by the Chairman.

4 PLANNING

The following planning applications were reviewed:

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19/02356 4 Kiln Ride - Alternations and new garage roof

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

19/02155 Basildon Park - Stonework Repairs

The Parish Council had no objections subject to the views of the conservation officer

19/02272 Robin Hill Farm - Extension

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

19/02301 Granary Cottage - Extension

It was noted that the Application had only just arrived and needed to be reviewed prior to the November meeting - there was no orange sign in place at the property.

The Parish Council had no objections subject to the views of neighbours but noted the following:

There was concern over the loss of the garage and the Parish Council would oppose any permanent on road parking in an area so close to Darby Lane where both entrance and exit to it would be hindered.

Dark Skies policies should be adhered to with any lighting.

The following decisions were confirmed:

19/01911 16 Kiln Ride - Extension - WBC Approved, PC No Objection

19/01727 Myrtle Cottage - New Garage - WBC Approved, PC No Objection.

18/02885 Chandos Chase - New Driveway - Appeal Refused

5 REVIEW OF OPEN ACTIONS

It was confirmed that the local WI have been updated regarding local traffic issues at a recent meeting.

The Parish Council have committed to covering the costs for additional gritting as per previous years with the Pangbourne Road and Bethesda included in addition to the main road through Lower Basildon which WBC already commit to.

The Chairman has visited Beale Park and thanked them for the discount scheme which benefitted approximately 40 families in the Basildon Parish. The Parish Council also voted in favour of purchasing a bike rack for Beale Park to install to aid visitors.

The Chairman confirmed that he and Councillor Cox will be attending the district Parish Conference.

A report on the play equipment at the Village Hall has been received and a number of recommendations noted. Councillor Chadwyck – Healey will contact the company responsible regarding quotes for the necessary work. The Wakemans Park was confirmed as being in good condition following its recent refurbishment.

The Phone box in Lower Basildon has been vandalised for the third time in a matter of weeks. The Parish Council will cover the cost of any repairs and the Chairman thanked those currently looking after the library there. Prevention methods were also discussed with Councillor Barnes set to investigate further.

A replacement noticeboard for Lower Basildon will be ordered by the clerk with the Chairman providing dimensions.

6 FOOTPATHS, HIGHWAYS AND OPEN SPACES

Footpaths remain in good condition with no actions required..

It was confirmed that WBC have cleared the footpath by the Grotto.

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
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			£	£	£
103290	R Greasley	Salary	350.83	0.00	350.83
103291	HMRC	Tax on salary	234.00	0.00	234.00
103292	Scofell	Grass Cutting	366.50	73.30	439.80
103293	Woodlands Suppliers	New bench	850.00	0.00	850.00
103294	Michael Cairns	Village Hall hedge tidy	950.00	190.00	1140.00
103295	PKF LittleJohn	Audit Costs	200.00	40.00	240.00

103296 PCC Basildon	Post Office hire	400.00	0.00	400.00
103297 I Parsons	Expenses	6.99	0.00	6.99
103298 NWDLT	Subscription	75.00	0.00	75.00

The Council accepted cheque numbers 103290-103298 and the ongoing Standing Order to cover litter picking was confirmed.

The Clerk confirmed that the auditors have signed off the latest returns.

10 CORRESPONDANCE

A letter was received from the North Wessex Downs Landscape Trust asking for the Parish Council to consider membership. Following a vote, a cheque was raised for £75 to cover the cost.

A local resident had contacted the Parish Council regarding the condition of the Village Green. The Chairman confirmed that he will write to them directly but outlined the following:

A circular bench has been ordered, paid for and will be delivered shortly.

The wildflower patches will be re-planted with more colour added by Scofell.

Replacement trees will be planted (2 of) to replace those which have died.

The Cherry trees have been reviewed and have approximately 5 years of life remaining.

11 OTHER BUSINESS

None was raised

The meeting concluded at 8:45pm with the next meeting scheduled for the 6th November.