

## BASILDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Basildon Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Upper Basildon on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

Present: Mr Geoff Couchman, Mr Ian Parsons (Chair), Mr David Jones, Mr Chadwyck-Healey, Ms Barnes and Robert Greasley (clerk),

Apologies were received from M Ms Halina Czajka & Ms Cox.

The following residents attended the meeting:

### 1 OPEN FORUM

No items were raised.

### 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Jones declared an interest in the Network Rail related issue.

### 3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> December having been circulated to members were declared correct and signed by the Chairman.

### 4 PLANNING

New applications

19/02947 - Maple Corner, Aldworth Road - New House

The Parish Council noted that the plans were broadly the same as those previously objected to and therefore continues to object to the application. The main areas of objection were as follows:

The proposed house is too large for the plot and this new application is for a house which is essentially the same size as was previously submitted. It affects immediate neighbours in a detrimental way through its size and placement and is generally unsympathetic to the site on which it will sit.

Access is still a major concern given the traffic on the Aldworth Road and the proximity of the plot to a large blind corner.

19/03031 22 Teneplas Drive, New House

The Parish Council objected on the following grounds:

The proposal represents over development of the site and parking has not been adequately considered.

The new property will sit outside of the settlement boundary and reduce the rural feel of the immediate area with the corner of Teneplas becoming overcrowded as a result.

The Council also had queries against the location plan which suggested that 22 Teneplas owns the road outside of the property( as opposed to the management company of Old Stocks Court). This should be investigated further by West Berkshire Council.

19/03119 St George, Blandys Lane - Enclose Carport

The Parish Council noted that the applicant was unaware of the need for planning when this work was done but objected on the grounds that the car port enclosure further detracted from the rural views which it had repeatedly campaigned for during the various planning applications raised for the Pamber Green development.

19/03120 Summit House, Blandys Lane - Enclose Carport

The Parish Council noted that the applicant was unaware of the need for planning when this work was done but objected on the grounds that the car port enclosure further detracted from the rural views which it had repeatedly campaigned for during the various planning applications raised for the Pamber Green development.

19/03066 Hillfield Farm, Lower Basildon - Replacement Dwellings

Having reviewed the application including the existing buildings, access and location the Parish Council had no objections with the proposal.

There were two confirmed decisions:

19/02616 Greenways, Ashampstead Rd, New Shed. PC No Objection, WBC Approved

19/02621 2 Spring Close, extension, PC No objection, WBC Approved.

## 5 REVIEW OF OPEN ACTIONS

It was confirmed that both a new bench (village green) and noticeboard (Lower Basildon) were now in place.

The Chairman confirmed that he has written to WBC regarding line painting in the Parish.

The Clerk has written to Network Rail regarding the new lineside fence. A reply has been received and shared with Alan Law who continues to investigate the issue and liaise with West Berkshire Council who in turn are in discussion with Network Rail.

The Chairman will write to the Country Neighbour regarding tree's for residents in the Parish and will speak to Scofell regarding both cost and also the grass cutting renewal project. Additionally, the Clerk will contact the management committee for Old Stocks Court on the same subject.

Both the Clerk and the Chairman will make enquiries as to the Village Market and its future running.

The Chairman will write to Beale Park re: Thameside seating.

## 6 FOOTPATHS, HIGHWAYS AND OPEN SPACES

Footpaths remain in a good if muddy condition.

## 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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			£	£	£
103311	R Greasley	Salary	350.83	0.00	350.83
103312	HMRC	Tax on salary	234.00	0.00	234.00

103313 PCC Basildon	Post Office Room Hire	400.00	0.00	400.00
103314 Opio Ltd	Noticeboard Install	75.00	0.00	75.00
103315 ESE Direct Ltd	Bike Racks (Re-issue)	156.24	0.00	156.24
103316 Opio Ltd	Bench Install (Village Green)	698.04	0.00	698.04
103317 I Parsons	Expenses	15.13	0.00	15.13

The Council accepted cheque numbers 103311-103317 and the ongoing Standing Order to cover litter picking was confirmed.

The Clerk confirmed the following:

Bank Statements match the cheque run and the Parish Council continues to have a healthy overall position although new projects would be welcome.

The ESE Direct Ltd cheque has been raised for a second time due to the first one being lost in the post (as confirmed by ESE Direct Ltd).

Additionally, the Clerk presented the revised 2020/21 budget. The key points to note were a reduction in costs due to the Village Show and the importance of continuing to support a number of initiatives eg the bus service, library and gritting. Additionally, money will be set aside to cover Village Hall costs as laid out in the agreement between the Village Hall Trustees and the Parish Council.

The Council agreed to the budget and voted to request £21,000 precept from West Berkshire Council. The Chairman noted to reduction compared to previous years which the Clerk confirmed was possible due to the expected spend and considerable reserves.

## 10 CORRESPONDANCE

Correspondence was received from Network Rail and is now with Alan Law.

## 11 OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting concluded at 8:55pm with the next meeting scheduled for the 5<sup>th</sup> February.