

BASILDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Basildon Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Upper Basildon on 6th August 2019.

Present: Ms Halina Czajka, Mr Geoff Couchman, Mr David Jones, Mr Ian Parsons (Chair) and Robert Greasley (clerk),

Apologies were received from Councillors Chadwyck – Healey, Barnes and Cox

1 OPEN FORUM

No items were raised.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

3 MINUTES

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

4 PLANNING

The following planning applications were reviewed:

19/01727 Mrytle Cottage (Ashampstead Rd), New Garage
The Parish Council had no objections subject to the views of neighbours

19/01975 Basildon Park National Trust, stonework renovation
The Parish Council had no objections.

Confirmed Decisions:

19/01117 Tomb Farm - Change of use, WBC Approved, PC No objection
19/01236 Former Barn House (Lower Basildon) - Conditions, WBC Approved, PC No view
19/01192 Greenwood (Ashampstead Rd) - Garage conversion, WBC Approved, PC No objection
19/01030 5A Spring Close, Granny Flat over Garage, WBC Approved, PC No objection
19/01034 Caius Cottage (Aldworth Road) - Orangery, WBC Approved, PC No objection.

5 REVIEW OF OPEN ACTIONS

Councillors Jones and Cox attended a CPRE planning workshop in Pangbourne. Discussions were held around Neighbourhood Plans and a character portrait of the parish. These will continue next month.

Libraries were discussed and it was confirmed that the library service had been contacted re: a stop in Lower Basildon.

The Clerk will chase again the speed and traffic management report and include Alan Law in the correspondence.

The Parish Council voted in favour of a new circular seat for the village green. The Chairman will begin the ordering process.

The Chairman confirmed that there is still no progress in obtaining two new waste bins for Upper Basildon. WBC have confirmed that they are unable to take on any more bins as they have reached the maximum with their contract. Other avenues that have been followed up are yet to yield anything positive.

6 FOOTPATHS, HIGHWAYS AND OPEN SPACES

Footpath clearance has been requested for footpaths 5 and 6. WBC have confirmed that they are on the list to be done.

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		
			£	£	£
103273	R Greasley	Salary	350.83	0.00	350.83
103274	HMRC	Tax on salary	234.00	0.00	234.00
103275	Scofell	Grass Cutting	366.50	73.30	439.80
103276	West Berkshire Council	Wakemans Lease	41.77	0.00	41.77
103277	CPRE	Membership	36.00	0.00	36.00
103278	Opio Ltd	Park Refurbishment	1200.00	136.42	1336.42
103279	West Berkshire Council	Gritting Costs	1415.04	283.01	1698.05
103280	PCC Basildon	Post Office Room Hire	400.00	0.00	400.00
103281	SSE Contracting Ltd	Streetlight repair	129.38	25.88	155.26
103282	R Greasley	Expenses (paper)	6.99	0.00	6.99

The Council accepted cheque numbers 103273-103282 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