

BASILDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Basildon Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Upper Basildon on 5th March 2020.

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

Apologies were received from Councillor Alan Law, Ms Czajka & Ms Cox

The following residents attended the meeting:

Mrs Dobson and Mrs Berks for planning and Mrs Lines.

1 OPEN FORUM

The issue of drainage was raised in Lower Basildon by Mrs Lines who has contacted West Berkshire Council on a number of occasions without success. The Parish Council will take Mrs Lines correspondence and approach both the ward councillor and the relevant District Council department.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were raised.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 5th February having been circulated to members were declared correct and signed by the Chairman.

4 PLANNING

New applications

20/00381 3 Spring Close (extension)

The Parish Council had no objections subject to the views of neighbours. Any exterior lighting should meet the conditions of West Berkshire's dark skies policy.

20/00424 Blandys Well (New Garden Room)

The Parish Council had no objections subject to the views of neighbours. Any exterior lighting should meet the conditions of West Berkshire's dark skies policy.

20/00309 Tanglewood, Bethesda St (Second Storey Extension)

The Parish Council had no objections subject to the views of neighbours. Any exterior lighting should meet the conditions of West Berkshire's dark skies policy. It was also noted that should the application be approved there would a considerable building presence at the site and consequently parking in front of the building should be fully utilised to avoid disruption.

20/0078 Robin Hill Farm, Mead Lane (extension)

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

20/00457 Hadleigh Wood, Bethesda St (extensions and new garage)

The Parish Council reviewed the application and objected to the situation of the new garage and the affect this will have on the street scene of Bethesda Street. It was felt that the garage had both a too high and too large a footprint to justify its proposed location. The Council noted that it had no objections with the proposed side / rear extensions.

Confirmed Decisions

19/03120 - Summit House, Blandys Lane (New Garage) - PC Objection / WBC Approved

19/03119 - St George, Blandys Lane (New Garage) - PC Objection / WBC Approved

19/03031 - 22 Teneplas (New Dwelling to side of existing) - PC Objection / WBC Refused

19/02700 - Clifton House (Dormer Windows) - PC Objection / WBC Refused

5 REVIEW OF OPEN ACTIONS

Councillor Jones confirmed that the library information sheet is prepared and ready to go to the printers.

Councillor Couchman confirmed that school parking signs have been ordered. The clerk will process payment once the invoice is received.

The Chairman confirmed that 4 questionnaires on the local area were complete and ready for submission. The Parish Council voted in favour of both accepting them and submitting them to West Berkshire Council.

Councillor Couchman confirms that he has contacted the local MP regarding phone reception in the area.

The Parish Council reviewed a number of grant applications and voted for the following:

A grant of £250 to be offered to the local Guides group to help with activities.

A grant of £500 to be made to St Barts church to help with heating.

Additionally, the Parish Council confirmed that it will pick up the remaining cost to enable a defibulator to be installed at the Church in Upper Basildon with Councillor Barnes also looking into possible locations for one to be installed in Lower Basildon. In all instances the clerk will write to the relevant groups regarding payment and other arrangements.

6 FOOTPATHS, HIGHWAYS AND OPEN SPACES

Footpaths remain in a good if muddy condition. A number of trees have been cleared following the windy conditions.

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 | | |
| | | | £ | £ | £ |
| 103320 | R Greasley | Salary | 371.93 | 0.00 | 350.83 |

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|-------------------|-----------------|--------|-------|--------|
| 103321 HMRC | Tax on salary | 248.00 | 0.00 | 234.00 |
| 103322 Vision ICT | Website Hosting | 200.00 | 40.00 | 240.00 |

The Council accepted cheque numbers 103320-103322 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. The new projects discussed are a positive step and the Parish Council can continue to fund areas of interest should it receive further requests.

10 CORRESPONDANCE

No correspondence was received during the month.

11 OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting concluded at 8:35pm with the next meeting scheduled for the 7th April.