

BASILDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Basildon Parish Council held online on the 5th August 2020.

Present: Mr Parsons (Chair), Mr Jones, Ms Barnes, Ms Cox, Mr Chadwyck-Healey

Minutes: Mr Greasley (clerk)

Apologies:

Councillors Law, Couchman, Czjaka.

1 OPEN FORUM

No issues were raised.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were raised.

3 MINUTES

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

4 PLANNING

New applications:

20/1465 Hillfields Farm, Lower Basildon – Change of use (livery barn)

The Parish Council had no objections but requested that WBC ensure that any permission given includes the caveat that the accommodation should only be used for weddings and not general use.

20/01522 12 Tenepas Drive – New dormer window

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

20/01192 41 Wakemans – new porch and cloakroom

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

20/01553 1 Blandys Lane – Certificate of Lawfulness

The Parish Council had no view on the proposal.

20/01671 Patchways, Kiln Corner – extension

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

Confirmed Decisions:

20/01055/56 Walnut Tree Cottage (new outbuilding) WBC Approved, PC Objection

20 /01262 12 Reading Road (extensions) was confirmed as withdrawn.

5 REVIEW OF OPEN ACTIONS

Speeding in the Parish was discussed and Councillor Jones presented the work that he and Councillor Czjaka had done both previously and in the last month. Councillor Jones confirmed that he has written to the local MP on behalf of the Parish Council and included information from a recent survey which showed that over 140 residents had complained regarding this issue.

The Chairman confirmed that Councillor Law is pushing through a members bid for replacement road painting (slow signs) with the Parish offering to make up any funding shortfall if required.

Councillor Chadwyck-Healey updated the meeting on the Wakemans play area and confirmed that a quote has been received to refresh the area and address a number of minor safety issues. The Parish Council voted to approve this work which will in turn kick off shortly.

The Chairman confirmed a quote had been requested for cutting the hedges around the village hall. This should be ready to bring to the next meeting. Additionally, having seen no progress from West Berkshire Council, the Parish Council will push ahead with cutting back trees/hedges which are causing a hazard in the area around the village green and will forward the bill to West Berkshire Council.

The Chairman requested and received approval from the meeting to approach Scofell for further (spring) bulb planting on the village green.

Councillor Cox has reported the general poor phone signal in the area to Vodafone. This will be followed up.

6 FOOTPATHS, HIGHWAYS AND OPEN SPACES

No footpath issues were reported this month. Footpath 5 has been cut back by West Berkshire Council.

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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			£	£	£
103353	R Greasley	Salary	361.58	0.00	361.18
103354	HMRC	Tax on salary	241.20	0.00	241.20
103355	Scofell Landscapes	Grass Cutting	366.50	73.30	439.80
103356	O Chadwyck – Healey	Reimbursement - sign costs	51.11	0.00	51.11

The Council accepted cheque numbers 103353 - 103356 and the ongoing Standing Order to cover litter picking was confirmed.

The Clerk confirmed the following:

Cheques and bank balances continue to match with no issues reported.

The external audit has been submitted to PKF Littlejohn for review with the relevant signage added to noticeboards across the Parish. The Chairman has also added the relevant files to the website.

9 CORRESPONDANCE

Further requests relating to discounted admission at Beale Park have been received. These have been addressed by the Chairman.

10 OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting concluded at 8:30pm.