

BASILDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Basildon Parish Council held online on the 6th May 2020.

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

The following residents attended the meeting: Mrs Mealor and Mr Kedar and Mr Manning.

1 OPEN FORUM

No issues were raised.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman declared an interest in the Timberley planning application and asked the clerk to lead the discussion.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6th April having been circulated to members were declared correct and signed by the Chairman.

4 PLANNING

New applications

20/00723 Timberley – New house in garden

The Parish Council objected on the following grounds:

The development is out of keeping with its surroundings and looks to add another layer of housing to the Pangbourne Road and stretch the settlement boundary to its absolute limit. It is unsympathetic in design for immediate neighbours and does nothing to counter the significant issues raised in the two previously refused applications which the Parish Council also objected to in the strongest terms.

Additionally, the following was noted:

Splays and visibility from the site fail to meet the required standards.

Boundaries remain an issue due to their intrusive nature on neighbours.

There had still been no consultation between applicant and local neighbours over the plans.

The driveway proposal fails to note a power line (and post) which blocks the route currently.

The new building will lack basic outdoor storage facilities required for a house of that size with a garden.

20/00756 2 Morrison Close – movement of oil tank

The Parish Council had no objections.

Confirmed Decisions

20/00608 Royal Berks Shooting School – New Wood Burning Stove – PC No Objection, WBC Approved

20/00424 Blandys Well – New Garden Room – PC No Objection, WBC Approved

20/00309 Tanglewood – Extension – PC No Objection, WBC Approved

20/00634 8 Captains Gorse – New Conservatory – PC No Objection, WBC Approved

20/00609 Royal Berks Shooting School – Relocation of marquee – PC No Objection, WBC Refused

A further application for Clayhanger farm (Certificate of Lawfulness) was confirmed as withdrawn.

5 REVIEW OF OPEN ACTIONS

The current position with regard to the Covid 19 virus was discussed and updates from around the village were presented.

The Rospa safety report for the two play parks in the Parish has been received. Councillor Chadwyck Healey will look into their recommendations and return with comments.

The condition of the War Memorial was discussed. Mr Mattheson was confirmed as having made arrangements for the war memorial around 10 years ago and will be contacted again by Councillor Czjaka regarding who was used for the work previously. Ownership and care was also discussed and it was agreed that this should fall under the Parish Council going forward.

The Chairman will contact the local MP regarding Mobile Phone Mast options for the Parish including the possibility of putting one on/against a pylon running across the Parish.

The Chairman will write to Beale Park to check on the health of the business.

The Clerk and Chairman will put together a reporting pack for the last years council activity and post it on the website. This will replace the annual assembly.

6 FOOTPATHS, HIGHWAYS AND OPEN SPACES

Footpaths are full recovered with weeds starting to grow in places. Footpaths 9 and 17 are slowly becoming overgrown and will need a cut back in the coming weeks. This was raised with Councillor Cox who will take the necessary action. Further fly tipping has been reported on the Aldworth Road and raised with WBC by the clerk who confirmed that the mess has been removed.

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		
			£	£	£
103330	R Greasley	Salary	361.58	0.00	361.58
103331	HMRC	Tax on salary	240.80	0.00	240.80
103332	R Greasley	Expenses (Various receipts)	58.11	0.00	58.11
103333	West Berks Council	Election contribution	75.00	0.00	75.00
103334	West Berks Council	Empty Litter Bins	117.84	0.00	117.84

103335 West Berks Council	Bus service contribution	1272.00	0.00	1272.00
103336 West Berks Council	Grounds Maintenance	25.80	5.16	30.96
103337 ROSPA	Playground(s) check	79.00	15.80	94.80
103338 Scofell Landscapes	Grass Cutting	366.50	73.30	439.80
103339 Norris & Fisher	Insurance Renewal	452.39	0.00	452.39

The Council accepted cheque numbers 103330-103339 and the ongoing Standing Order to cover litter picking was confirmed.

The Clerk confirmed the following:

Bank Statements match the cheque run and the internal audit is well underway. The expectation is that it will be brought to the Council at the June meeting for signing. Additionally, £10,500 of precept money has been received.

10 CORRESPONDANCE

No correspondence was received during the month.

11 OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting concluded at 8:30pm.