

BASILDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Basildon Parish Council held online on the 6th July 2021

Present: Mr Parsons (Chair), Ms Barnes, Mr Chadwyck-Healey, Ms N Larkin, Mr Couchman, Ms Cox

Apologies: Councillor Law, Mrs Greasley, Mr Jones.

Minutes: Mr Greasley (clerk)

1 OPEN FORUM

No items were raised.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were presented.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd June having been circulated to members were declared correct and signed by the Chairman.

4 PLANNING

The Parish Council considered the following new applications:

21/01490: 1 Kiln Corner, New Garden Room

The Parish Council reviewed the application and objected on the grounds that the plans were unclear with no firm detail provided on the location and whether the design listed was that which would be constructed.

21/01315: 4 The Orchids, Lower Basildon, Solar Panel Install on roof of house

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

Confirmed Decisions:

21/01302: Fairview, Newtown – Extension. WBC Approved, PC No Objection

21/01059, Rose Cottage, Newtown – Garden Room. WBC Approved, PC No Objection

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21/00988, Two Elms, Bethesda St – Extensions (Various). WBC Rejected, PC No Objection

21/00474, Honeysuckle Cottage, Aldworth Rd – Extensions. WBC Approved, PC No Objection

5 REVIEW OF OPEN ACTIONS

Councillor Chadwyck-Healey updated the meeting on the proposed purchase of further play equipment for the two recreation grounds in the Parish. For the Village Hall, a basketball hoop is proposed; two quotes have been received with the clerk will liaising with the Village Hall trustees over potential locations before an order is placed. For the Park at Wakemans, quotes for a large swing have been obtained and Councillor Chadwyck-Healey will look and advise on a suitable location. The Parish Council were happy to proceed with the cheaper of the two quotes.

Councillor Greasley has written to the Country Neighbour regarding clubs and societies and the potential for one off grants to be offered by the Parish Council. Interested parties should contact the clerk in the first instance with any proposal.

Councillor Larkin attended the climate forum and reported back on the main topics raised. Of note were a residents energy switching scheme which will be added to the Parish Council website, details of further tree planting in the local (county) area and a discussion over further recycling.

The Clerk has chased up West Berkshire Council regarding additional litter bins as no response has been received.

The invitation for a Beale Park representative to attend a Parish Council meeting has been followed up.

The Clerk confirmed that he will speak to the Youth club trustees regarding table tennis tables for the recreation ground as these were believed to have been proposed previously.

6 FOOTPATHS, HIGHWAYS AND OPEN SPACES

Footpaths are a little overgrown in places although some cut back has occurred in places. The Clerk will inform West Berkshire Council of any issues that arise and will follow up the request to West Berkshire Council to cut back the area between Hook End Lane and Church Lane on the A329. Additionally, Hook End Lane will be checked following reports that it is overgrown.

7 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

The District Councillor continues to work on local issues.

8 FINANCE

The following cheques were presented to the meeting:

Cheque No	Payee	Purpose	Nett	VAT	Total	Initial	Initial
103427	R Greasley	Salary	361.18	0.00	361.18		
103428	VOID	VOID					
103429	AGK Window Cleaning Services	Jet washing wakemans play area	150.00	0.00	150.00		
103430	Vision ICT	Re-issue of cheque not received (web hosting services)	200.00	40.00	240.00		
103431	West Berkshire Council	Road Salting	2242.46	448.49	2690.95		
103432	Scofell	Grass Cutting	409.63	81.93	491.56		
103433	West Berkshire Council	Wakemans Lease	41.77	0.00	41.77		
103434	HMRC	Tax on clerk salary	241.20	0.00	241.20		

The Council accepted cheque numbers 103427 – 103434 (note cheque 103428 was void) and the ongoing Standing Order to cover litter picking was confirmed. The clerk brought to the meetings attention cheque number 103430 which was re-issued after if it was confirmed by Vision ICT that they had not received the original.

The Direct debit to SSE was confirmed with the invoice yet to be formally received for this month.

Cheques versus bank statements were confirmed as correct and matching as required.

9 CORRESPONDANCE

General correspondence has been received by the Clerk and Chairman.

10 OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk requested that a cut off for planning applications be introduced of one week prior to the Parish Council meeting. This had been discussed with the Chairman prior to the meeting and was confirmed acceptable by Parish Councillors.

The meeting concluded at 8:15pm