

BASILDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Basildon Parish Council held online on the 2nd June 2021

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

Apologies: Councillor Law.

Minutes: Mr Greasley (clerk)

The following members of the public attended:

Mr & Mrs Hutton, Ms Mullins, Mr Clark, Mrs Worth, Mr Berks – all for planning.

1 OPEN FORUM

No items were raised this month.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were presented.

3 MINUTES

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

4 PLANNING

The Parish Council considered the following new applications:

21/00988, Two Elms, Alterations (various)

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

21/01059 & 60, Rose Cottage, New Garage

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

21/01107, The Grotto, Post fire clean up

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

21/01109, Blandys Well, Kitchen Extension

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

21/01163, Annex at Barn House, Certificate of Lawfulness

The Parish Council reviewed the application and had no view.

21/01289, Land at Wakemans, Outline planning permission for 4 new homes

The Parish Council reviewed the application and had no issues with the plans but objected on the grounds that the application was outside of the settlement boundary.

21/01255, Beech House, Extension

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

21/01217, Gardners Cottage, Certificate of Lawfulness

The Parish Council reviewed the application and had no view.

21/01312, Fairview, Newtown, Extension

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

Confirmed Decisions:

21/00833: Upstream, Aldworth Road – Garden Room. WBC Approved, PC No Objection

21/0588: The Cottage, Reading Road – New Door. WBC Approved, PC No Objection.

5 REVIEW OF OPEN ACTIONS

Councillor Chadwyck-Healey confirmed that the park at Wakemans has been cleaned and (where required) resurfaced. Elsewhere, the Park at the recreation ground has a faulty gate and a part has been ordered and repair man booked. Additionally, quotes have been received for a new swing for older children along with a basketball hoop complete with a hard standing area in front of it. The Parish Council voted in favour of proceeding with this and will select a suitable product from a couple of options once all quotes are received.

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.

Councillor Jones has met with West Berkshire Highways. Discussions centred around further traffic calming improvements including vehicle activated electronic signs and improved signage at strategic points. Work by West Berkshire Council will continue over the summer.

The Clerk has confirmed potential locations for new litter bins with West Berkshire Council. These will be at the top of Adders Lane and the footpath near the old Beehive pub.

A local resident has requested a new bench at the Village Hall Recreation Ground which they would like to dedicate to a family member. The Parish Council confirmed they had no issues with this and suggested that the bench be situated around the outside perimeter (as per others already in place). Costs were discussed and the expectation is that any bench would be privately funded.

Councillor Barnes has met with Beale Park representatives regarding tookie wood access and repairs to stairs. David Molyneaux, a trustee at Beale Park, has been invited to attend a Parish Council meeting to further discuss the trustee's plans and where the Parish Council may be able to assist going forward. Councillor Barnes will follow up the meeting invite.

The Chairman confirmed that two volunteers for the position of Vice Chairman had come forward. Both will share the responsibility as required.

6 FOOTPATHS, HIGHWAYS AND OPEN SPACES

Footpaths were confirmed as being in good condition with footpath 3 recently chopped back by West Berkshire Council. The Clerk has requested and received confirmation that footpath 17 will be cut back.

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
103420	R Greasley	Salary	361.58	0.00	361.58
103421	HMRC	Tax on salary	240.80	0.00	240.80
103422	Berkshire Hedges	Triangle Clean up	500.00	0.00	500.00
103423	O. Chadwyck-Healey	Easy Gate Repair Kit costs	201.60	0.00	201.60
103424	Ava Recreation Ltd	Surfacing work – Wakemans Park	2609.09	521.22	3127.31
103425	Business Services at CAS Ltd	Parish Council Insurance	300.76	0.00	300.76
103426	Scofell Commercial Landscapes	Grass Cutting	409.63	81.93	491.56

The Council accepted cheque numbers 103420 – 103426 and the ongoing Standing Order to cover litter picking was confirmed.

The Direct debit to SSE was confirmed with amounts totalling £44.72 and £3.53 set to be paid shortly.

The Clerk confirmed that with the internal audit complete, the external audit paperwork was now prepared and ready to go to the Auditors. The Parish Council confirmed they were happy with the submission and the clerk will now make the necessary arrangements.

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 meeting concluded at 8:45pm.