

BASILDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Basildon Parish Council held online on the 12th August 2021

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

Apologies: Councillor Law, Mr Jones, Ms Cox, Mr Couchman

Minutes: Mr Greasley (clerk)

The following members of the public attended:

Mr Shlee, Mr & Mrs Burns

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 6th July having been circulated to members were declared correct and signed by the Chairman.

4 PLANNING

The Parish Council considered the following new applications:

21/01606 Hollins, Pangbourne Road – two storey extension

The parish council had no objections subject to the views of neighbours.

21/01816 Galvey, Village Green – replacement house

The parish council had no objections subject to the views of neighbours.

Confirmed Decisions:

21/01490 1 Kiln Corner Cottages – new garden room. WBC Refused, PC Objection

21/01109 Blandys Well, Blandys Lane – new kitchen extension. WBC Approved, PC No Objections

21/01302 Fairview, Newtown – extension. WBC Approved, PC No Objections

21/01315 4 The Orchids, Reading Road – solar panel installation. WBC Approved, PC No Objections

21/01107 The Grotto – fire related clean up. WBC Approved, PC No Objections

5 REVIEW OF OPEN ACTIONS

Councillor Chadwyck-Healey updated the meeting on the proposed purchase of further play equipment for the two parks in the Parish. As a next stage Wickstead will site visit and then the orders for both Wakemans and the Village Hall will be raised.

A resident of Lower Basildon has volunteered their services to the Parish Council to help monitor traffic speed. This will be followed up by the Chairman.

Councillor Couchman has agreed to provide a return from the Parish Council for improvements to the bus service. These returns will be added to other local suggestions for West Berkshire Council to consider.

Councillor Larkin has attended a climate forum via zoom and confirmed to the meeting that a number of trees will be distributed to Parish Councils to mark those who died as part of the pandemic. Councillor Larkin will keep the Parish Council updated as to progress.

6 FOOTPATHS, HIGHWAYS AND OPEN SPACES

Footpaths have been cut back in the last month across the Parish and are generally in good condition. Some overgrown areas remain including footpath 7 but the path is still useable.

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
103435	R Greasley	Salary	361.18	0.00	361.58
103436	HMRC	Tax on salary	241.20	0.00	240.80
103437	SSE	Streetlight repairs - Wakemans	1832.48	366.50	2198.98
103438	Scofell	Grass Cutting	409.63	81.93	491.56
103439	PCC Basildon	Post Office Room Hire Q1/Q2	800.00	0.00	800.00
103440	Berkshire Association of Local Councils	Annual Subs	425.15	0.00	425.15

The Council accepted cheque numbers 103435 – 103440 and the ongoing Standing Order to cover litter picking was confirmed.

The Direct debit to SSE was confirmed as being OK to proceed.

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

The external audit continues with only minor points of note raised by the auditors. These will be addressed by the clerk as and when required.

9 CORRESPONDANCE

The clerk has received a large wild flower seed pack from West Berkshire Council and this will be spread on the Village Green.

10 OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

The meeting concluded at 8:10pm