BASILDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Basildon Parish Council held online on the 12th April 2022

Present: Mrs Greasley, Mr Chadwyck-Healey, Ms Cox, Ms Barnes, Mr Jones (Chairman)

Apologies: Mr Couchman, Mr Parsons

Minutes: Mr Greasley (clerk)

The following members of the public attended:

1 OPEN FORUM

No items were raised.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were raised

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 9th March having been circulated to members were declared correct and signed by the Chairman.

4 PLANNING

The Parish Council considered the following new applications:

22/00483 1 Knappswood Close – retrospective change of land use

The Parish Council reviewed the application and objected on the grounds that the proposed area is outside of the settlement boundary.

22/00463 Garlands, Pangbourne Road – New house in front garden

The Parish Council noted that the previous application offered insufficient detail within the application form. This latest submission again fails to offer a clear indication of the new building and the council therefore objects to the application.

22/00500 Tomb Farm - Extension

The Parish Council reviewed the application and had no objections subject to the views of neighbours. It was noted that building traffic may affect the local area (verges etc) and the Parish Council requests that West Berkshire Council puts the appropriate conditions in place to ensure there is no long term environmental impact.

22/00712 The Topiary, Pangbourne Road – extension

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

22/00723 1 Teneplas Drive – extension

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

22/00310 Yew Cottage, Bethesda St – extension

The Parish Council reviewed the application and had no objections subject to the views of neighbours. The proposed space should be for use of the residents only and not be used as a separate dwelling.

22/00710 Foxhill Cottage - roof extension

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

22/00505 Emerys Farm, Beckfords – New access and cart shed

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

22/00814 Calisay, The Ridge (Lower Basildon) – New garage and store

The Parish Council reviewed the application and had no objections subject to the views of neighbours. The proposed space should be for use of the residents only and not be used as a separate dwelling.

22/00787 Fairview, Newtown – new fence

The Parish Council reviewed the application and objected on the grounds of the height of the fence and its situation and visual appearance within the AONB.

Confirmed Decisions:

22/00014, Clayhanger Farm, Machinery storage. WBC Approval – BPC No View

22/00300, Tree Cottage, Bethesda St, Electric charging point. WBC Approval – BPC No Objection

22/00142, Honey Pot House (Village Green), Extension. WBC Approval – BPC No Objection

22/00111, 5 Knappswood Close, Change of land use. WBC Refused – BPC Objection

22/00019, Claremont House, Bethesda St, Change of land use. WBC Refused - BPC Objection

21/03102, Beale Park, New Gatehouse. WBC Approved – BPC No Objection

The Council noted that application 22/00016 for Apple Tree Cottage (3 x new houses) was withdrawn.

5 REVIEW OF OPEN ACTIONS

The Clerk confirmed that the contract with Scofell has been signed with grass cutting now underway.

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had received the resignation of Councillor Larkin. The Chairman placed on records his thanks for Councillor Larkin’s various contributions whilst a member of the Council and hopes that in due course she will look to resume her role.

The Clerk confirmed that post meeting he’ll kick off the council insurance quotation process again with Councillors to vote on the options at the next meeting.

Councillors Chadwyck-Healey confirmed that discussions continue with the Jubilee Committee regarding the events for this summer. More on this will follow as plans are formalised.

6 FOOTPATHS, HIGHWAYS AND OPEN SPACES

Footpath 17 Was reported as having various trees obstructing the pathway; this has been raised to WBC by the Clerk.

Footpath 11 has a tree down on the path which the clerk will report.

7 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

The district Councillor updated the Parish Council on local issues.

8 FINANCE

The following cheques were presented to the meeting:

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| **Cheque No** | **Payee** | **Purpose** | **Nett** | **VAT** | **Total** |
| 103481 | R Greasley | Salary | 361.58 | 0.00 | 361.58 |
| 103482 | HMRC | Tax on salary | 2409.80 | 0.00 | 240.80 |
| 103483 | Greenham Trust | Support for Pangbourne Toliets Maintenance – Revision to cheque | 520.00 | 0.00 | 520.00 |
| 103484 | R Greasley | Stamps | 10.20 | 0.00 | 10.20 |
| 103485 | Great Outdoor Gym Company | Service work on equipment | 1020.00 | 0.00 | 1020.00 |
| 103486 | West Berkshire Council | Grounds maintenance | 55.06 | 11.01 | 66.07 |
| 103487 | Scofell | Grass cutting | 406.19 | 81.24 | 487.43 |

The Council accepted cheque numbers 103481 – 103487 and the ongoing Standing Order to cover litter picking was confirmed. The Direct debit to SSE was also confirmed as received and acceptable.

Cheques versus bank statements were confirmed as correct by the Clerk with no issues noted.

The Clerk informed the meeting that a second cheque was required for the Greenham Trust and that this was to replace ‘The Good Exchange’ which has recently changed its working name.

9 CORRESPONDANCE

None was received between meetings.

10 OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business and the meeting concluded at 8:50pm