BASILDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Basildon Parish Council held online on the 10th August 2022

Present: Mr Parsons (Chairman), Mr Couchman, Mr Jones, Ms Barnes, Ms Cox, Mrs Greasley,

Apologies: Councillor Law, Councillor Chadwyck-Healey

Minutes: Mr Greasley (clerk)

The following members of the public attended the meeting:

Ms Slinsgby & Reverend Fensome.

1 OPEN FORUM

The Parish Council discussed the parking situation around the school and the challenge of inconsiderate parking (and driving) in the vicinity of School Lane and Emery Acres. A number of areas were discussed including letters to parking offenders, line painting and park and walk schemes. Councillor Jones will write to the school outlining the Councils work to date and these suggestions for further discussion by the schools governing body. Included in this will also be the general suggestion of ‘kiss and drop’ which may be an option worthy of further consideration.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were raised.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 10th July having been circulated to members were declared correct and signed by the Chairman.

4 PLANNING

The Parish Council considered the following new applications:

22/01631. 1 Godwins Lodge, Park Wall Lane – oak framed office/gym

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

22/01577 Basildon Service Station – Advertising signage

The Parish Council reviewed the application and had no objections subject to the views of neighbours. The Council noted the potential for additional lighting and whilst it does not object to this, these should be switched off whenever the garage is not in use.

22/01614 Wellesley House, Maple Lane – replacement garage

The Parish Council reviewed the application and had no objections subject to the views of neighbours. The annex should be ancillary to the main house and for use of the residents only.

22/01686 4 Teneplas Drive – extension.

The Parish Council reviewed the application and had no objections subject to the views of neighbours but noted the loss of greenery due to the removal of the hedge. This seems at odds with the rural location in which the building is located.

Confirmed Decisions:

22/01347 12 Old Stocks Court, extension – WBC Approved, BPC No Objection

22/01152 2 Morrison Close, oil tank move – WBC Approved, BPC No Objection

22/01137 Two Elms, extension – WBC Refused, BPC Objected

22/01082 Knapps Cottage, Gardeners Lane, replacement outbuilding – WBC Approved, PC No Objection

22/00894 Grove Paddock, Lower Basildon, extension - WBC Approved, PC No Objection

21/02450 Basildon Primary School, outdoor forest zone – WBC Approved, PC Objection

5 General items

Both Clerk and Chairman have contacted the various contractors to confirm acceptance of quotes for hedge cutting at the village hall and the war memorial.

Councillor Jones confirmed that West Berkshire Council have received the application for the Red Lion pub to be considered a community asset. This will be considered on the 1st September at a Council meeting.

Fire and Rescue are confirmed to be in attendance at the next Parish Council meeting in September. The website will be updated accordingly as will social media.

The Chairman has written to the local school regarding an issue that arose during a recent site inspection of Basildon Primary, namely the dangerously open nature of the site and the footpath that crosses it with several district councillors expressing concern. The Chairman has suggested that the school considering asking West Berkshire Council (who Councillor Law believes owns the grounds) to look into ways of fencing off the footpath whilst keeping its existing route.

6 FOOTPATHS, HIGHWAYS AND OPEN SPACES

Footpaths were reported as clear with no issues reported during July and early August.

7 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

The district Councillor continues to work on local issues.

8 FINANCE

The following cheques were presented to the meeting:

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| **Cheque No** | **Payee** | **Purpose** | **Nett** | **VAT** | **Total** |
| 103507 | R Greasley | Salary | 368.43 | 0.00 | 368.83 |
| 103508 | HMRC | Tax on salary | 246.00 | 0.00 | 245.60 |
| 103509 | Scofell | Grass cutting | 406.19 | 81.24 | 487.43 |
| 103510 | West Berkshire Council | Wakemans Lease | 41.77 | 0.00 | 41.77 |

The Council accepted cheque numbers 103507 – 103510 and the ongoing Standing Order to cover litter picking was confirmed. The Direct debit to SSE was also confirmed.

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

9 CORRESPONDANCE

Correspondence relating to traffic around the school was received and discussed in the open forum at the start of the meeting.

A letter from the local handibus supplier was shared with councillors.

10 OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business and the meeting concluded at 8:30pm