BASILDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Basildon Parish Council held on the 14th December 2022 at the Village Hall in Upper Basildon.

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

Apologies: Councillor Law, Councillors Cox and Chadwyck-Healey

Minutes: Mr Greasley (clerk)

1 OPEN FORUM

No items were raised.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were raised.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 16th November having been circulated to members were declared correct and signed by the Chairman.

4 PLANNING

The Parish Council considered the following new applications:

22/02894/CERT 5A Spring Close – Car Port and Rear Conservatory

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

Confirmed Decisions:

22/01855 18 Teneplas Drive, extension, WBC Approved, BPC Approved

22/02211 Apple Tree Cottage, Development of One House – Withdrawn

22/00235 Pippins Orchard, Park Wall Lane – new twin unit mobile home - WBC Refused, BPC Objection

5 GENERAL ITEMS

It was confirmed that hedge cutting had taken place on the Aldworth Road (down from Maple Lane) following a number of requests to West Berkshire Council.

The Chairman reported that West Berkshire Council were working on the drainage issue at the top of Emery Acres (Aldworth Road).

Councillor Jones provided an updatedon SID training. The Clerk will forward the relevant insurance certification to allow this to proceed and Councillor Jones will supply an update to both the Country Neighbour and parish website in a bid to recruit volunteers.

Councillor Chadwyck-Healey provided a written submission to the meeting regarding SSE and the spiralling costs of street lighting in the Parish. SSE have confirmed that lighting could be set on a different timer to reduce costs and further discussions will take place during the next month.  
The Chairman confirmed that a meeting to discuss the website upgrade is scheduled for the 4th January at the Red Lion in Upper Basildon.

6 FOOTPATHS, HIGHWAYS AND OPEN SPACES

No issues were reported with footpaths. The clerk confirmed that Scofell have cut the recreation ground grass as agreed at the last meeting.

Two fly tipping incidents were reported this month although in both cases they were just over the boundary of neighbouring parishes. The Clerk and Chairman have ensured both have come to the attention of West Berkshire Council.

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** |
| 103534 | R Greasley | Salary | 368.83 | 0.00 | 368.83 |
| 103535 | HMRC | Tax on salary | 245.60 | 0.00 | 245.60 |
| 103536 | Scofell | Grass cutting (extra) | 100.00 | 20.00 | 120.00 |
| 103537 | Tactical FM | Triangle Tidy up | 300.00 | 60.00 | 360.00 |
| 103538 | SLCC | Membership | 139.00 | 0.00 | 139.00 |
| 103539 | R Greasley | Domain Renewal – already paid | 19.19 | 0.00 | 19.19 |
| 103540 | Scofell | Re-issue September Grass cut (cheque lost) | 406.19 | 81.24 | 487.43 |
| 103541 | Scofell | Re-issue October Grass Cut (Cheque lost) | 406.19 | 81.24 | 487.43 |
| 103542 | R Greasley | Stamps | 7.60 | 0.00 | 7.60 |
| 103543 | I Parsons | Cards + Stamps | 21.58 | 0.00 | 21.58 |

The Council accepted cheque numbers 103534 – 103543 and the ongoing Standing Order to cover litter picking was confirmed. The Direct debit to SSE was also confirmed.

It was noted that the Scofell cheques needed to be re-issued again as they’d been lost in the post for a second time. The Clerk has asked Scofell to advise once these cheques have arrived.

Cheques versus bank statements were confirmed as correct by the Clerk.

The clerk confirmed that the draft budget will be presented at the next meeting.

9 CORRESPONDENCES

Correspondence around fly tipping was received and the Chairman replied.

10 OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business and the meeting concluded at 8pm. The next meeting will be on the 11th January 2023.