BASILDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Basildon Parish Council held on the 13th July 2022

Present: Mr Chadwyck-Healey, Mr Parsons (Chairman), Mr Couchman, Mr Jones, Ms Barnes, Ms Cox

Apologies: Mrs Greasley, Councillor Law,

Minutes: Mr Greasley (clerk)

The following members of the public attended:

1 OPEN FORUM

Recycling was discussed with an update provided under section 5 below.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were raised.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 8th June having been circulated to members were declared correct and signed by the Chairman.

4 PLANNING

The Parish Council considered the following new applications:

22/01347 12 Old Stocks Court – extension

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

22/01388 Beech House, Bethesda St – New outbuildings and solar panels

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

22/01513 3 Honeycroft Cottages, Pangbourne Road – New Conservatory

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

22/01611 11 Emery Acres – Garage conversion / extension

The Parish Council reviewed the application and had no other objections. However, it was noted that neighbours in the vicinity of the property had or were in the process of raising issues with West Berkshire Council and the Parish Council therefore requests that these are reviewed carefully and with due consideration before any decision is made.

22/01416 1 Witneys, Gardeners Lane – replacement garage

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

Confirmed Decisions:

22/00995&6 White Lodge, Reading Road – Replacement Garage – WBC Approved, PC No Objection

22/00982 Grove Farm Cottage, Hook End Lane – New structure under mobile homes act – WBC Refused, PC Objected

22/00871 Knappswood Farm – New House – WBC Refused, PC Objection

22/00863 Greensleeves, Reading Road – Partial fencing replacement - WBC Approved, PC No Objections

22/00710 Foxhill Cottage – New home office above garage – WBC Approved, PC No Objections

22/00644-5-6. Number 8 Captains Gorse – extension / garage change of use – WBC Approved, PC No Objections

22/00420 Church Farm, Lower Basildon – extension/alterations – WBC Approved, PC No Objections.

5 General items

The Parish Council considered two quotes for the proposed tidy up of hedging/tree’s around the war memorial in Upper Basildon. Following discussion, it was decided to accept the quote from Alan Braklik and the clerk will make the necessary arrangements.

The Council voted to send an application to West Berkshire Council to ask that the Red Lion Public House be nominated as an ‘Asset for Community Right to Bid.’

6 FOOTPATHS, HIGHWAYS AND OPEN SPACES

Footpaths were reported as clear with footpath 17 having received a cut back in the month. Footpath 8 near Drift Farm is a little overgrown and may need some attention.

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** |
| 103500 | R Greasley | Salary | 368.43 | 0.00 | 368.43 |
| 103501 | HMRC | Tax on salary | 246.00 | 0.00 | 246.00 |
| 103502 | Scofell | Grass cutting | 406.19 | 81.24 | 487.43 |
| 103503 | R Greasley | Stationary (envelopes/glue) | 9.98 | 0.00 | 9.98 |
| 103504 | West Berkshire Council | Gritting costs 21/22 | 1119.58 | 223.92 | 1343.50 |
| 103505 | PCC Basildon | Post Office hire (2 x Qtr) | 800.00 | 0.00 | 800.00 |

The Council accepted cheque numbers 103500 – 103505 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.

The Clerk confirmed that the auditors have now confirmed receipt of Basildon’s completed audit submissions with further comment expected in due course.

9 CORRESPONDANCE

The Parish Council received correspondence relating to a number of fires in the local area and responded outside of the meeting.

10 OTHER BUSINESS

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