BASILDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Basildon Parish Council held online on the 11th May 2022

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

Apologies: Mr Jones, Councillor Law,

Minutes: Mr Greasley (clerk)

The following members of the public attended:

Mr Spence, Ms Czjaka

1 OPEN FORUM

No items were raised.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were raised.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 12th April having been circulated to members were declared correct and signed by the Chairman.

4 PLANNING

The Parish Council considered the following new applications:

22/00863 Greensleeves, Reading Road, New fencing

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

22/00644, 22/00645, 22/00646 8 Captains Gorse, New shed and extension

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

22/00894 Grove Paddock, retrospective extension

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

22/00871 Knappswood Farm, new house and access road

The Parish Council reviewed the application and objected on the following grounds:

The proposal is outside of the settlement boundary, is out of keeping with its immediate surroundings and represents over development of the area. The Parish Council also noted those properties listed in the application as setting a precedent (Timberley and Apple Tree Cottage) have both been either withdrawn or refused. The Parish Council was additionally concerned with the access road to the proposed property and noted the precedent this could set for further development outside of the settlement boundary.

22/00995, 22/00996, White Lodge, Lower Basildon, Garage demolition and replacement

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

22/00982/CERT Grove Farm Cottage, Hook End Lane, siting of structure in garden

The Parish Council reviewed the application and objected on the grounds that the plans were not clear.

There is no reference to whether the structure exists currently (or not), has mains power and/or a water supply and as a result the Parish Council cannot support the application.

Confirmed Decisions:

22/00505, Emerys Farm, Beckfords, Cart shed WBC, Approval – BPC No Objection

22/00483 1 Knappswood Close, Change of land use, WBC Rejected, BPC Objected

22/00463 Garlands, Pangbourne Road, New house, WBC Approved, BPC No Objections

22/00443 Basildon Park, New skylights, WBC Approved, BPC No Objections

22/00430 Timberley, Pangbourne Road. Certificate of Lawfulness for land, WBC Rejected, BPC Objected

22/00424 Tanglewood, Aldworth Road, Extension, WBC Approved, BPC No Objection

22/00399 1 Kiln Ride, Conservatory Extension, WBC Approved, BPC No Objection

22/00264 Redmoor Cottage, Lower Basildon, Shepherds hut in garden, WBC Approved, BPC Objected

5 REVIEW OF OPEN ACTIONS

Insurance renewals were discussed for the upcoming year after the Parish Council were informed that year two of the insurance agreement currently in place would not be honoured by the current insurers. The Council agreed to proceed with the new quote from Community Action Suffolk at £473.84 and the Clerk will share both the quote details and also provide Councillors with the current agreed risk assessment.

Councillor Greasley confirmed that she will take on the duties regarding recycling for the Parish Council. The costs for the first recycling boxes have been expensive (over £300) and it was noted that they were not always filled correctly although it was agreed that there was some value in the scheme. Councillor Greasley will explore other possible options and report back to the next meeting.

Councillor Chadwyck-Healey informed the meeting that the proposed playground equipment for the Village Hall has seen significant cost increases. The Parish Council agreed that these were excessive for what was ordered and agreed to review other options. These will be discussed further at the next meeting.

6 FOOTPATHS, HIGHWAYS AND OPEN SPACES

Footpath 17 still has various obstructions in place; these are with West Berkshire Council to resolve.

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** |
| 103488 | R Greasley | Salary | 361.58 | 0.00 | 361.58 |
| 103489 | HMRC | Tax on salary | 240.80 | 0.00 | 240.80 |
| 103490 | Scofell | Grass cutting | 406.19 | 81.24 | 487.43 |
| 103491 | Berkshire Assoc. Local Councils | Membership Fees | 420.61 | 0.00 | 420.61 |
| 103492 | PCC Basildon | Defibulator contribution | 1150.00 | 0.00 | 1150.00 |

The Council accepted cheque numbers 103488 – 103492 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 the internal audit has now kicked off with results due next month.

9 CORRESPONDANCE

None were received between meetings.

10 OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business and the meeting concluded at 7:30pm