BASILDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Basildon Parish Council held on the 12th April 2023 at the Village Hall in Upper Basildon.

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

Apologies: Mr Jones, Ms Cox

The following members of the public attended the meeting: Mr Masterton-Smith, Ms Elliott

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 8th March having been circulated to members were declared correct and signed by the Chairman.

4 PLANNING

The Parish Council considered the following new applications:

23/00762 Bramleys, Gardeners Lane – Wood and Garden Tool Store

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

23/00624 Campion House, Aldworth Road – new heavy duty rural crossover (driveway)

The Parish Council reviewed the application and had no objections subject to the views of neighbours given that the access is temporary.

23/00621 14 Teneplas Drive – extension

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

23/00601 Campion House, Aldworth Road – replacement dwelling

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

23/00490 Apton, Ashampstead Road – extensions and alterations

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

23/00482 5A Spring Close – Side car Port and rear conservatory

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

Confirmed Decisions:

23/00190 4 Pennycroft cottages, loft conversion - WBC Approved, BPC No Objection

23/00145 Knappswood Farm, barn conversion – WBC Refused, BPC Objection

23/00125 Hayfield, Park Wall Lane, garden room replacement – WBC Approved, BPC No Objection

23/00055 Little Slade, Internal re-configuration and extension – WBC Approved, BPC No Objection

23/00041 Honey Pot House, Detached Garage – WBC Approved, BPC Objection

22/02393 7 Wakemans, Replacement two car garage – withdrawn

5 GENERAL ITEMS

The Clerk confirmed that work on the Aldworth Road drainage work has now been completed by West Berkshire Council.

Pangbourne Toilets have approached the Council for a contribution towards their running costs. This was discussed and the Council agreed to offer a grant of £520 as per last year; the clerk will make the necessary arrangements.

The Clerk confirmed that the Grotto’s continuing perilous state has been followed up with West Berkshire Council. The Councils principle conservation and design officer has replied and informed the Council that no new work has been carried out on the building and will follow this up internally to see if anything can be done. The Clerk will allow a period of time before requesting an update.

Councillor Chadwyck-Healey confirmed that work continues to find a contractor to fix a broken streetlight at Wakemans. Additionally, SSE have been contacted and have offered two lower rates which the Council reviewed and accepted. It is anticipated that these will save around £700 per year and the Chairman expressed his thanks for efforts to date.

6 FOOTPATHS, HIGHWAYS AND OPEN SPACES

No issues were reported with footpaths this month.

The Chairman confirmed that the new grass contractors will begin work shortly.

7 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Law continues to work on local issues prior to stepping down at the upcoming election.

8 FINANCE

The following cheques were presented to the meeting:

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| **Cheque No** | **Payee** | **Purpose** | **Nett** | **VAT** | **Total** |
| 103553 | R Greasley | Salary | 368.43 | 0.00 | 368.43 |
| 103554 | HMRC | Tax on salary | 246.00 | 0.00 | 246.00 |
| 103555 | R Greasley | Expenses | 12.70 | 0.00 | 12.70 |
| 103556 | West Berks Council | Bus Contribution | 1272.00 | 0.00 | 1272.00 |
| 103557 | West Berks Council | Grounds Maintenance | 124.25 | 24.85 | 149.10 |

The Council accepted cheque numbers 103553 – 103557.

Councillor Barnes confirmed that the standing order for litter picking has now been cancelled.

The Clerk confirmed that bank statements and cheques matched as required and that the internal audit will kick off shortly.

9 CORRESPONDENCES

No correspondence was received.

10 OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting concluded at 8:20pm. The next meeting will be on the 10th May and will commence at 6:30pm with the annual assembly running immediately afterwards from 7:30pm.