

BASILDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Basildon Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Upper Basildon on 5th February 2020.

Present: Mr Couchman, Mr Parsons (Chair), Mr Jones, Mr Chadwyck-Healey, Ms Barnes, Ms Czajka & Ms Cox and Mr Greasley (clerk),

Apologies were received from Councillor Alan Law.

The following residents attended the meeting:

Mrs Carberry to discuss a planning matter.

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 7th January having been circulated to members were declared correct and signed by the Chairman.

4 PLANNING

New applications

20/00065 & 66 - Rose Cottage, Newtown - Replacement Windows
The Parish Council had no objections.

20/00101. Hillfields Farm, Certificate of Lawfulness
The Parish Council had no view.

Confirmed Decisions

19/02880 - Varchfold, Replacement House(s) - WBC Refused, PC Objection

19/02486 - Old Pig Sty, Blandys Lane, Conditions - WBC Approved, PC Objection

19/02568 - Site of Former Barn House (Lower Basildon), Conditions - WBC Approved, PC Objection

No other planning matters were discussed.

5 REVIEW OF OPEN ACTIONS

Councillor Jones confirmed that he'll contact West Berkshire Councils library department to confirm that the Parish Council will canvas opinion for a potential stop of the mobile library in Lower Basildon.

Councillor Couchman has contacted the school regarding the purchase of 'bollard style' signs for the Aldworth Road and a meeting is expected this month.

The Parish Council voted to offer a subsidy to the trustees of the Pangbourne Public Toilets of £520. The clerk will write to them and make the necessary arrangements.

The Chairman confirmed that he'd recently attended the Neighbourhood Action Group meeting with the main topics across the area being school parking and speeding traffic.

All Councillors were asked to raise any relevant issues they spot direct with West Berkshire Council via the 'Report a Problem' page.

Councillor Barnes will approach the garage in Lower Basildon over the possibility of a defibrillator installation. There will also be a conversation regarding a new bench by the Thames with Beale Park.

The Clerk will write to the Country Neighbour re: available grants from the Parish Council.

The Chairman confirmed that Beale Park have been contacted regarding discounts for residents in 2020.

6 FOOTPATHS, HIGHWAYS AND OPEN SPACES

Footpaths remain in a good if muddy condition.

7 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

The District Councillor continues to work on local issues.

8 FINANCE

The following cheques were presented to the meeting:

Ch No	PAYEE	PURPOSE	NETT	VAT	TOTAL
					AMNT
			£	£	£
103318	R Greasley	Salary	350.83	0.00	350.83
103319	HMRC	Tax on salary	234.00	0.00	234.00

The Council accepted cheque numbers 103318-103319 and the ongoing Standing Order to cover litter picking was confirmed.

The Clerk confirmed the following:

Bank Statements match the cheque run and the Parish Council continues to have a healthy overall position although new projects would be welcome.

The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Councillors have agreed a 3% pay increase for the clerk. This will begin from next month with arrears for the previous month to be added.

10 CORRESPONDANCE

No correspondence was received during the month.

11 OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting concluded at 8:35pm with the next meeting scheduled for the 6th March.