

BASILDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Basildon Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Upper Basildon on 8th December 2018

Present: Mr Ian Parsons (Chairman), Ms Natalie Weekes, Ms Halina Czajka, Mr David Jones and Robert Greasley (clerk),

Apologies were received from Councillors Barnes, Cox and Couchman.

The following members of the public attended the meeting:

1 OPEN FORUM

No new issues were raised.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 MINUTES

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

4 PLANNING

No planning applications were presented to the meeting.

18/03062 The Thicket, New Gates

The Parish Council reviewed the application and voted to object on the following grounds:
The plans presented do not represent what has already been constructed at site with both lighting omitted and the opening style presented being incorrect.

18/02899 The Orchard Clinic - stables and land change of use

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

18/02979 15 Tenaplas - extensions

The Parish Council had no objections subject to the views of neighbours and highways who should have a view on parking at site.

18/02885 Land Adjacent to Chandos Chase - New driveway

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

The following decisions were confirmed

18/01767 / 68/ 70 - Pamber Green Conditions (x2) and Carport - Approved by WBC, PC objected to all

Confirmed decisions since the last meeting:

Number	Location	Request	PC Decision	WBC Decision
18/01767	Pamber Green, Blandys Lane	Conditions and Carport	Objection	Approved
18/01768	Pamber Green, Blandys Lane	Conditions	Objection	Approved
18/1760	Pamber Green, Blandys Lane	Conditions	Objection	Approved

The Parish Council concluded the planning section by discussing The Grotto. The Parish Council remain keen for the project to move forward but tasked the clerk with checking responses to ensure there was a condition in place which stated that should houses be built on the site then the Grotto restoration must proceed.

5 Review of Open Actions

Key points of note were as follows:

The Chairman and Councillor Czajka have met West Berkshire Council to talk village gates. The Lower Basildon location is confirmed as is the nursery in Upper Basildon. West Berkshire Council will consider Yattendon Road and advise the Parish Council of their decision. Additionally, West Berkshire Council will also consider the Parish's request for speed detection devices. The Chairman requested that Councillors note and photograph detection devices in other villages so these can be shared with WBC.

The Chairman confirmed that a delegation from the Parish Council will meet with residents to talk about speeding in Upper Basildon. Councillor Barnes will be the main Parish Council representative.

The Parish Council voted to replace all of the rotten posts on the Village Green with Scofell agreeing to undertake the work.

The Parish Council voted to offer £250 to support the running of Pangbourne's public toilets. This will be a one off payment only with any further support subject to a review / vote. The Clerk will contact the relevant action group.

The Chairman will purchase a new laptop for showing planning applications in the New Year.

The agreement with the Village Hall Trustees was signed off and witnessed by the clerk.

For some months a local resident has been litter picking in the Upper Basildon area as part of a fund raising initiative for a school in Africa. The Parish Council voted to offer £200 in support of this and the clerk will make the necessary arrangements.

The Parish Council voted to award the clerk a 1% pay rise effective from January 2019.

6 FOOTPATHS, HIGHWAYS AND OPEN SPACES

All paths were confirmed as good with no new issues raised over the last month.

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
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			£	£	£
103223	R Greasley	Salary	347.40	0.00	347.40
103224	HMRC	Tax on salary	231.60	0.00	231.60
103225	R Greasley	Stamps	28.81	0.00	28.81

The Council accepted cheque numbers 103223-103225 and the ongoing Standing Order to cover litter picking was confirmed.

The clerk updated the Parish Council on the current financial position and confirmed the following:

- a) Bank Statements have been received and match the Parish Council records.
- b) The clerk will prepare the draft budget in the next month.
- c) The CIL returns will be published by the Clerk as per instructions from WBC.

10 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk confirmed that correspondence has been received this month from the group 'Action for Pangbourne Toilets' with the clerk set to reply.

11 OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

The meeting concluded at 8:30pm

The next meeting will be held on the 10th January 2019 at the Village Hall from 7:30pm