

## **BASILDON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of Basildon Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Upper Basildon on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Present: Mr Ian Parsons (Chairman), Ms Natalie Weakes, Ms Halina Czajka, Ms Sarah Barnes, Mr Geoff Couchman and Robert Greasley (clerk),

Apologies were received from Councillors Barnes, Jones and district councillor Law.

The following members of the public attended the meeting:

Mrs Tyrell, Mr MacBeth, Mr Atkinson, Ms Bembenek, Mr Hovell, Dr Twitchett

### **1 OPEN FORUM**

Mr Hovell attended the meeting to talk about litter picking and collection. The Parish Council will raise his questions and concerns to West Berkshire Council. The Chairman also thanks Mr Hovell for his work around the Parish.

Dr Twitchett attended the meeting to raise awareness for a number of burglaries on Bethesda Street during December. There were 5 breaks in to (mainly) outbuildings with power tools being the main objects the thieves were looking for. Police investigations continue.

### **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **3 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> December having been circulated to members were declared correct and signed by the Chairman.

### **4 PLANNING**

The following planning applications were reviewed:

18/03399 - 2A Reading Road, Lower Basildon - extension

The Parish Council had no objections subject to the views of neighbours. Any exterior lighting should conform to dark skies policy.

18/03412 Old Pig Sty, Blandys Lane, Barn plus Stables

The Parish Council objected to this as the potential buildings will sit outside of the settlement boundary.

18/03283 Oak Tree Cottage, Demolish existing house and build new one.

The Parish Council had no objections but noted the following:

Should any hedging be removed it should be replaced 'like for like'

The TPO's of neighbouring Emery Down Wood must be respected as tree's border the Oak Tree Cottage plot.

Exterior lighting must conform with dark skies policy.

The following decisions were confirmed

15 Teneplas (extension) was confirmed as approved by West Berkshire Council. The Parish Council had returned 'no objections' to this.

## 5 Review of Open Actions

Key points of note were as follows:

Village traffic / speeding – the Parish Council will request speeding devices from West Berkshire Council. The Chairman will write to Councillor Law regarding speed limits and a meeting will be booked with local residents regarding road safety measures.

The Clerk will contact West Berkshire Council to find out if there is a litter picking collection service available (at a cost).

The Clerk will contact West Berkshire Council regarding a proposed dog waste bin for footpath 9.

All Councillors were requested to check the grit bins in their local area.

Councillor Barnes will contact West Berkshire Council regarding Church Lane parking.

## 6 FOOTPATHS, HIGHWAYS AND OPEN SPACES

All paths were confirmed as good with no new issues raised over the last month. A fly tipping issue by Broom Wood will be raised by the Clerk.

## 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
			£	£		£
103226	R Greasley	Salary	347.40	0.00		347.40
103227	HMRC	Tax on salary	231.60	0.00		231.60
103228	TBC	Litter Collection	200.00	0.00		200.00
103229	P C C Basildon	Post Office Room Hire	400.00	0.00		400.00
103230	The Good Exchange Ltd	Pangbourne Toilet Donation	250.00	0.00		250.00
103231	*****Cancelled*****					
103232	R Greasley	Office Expenses	22.98	0.00		22.98

103233 Society of Council Clerks	Membership	122.00	0.00	122.00
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The Council accepted cheque numbers 103226-103233 and the ongoing Standing Order to cover litter picking was confirmed. The Clerk confirmed cheque 103231 needed to be cancelled and a further cheque 103228 was not signed off as the Parish Council awaits the donor details.

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 were published by the Clerk as per instructions from WBC.

The draft budget was presented to the Parish Council who voted to accept it. The budget was set at 29K but does include some contingency around the costs the Council may have for the open spaces around the village hall. Costs for the village show marquee hire were also retained as there is no confirmation regarding whether the show will proceed or not.

The Parish Council will request a 26K precept from West Berkshire Council.

## 10 CORRESPONDANCE

No correspondence was received.

## 11 OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

The meeting concluded at 9pm

The next meeting will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at the Village Hall from 7:30pm