

## **BASILDON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of Basildon Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Upper Basildon on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019

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

Apologies were received from Councillor Barnes and District Councillor Law.

The following members of the public attended the meeting:

Mr Hobley, Mrs Kent, Mr Markham, Ms Koebetic, Mr & Mrs Elliott

### **1 OPEN FORUM**

Ms Koebetic raised the issue of access to Aldworth Road from Darby Lane and confirmed there had recently been an accident there. The Parish Council will look into the installation of a mirror at the junction although it was confirmed that this will need West Berkshire Councils approval.

### **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Couchman declared an interest in planning application 19/00289 and was not part of any related discussions.

### **3 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 5th February having been circulated to members were declared correct and signed by the Chairman.

### **4 PLANNING**

The following planning applications were reviewed:

19/00265 and 266 Woodgreen Farm House (Mead Lane) - extension  
The Parish Council reviewed the application and had no objections.

18/03386 Knapps Cottage (Gardeners Lane) - Access to Woodland  
The Parish Council had no objections to the proposal.

19/00289 Flint House, New Detached Garage

The Parish Council objected on the following grounds:

The garage appears to dominate the site and will have a negative impact on the neighbours directly opposite.

Additionally it was noted that there is a large oak tree at a neighbouring property which could be affected by any building works. This should be investigated by WBC's tree officer.

19/00162 Emery Down House - new detached garage

The Parish Council objected to the plans as the new building will be outside of the settlement boundary. Should the application be passed outdoor lighting should conform with dark skies policy given the sites location.

The following decisions were confirmed:

18/03399 2A Reading Road - extension. Approved by WBC, no objections from PC

18/03283 Oak Tree Cottage - Replacement House. Approved by WBC, no objections from PC

18/02885 Land adjacent to Chandos Chase - New driveway. Rejected by WBC, no objections from PC

18/03412 Old Pig Sty, Blandys Lane - new barn. Approved by WBC, objection from PC

## 5 Review of Open Actions

Key points of note were as follows:

The Clerk was asked to confirm the grass cutting contract Scofell and will request the quote covers a second year.

Requested tree protection orders have been confirmed by West Berkshire Council for the area around Maple Lane.

Election papers have been sent over and Councillors were asked to complete them before the next meeting.

The annual assembly was confirmed for the 7<sup>th</sup> May and the Clerk has booked the room at the Village Hall.

The Clerk will look into an issue near the Grotto with one of the walls and report it as required.

The Chairman confirmed that he'll attend the District Parish Council conference. Additionally, he will be unavailable for the next meeting and either Councillor Barnes or Jones will act as Chair for this meeting.

## 6 FOOTPATHS, HIGHWAYS AND OPEN SPACES

All paths were confirmed as good with no new issues raised over the last month. Yet another fly tipping issue near Broom Wood has been 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:

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			£	£	£
103240	Opio Ltd	Wakemans Park refurb	850.00	316.50	1166.50
103241	Vision ICT	Web support	240.00	240.00	240.00
103242	I Parsons	Repayment of stamp cost	44.93	0.00	44.93
103243	R Greasley	Salary	350.83	0.00	350.83
103244	HMRC	Tax on salary	234.00	0.00	234.00

The Council accepted cheque numbers 103240-103244 and the ongoing Standing Order to cover litter picking was confirmed.

The clerk updated the Parish Council on the current financial position and confirmed that reconciliations have taken place as usual with no issues discovered.

#### 10 CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received.

#### 11 OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

The meeting concluded at 9pm