

BASILDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Basildon Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Upper Basildon on 5th February 2019

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

Apologies were received from Councillor Jones and District Councillor Law.

The following members of the public attended the meeting:

Mr Hovell, Mr Oakley, Mr & Mrs Davies, Mr Rocos, Mr & Mrs Haworth, Mr Packer, Dr Badham

1 OPEN FORUM

Mr Hovell attended the meeting to talk about litter picking and collection. The Parish Council confirmed that West Berkshire Council are not prepared to collect bagged up litter from a designated spot. Mr Hovell also commented on speeding and motorist's general awareness when driving in the Parish. These were noted by the Parish Council and will be included in future traffic related conversations.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 10th January having been circulated to members were declared correct and signed by the Chairman.

4 PLANNING

The following planning applications were reviewed:

18/03281 - 12 Tenaplas Drive.

The Parish Council initially reviewed those plans posted on the planning website and there was concern around the style and size. However, the applicant presented revised drawings which have also been submitted to WBC and include drawing number '1701.04A'. These were reviewed and the Parish Council voted 'no objections' subject to the views of neighbours. Additionally, the Parish Council would like to see any exterior lighting comply with dark skies policy.

18/03285 - 5A Spring Close

The Parish Council had no objections subject to the views of neighbours with lighting complying to dark skies policies.

19/00223 - Cairngorm, Lower Basildon

The Parish Council had no issues with the submitted plans other than that the building exists outside of the settlement boundary. As a result they objected to the proposal.

19/00102 - Maple Corner

The Parish Council reviewed the application and voted to object on the following grounds:

The house is too big for the plot and represents over development.

Access to the plot is dangerous being far too close to a sharp bend where there have been a number of accidents. WBC should consider the application for a driveway for 5 Emery Acres which was rejected for these reasons yet is further from the aforementioned corner.

The proposed building is out of keeping with its surroundings and no effort to 'blend in' has taken place. Additionally, its substantial size will take away light from immediate neighbours as well as being intrusive on their privacy.

There are questions around the plot size and these should be double checked prior to any decision being made.

Finally, it was felt that the building was out of keeping with the character of the area and the AONB in which it resides.

The following decisions were confirmed by West Berkshire Council with the Parish Council having no objections in each instance other than the nursery where it had no view:

17/00186 and 187 - The Grotto, Re-development - WBC Approved

18/02979 - 15 Teneplas - Extension - WBC Approved

18/02899 - Orchard Clinic field - Stables - WBC Approved

18/03130 - Nursery - Conditions - WBC Approved

5 Review of Open Actions

Key points of note were as follows:

Grass Cutting contract – the Parish Council has one quote with another to follow. A decision will be made at the March meeting.

The Risk schedule was reviewed at the meeting and agreed by all councillors.

New dog waste bins have been requested on the path between the school and Emery Acres. These will be followed up by the clerk.

The clerk will write to WBC regarding a tree protection issue

The Chairman confirmed that he is waiting on Beale Park to confirm the final steps for discounted entries.

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 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:

Ch No	PAYEE	PURPOSE	NETT	VAT	TOTAL	AMNT
			£	£		£
103234	R Greasley	Salary	351.23	0.00		351.23
103235	HMRC	Tax on salary	233.60	0.00		233.60
103236	Vision ICT	Support	55.00	11.00		66.00
103237	Scofell Landscaping	Village Green Posts	4106.00	821.20		4927.20

The Council accepted cheque numbers 103234-103237 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) The Clerk has requested the 26K precept from West Berkshire Council as per the usual procedures.
- b) Reconciliations have taken place as usual and no issues were discovered.

10 CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received.

11 OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

The meeting concluded at 9pm