

## **BASILDON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of Basildon Parish Council held on the 14<sup>th</sup> August at the Village Hall in Upper Basildon.

Present: Mr Parsons (Chair), Ms Barnes, Mrs Greasley, Mr Couchman, Mr Greasley (Clerk)

Apologies: Mr Chadwyck-Healey, Ms Cox, District Councillor Ms L Coyle,

The following members of the public attended – Mr Lang

### **OPEN FORUM**

The Council were asked for an update on Tookie Wood in Lower Basildon which previously was open to residents for walking but has in recent years has been closed off by Beale Park who own the land. The Chairman agreed to follow up a number of questions raised with assistance from Councillor Barnes.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None were raised.

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> July having been circulated to members were declared correct and signed by the Chairman.

### **PLANNING**

The meeting reviewed the following applications:

24/01275 – Tomb Farm – Certificate of Lawfulness – 2 x shipping containers

The Parish Council had no view.

### **Confirmed Decisions**

There were no confirmed decisions this month.

### **GENERAL ITEMS**

The Clerk has requested two quotes for hedge cutting around the war memorial and following discussion will proceed with the quote from Mr Braclik.

### **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR UPDATES**

The District Councillor continues to work on local issues and will provide a more detailed update at the next meeting.

### **FOOTPATHS, HIGHWAYS AND OPEN SPACES**

Footpath 17 has been cut back as requested and completed to a good standard. It was noted that Blandys Lane is narrowing significantly in places due to excessive vegetation and a request will be raised to get this cut back.

The Council will also check the legislation around permitted paths following a question from a local resident.

#### FINANCE - UPDATES

The following cheques were presented to the meeting:

<b>Cheque No</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Nett</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
103649	R Greasley	Salary	400.00	0.00	400.00
103650	West Berkshire Council	Wakemans Recreation Ground Lease	41.77	0.00	41.77
103651	PCC Basildon	Post Office Room Hire	500.00	0.00	500.00
103652	West Berkshire Council	Litter bin empty	88.95	17.79	106.74
103653	Tactical Facilities Mgt c/o Bibby Financial Services	Grass Cutting	288.50	57.70	346.20
103654	Michael Cairns Tree Surgery	Beech hedge at village hall trim	600.00	120.00	720.00
103655	West Berkshire Council	Gritting – 23/24	772.05	154.41	926.46

The Council accepted cheque numbers 103649 – 655 and the clerk confirmed the direct debit for SSE and HMRC which as per the July minutes is now no longer paid by cheque.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting concluded at 8pm. The next meeting will be on the 11<sup>th</sup> September