

BASILDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Basildon Parish Council held on the 10th July at the Village Hall in Upper Basildon.

Present: Mr Chadwyck-Healey (Chair), Ms Cox, Ms Barnes, District Councillor Ms L Coyle, Mrs Greasley, Mr Greasley (Clerk)

Apologies: Mr Couchman, Mr Parsons

OPEN FORUM

No items were raised.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were raised.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 12th June having been circulated to members were declared correct and signed by the Chairman.

PLANNING

The meeting reviewed the following applications:

24/01195 Walnut Tree Cottage, Blandys Lane (replacement windows)
The Parish Council had no objections subject to the views of neighbours.

23/00138 The Croft, Park Wall Lane (two new air source heat pumps)
The Parish Council had no objections subject to the views of neighbours.

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 will report back with costs at the August meeting.

Councillor Barnes confirmed that discussions are ongoing with Mr Carr of Beale Park regarding ongoing access issues.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR UPDATES

The District Councillor provided the following updates:

There's been a number of requests to cut back various verges in the district and the Council are working through these currently. The Lower Basildon area (A329) has been cut back with the path from Beale Park to Pangbourne scheduled. Aldworth Road has also been highlighted as overgrown by the Clerk.

The Hook End Lane crossroads now has new signage with the area also cut back to aid visibility.

A number of planning enforcement actions have been raised which the District Councillor is following up.

FOOTPATHS, HIGHWAYS AND OPEN SPACES

Footpath 3 has been cut back with others remaining on West Berkshire Councils list. Councillor Cox confirmed that the area around the Triangle noticeboard is scheduled for a tidy with West Berkshire Council bringing in additional staff to meet the extra demand. Councillor Barnes noted and will raise footpath 18 which has a fence leaning across the path to West Berkshire Council.

FINANCE - UPDATES

The following cheques were presented to the meeting:

Cheque No	Payee	Purpose	Nett	VAT	Total
103646	R Greasley	Salary + 3 x HMRC paymeny(due to change in system)	731.13	0.00	731.13
103647	M T Alway	Wakemans Park pressure wash	300.00	0.00	300.00
103648	Bibby Commercial finance Ltd	Tactical fm grass cutting	288.50	57.70	346.20

The Council accepted cheque numbers 103646 – 648 and the clerk confirmed the direct debit for SSE.

The Clerk advised that HMRC are no longer accepting the method of payment whereby a paying in slip is submitted each month. As a result, a direct debit will be set up to pay HMRC direct following approval at the meeting; the Clerk has used cheque 103646 to reimburse HMRC payments made directly by him for the last month.

OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting concluded at 7:45pm. The next meeting will be on the 8th August.