

BASILDON PARISH COUNCIL
2026
Thursday 10 September 7.30pm
Bruton Hall, Village Hall, Upper Basildon

AGENDA

1. Open Forum

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillors are asked to state if they have a conflict of interest in any of the agenda items that follow.

3. Minutes

To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 12 August 2026 as a correct record.

4. Planning Applications

To review the following planning applications:-

26/01674/ HOUSE	Claremont House, Bethesda St	Installation of solar panels to roof	Mr Gubbins
26/01616/ LBC	Upgrade of existing fire alarm	Basildon Park, Lower Basildon	
26/01795/ COND	Application of details reserved by condition 6 of planning permission 22/00421?LBC2 (sample panel of flintwork	Church Farm, Lower Basildon	Ms Montgomery/Mr Green

5. Gigaclear/Vodafone

Gigaclear started laying fibre broadband in the Parish around 2016/2017 as part of the initial phases of the Superfast Berkshire project rollout and there is currently no alternative for fibre internet other than Starlink. Gigaclear make a substantial offer for new subscribers but not to existing members. It does work in partnership with other small service providers but none of them are major providers such as BT, Sky or Virgin.

Several years ago Vodafone applied for planning permission to erect a mobile phone mast near Kiln Ride but at that time there was considerable opposition from people living near the mast and permission was refused by West Berkshire Council. Times have changed since the application was refused and a strong mobile signal is now considered an essential part of everyday life. Currently tradespeople are unable to make or receive phone calls and residents are having to rely on an extremely poor signal.

It is believed that West Berkshire Council provided Gigaclear with financial support as the start up costs of supplying fibre broadband to the village was high. If this was the case the Parish Council asks whether West Berkshire Council could exert any influence in requesting Gigaclear to consider extending the discounts offered to new subscribers to existing subscribers within the Parish.

District Councillor Coyle is also asked to raise the issue of the poor mobile signal throughout the Parish with West Berkshire Council.

6. Parish Council Website

To provide an update on improvements to the current Parish website.

7. **Contract for Grass Cutting**

To consider the contract for grass cutting which is due for re-tender in October 2026

8. **District Councillor Report**

To receive a report from District Councillor Laura Coyle.

9. **AOB**