

## BASILDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Basildon Parish Council held on the 10<sup>th</sup> January at the Village Hall in Upper Basildon.

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

Apologies: Mr Parsons

## OPEN FORUM

No issues were raised.

## DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were raised.

## MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> December having been circulated to members were declared correct and signed by the Chairman.

## PLANNING

The Parish Council considered the following new applications:

23/02901 4 Tenepas Drive, Extensions

The Parish Council reviewed the application and had no objections subject to the views of neighbours.

Confirmed Decisions

23/02207 Springfield, Ashampstead Road – New Greenhouse – WBC Approved, PC No Objection

## GENERAL ITEMS

Councillor Couchman updated the meeting on the proposed bike repair station for Lower Basildon. Beale Park have offered a piece of land next to the old curtain shop which the Parish Council considered and agreed to accept with Councillor Couchman making the necessary arrangements. The Clerk will follow up the Chairman regarding the separate installation at the Red Lion pub and once completed, attention will turn to Lower Basildon.

## DISTRICT COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Councillor Coyle updated the meeting with the following:

Flood warning updates have been shared with the Parish Council.

Consultation on the proposed budget cuts at West Berkshire Council has ended with Basildon Parish Council's returns confirmed as submitted.

## FOOTPATHS, HIGHWAYS AND OPEN SPACES

No issues were reported with footpaths other than their general muddy condition following recent wet weather.

## FINANCE

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>
103608	R Greasley	Salary	400.27	0.00	400.27
103609	HMRC	Tax on salary	266.40	0.00	266.40
103610	Tactical FM	Hedge cutting	120.00	24.00	144.00
103611	Michael Cairns	Removal of tree (village green)	300.00	0.00	300.00

The Council accepted cheque numbers 103608 – 103611 and the clerk confirmed the direct debit for SSE. The Clerk confirmed that cheque to bank balance checks have been completed without issue.

The Clerk presented the proposed 24/25 budget to the meeting and confirmed a figure of just over £1000 less than last year at £28,861 due to expected savings with electricity costs for street lighting and anticipated lower budget costs for grass cutting and gritting whilst other items remain broadly the same. The Council voted unanimously to accept the budget and the Clerk will request a precept of £23,000 from West Berkshire Council.

## CORRESPONDENCES

A question for highways was received and the Clerk confirmed that this had been dealt with.

## OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting concluded at 7:55pm. The next meeting will be on the 14<sup>th</sup> February from 7:30pm.