



BAYDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Baydon Parish Council Meeting

Minutes for Meeting held on Monday 15th January 2024 at 8.15pm in the BYPA Hall, 6 Manor Lane, SN8 2JE.

Present

Cllr Chidgey - Chair
Cllr. Brian Billington
Cllr. Steve Sutton
Cllr. Gary Wyatt-Hawkins

Clerk: Fiona Ryder

Members of Public in attendance: 4

110 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr. MacKenzie-Smith.

111 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

112 **Minutes from Previous Parish Council Meeting**

The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 27th November 2023 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

113 **Actions from Previous Meeting**

23-24/15 – Highway improvement request has been submitted to LHFIG and is awaiting a visit.
23-24/46a – The 30mph roundel is still down at Pear Tree Cottage.
23-24/77 – Last month's SID data has been downloaded and shared with the police.
23-24/84 – The Christmas tree lights were checked prior to being put on the tree.

114 **Public Section**

There were four members of public in attendance. One member of public wished to inform the council that a road sign was down near the stables, this has already been reported to Wiltshire Council by a Councillor.

It was reported that the steps from Manor Lane to the permissive footpath (behind new builds) had been damaged by heavy rainfall. The Clerk will speak with the Parish Steward.

Action: Clerk

115 **Chair's Report**

A damaged road sign near Downs Stables and an overhanging tree by the chicane have been reported to Wiltshire Council.

Cllr Wyatt-Hawkins was asked to report to the council, the following update: Speeding was the main concern raised at the last Police Community Consultation held on 14th December. The advice given was to reawaken the Community Speed Watch. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting. Drugs use was also discussed with residents being told to report any evidence/suspicion. It was noted that there was only three members of public in attendance. The next consultation is being held on 15th February at 7pm, this is being advertised on noticeboards and Facebook etc.

The Wiltshire Police parish report for Baydon had been received, there were no reported crimes/incidents for the period covered.

Content for the next issue of Baydon Scene is due to be submitted by Thursday, Clerk to provide insert.

Action: Clerk

116 Clerks Report

The report was circulated prior to the meeting.

There was no Parish Steward visit as they were called out to deal with flooding.

There have been issues again with Idverde invoices not being received and then being chased for late payment. No reports relating to the play area have been received, both issues are being investigate.

Correspondence:

Cranbourne Chase - You are invited to the Cranbourne Chase National Landscape, formerly known as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), Annual Forum. This will be an opportunity to meet and discuss what has been happening in the area and influence what happens next.

Baydon Road – Email received regarding ‘dangerous pothole’ that had caused damage to a vehicle. Complainant was requesting reimbursement from the Parish Council. Wiltshire Council are the Highways Authority, complainant has been given contact details.

117 Finance Report

The finance report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Income since the last meeting:

Interest £ 61.11

Expenditure since the last meeting:

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| Pains Fireworks | £ 540.00 |
| MJ Baker Accountancy | £ 125.00 |
| BYPA Hall Hire | £ 126.00 |
| Needlefresh Direct | £ 432.08 |
| Carols Music | £ 30.00 |
| MJ Baker Payroll | £ 11.25 |

Payments to be approved:

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| SSE Energy Solutions | £ 59.42 |
| Idverde Play Inspections | £ 35.16 |
| Idverde Litter Bin Emptying | £ 33.60 |
| Scene in Baydon | £ 200.00 |

The council approved the finance report and income and expenditure to date. All payments due were approved.

118 Budget

The budget and precept for 2024/25 had been circulated prior to the meeting. The precept was approved at £16,940 which covers the approved budget.

Action: Clerk

119 Reserves Policy

The Council agreed to adopt the policy circulated prior to the meeting.

120 Planning Applications

PL/2023/10509

Proposal: Erection of closed board fence that sits on top of existing wall.

Address: 9 Ermin Close

Comment: No objection

121 Police Priorities Survey

Wiltshire Police are looking at selecting updated localised priorities for the Neighbourhood Team to focus on. The three priorities chosen for Baydon are Speeding, Visibility Patrols and Road/traffic related offences.

122 War Memorial Clock

Full approval for the restoration works has now been received and the order has been placed. A date will be provided for the removal of the clock. After the first visit a 30% deposit will be required. A request was made on Facebook for a volunteer to take photos of the various stages of the project, a volunteer has come forward, and his kind offer will be accepted.

Action: Cllr Sutton

123 Replacement Tree on The Green

Advice has been received regarding a suitable replacement tree. It was agreed to investigate the cost of a native/non fruiting tree.

Action: Cllrs Chidgey and Billington

124 Diverted Traffic from M4

The M4 was closed on three occasions last week alone. On one occasion, the closure was in both directions and lasted most of the day. Although Baydon is not the official diversion route, it is used by a high percentage of the diverted traffic. The roads through the village and to the west are not designed for heavy use by HGV's, the edges of the road were already collapsing and in need of repair.

An email was received from an aggrieved motorist who was requesting compensation for damage caused to their car by a pothole whilst diverting through Baydon.

It was agreed to request that the issues be discussed at the next LHFIG meeting.

Action: Cllr Chidgey

125 Grant Funding Request

The request for a grant of £200 from Carer Support Wiltshire was discussed. It was decided that there was no immediate benefit to Baydon residents and the request was denied.

Action: Clerk

126 Christmas Tree and Carols

The Parish Council express thanks to the Christmas tree team who did a great job again, also thanks to the resident on The Green who provided refreshments to the team.

The Carols on The Green were a success, it was lovely to see so many attending. The talented Tarantellers provided wonderful musical accompaniment to the singing and Mrs Moxon supplied delicious mince pies and mulled wine.

127 Marlborough Area Board

Cllr Wyatt-Hawkins had attended the recent Area Board Meeting and reported back that more localised support was discussed i.e. caring for the elderly, sports clubs etc and a mechanism to provide funding to small

groups was needed. Councillors' attention was drawn to a Community Interest Company which acts as a vehicle to access funding where it is needed in the community. There is £18,500 available from the board in various fund pots.

128 Village Design Statement

Cllr Wyatt-Hawkins has looked at the information gathered when a design statement was previously discussed and will bring an action plan to the next meeting highlighting the benefits to the village.

Action: Cllr Wyatt-Hawkins

129 Matters for Future Consideration

Any items to be put forward for the agenda or any reports should be sent to the Clerk at least 10 days in advance of the next meeting. The following items were put forward for consideration: Village engagement, Litter Picking in March, D-Day Events.

130 Date of the Next Meeting

It was agreed to change the date of the next Parish Council Meeting to **Monday 19th February 2024** at 8pm in the BYPA hall.

Meeting Closed at 9.12pm