



BAYDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Baydon Parish Council Meeting

Minutes for Meeting held on Monday 19th February 2024 at 8.00pm in the BYPA Hall, 6 Manor Lane, SN8 2JE.

Present

Cllr. Chidgey - Chair
Cllr. Brian Billington
Cllr. Steve Sutton
Cllr. MacKenzie-Smith

Clerk: Fiona Ryder

Members of Public in attendance: 2

131 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Wyatt-Hawkins.

132 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

133 Minutes from Previous Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 15th January 2024 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

134 Actions from Previous Meeting

23-24/14 – Asset register is in progress.

23-24/46a – The 30mph roundel has been repaired.

23-24/77 – Last month's SID data has been downloaded and shared with the police.

23-24/77D – Everything is in place for the works to start on the clock, we are awaiting a start date from Cumbria Clock Co.

23-24/114 – The steps from Manor Lane to the permissive footpath have been repaired.

23-24/122 – A volunteer has been arranged to take photos and document the progress of the clock works.

23-24/123 – The cost of a replacement tree on The Green will be around £80. Cllr Chidgey to check suitability of trees that have been priced.

Action: Cllr Chidgey

23-24/125 – Clerk has responded to the grant request received last month.

23-24/128 – Action Plan for Village Design Statement – carried over.

135 Public Section

There were two members of public in attendance, neither wished to address the parish council.

136 **Chair's Report**

M4 closures was added to the January LHFIG agenda under 'other', however, this was not discussed at the meeting as time ran out. Following Cllr Chidgey's liaison with Wiltshire Council, Highways she was informed that LHFIG was not the correct route to raise the issue. Cllr Chidgey has since been in contact with Joanne Heal, Traffic and Network Manager at Wiltshire Council who has confirmed that tactical diversion routes are led by National Highways. Diversion routes are under review, Joanne is aware of the concerns and has assured that her team will do everything they can to expedite discussions and the necessary agreements to resolve the review.

The Police Community Consultation arranged for last week, did not go ahead as the PCSO was unable to attend. The next consultation has been arranged for 21st March at 7pm.

Marlborough Area Board are meeting to discuss major maintenance, Cllr Chidgey will attend and raise issues with the road to Swindon. Finches Lane and Gore Lane are the only areas on the list for Baydon.

Wiltshire Council will be voting on a motion to reject compulsory plant-based-only menus. The vote will take place tomorrow (20th February) and if passed, will see food provided at its catered events sourced from 'local suppliers' including meat and dairy. Cllrs Sheppard and Davies were contacted to ask how they will be voting, both have said that they intend to support farmers by voting to reject plant-based-only menus.

Cllr Chidgey had attended the Allotments Association AGM where new charges for were agreed. A full plot will now cost £30 per year and half a plot will cost £15 per year, this is to cover the rising water costs.

137 **Clerks Report**

The report was circulated prior to the meeting.

The Parish Steward visited on 1st February and carried out the following:

- Filled potholes including one outside the school.
- Cleared debris from the chicane.
- Cut up and removed 3 large branches in Ermin Close.
- Cleared debris from around gullies.

A VAT reclaim has been submitted for 2022/23, a total of £80.39 VAT was not able to be reclaimed as the invoices were not addressed to the council. The total of the VAT reclaim is £1117.08.

Booker (Cash and Carry) membership has been applied for, this can be used for future events requiring refreshments etc.

Wiltshire Council Gully Service program will be in Baydon week commencing 29th April. A post has been put up on Facebook, asking parishioners to contact the Clerk with details of any gullies that need to be visited.

The Clerks mobile phone had been set up by a councillor who had been paying the invoices. The address and payment details have been changed on the account. The invoices will now be paid by Direct Debit. The monthly charge is £7.50 per month.

The name on the account cannot be changed until the end of the contract which is 2025.

The Parish Council approved the payment by Direct Debit.

Correspondence :

Budget – Email received requesting a copy of the budget for 2024/25.
Copy of budget sheet emailed.

Parish Steward job request – An email was received with a number of job requests for the Parish Steward. One involved a private hedge – no action was taken. Fallen branches in Ermin Close – the branches were removed by the steward. Ruts on the grass in Ermin Close – these will not be dealt with by the steward.

Manor Lane – A bush had blown down and was causing an obstruction. – This was reported to Wiltshire Council.

Gore Lane - At a meeting of Bishopstone Parish Council a resident raised concerns regarding slurry water from a farmer’s manure slab running onto Gore Lane (the road leading into Russley Park), leaving large puddles of dirty smelling water which is damaging the road. Bishopstone Parish Council emailed requesting information regarding the ownership of the road. – A previous email regarding Gore Lane was sent back in response, guiding the Parish Council to contact Wiltshire Council.

Gigaclear – Aldbourne online community event taking place on Tuesday 2nd April at 7pm, to provide an update on the build in this area.

138 **Finance Report**

The finance report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Income since the last meeting:

Expenditure since the last meeting:

MJ Baker Payroll	£ 22.50
Idverde Bin Emptying	£ 33.60
Idverde Play Area Inspection	£ 35.16
DR & PA Pittams Grass Cutting	£ 2160.00
SSE Energy	£ 59.42
Baydon Scene	£ 200.00

Payments to be approved:

Website Maintenance	£160.63
Idverde Play Inspections	£ 35.16
Idverde Litter Bin Emptying	£ 33.60
Castle Water	£ 4.85
G Wyatt-Hawkins Expenses	£ 67.50
Baydon Post Office and Stores	£356.25
HMRC PAYE	£209.13

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

139 **Community Speed Watch**

No action to be taken at this stage to revive community speed watch.

140 **Planning Applications**

PL/2024/00197

Proposal: T1 mature twin-stemmed Sycamore tree – fell.

Address: Ashwood House, 1 Barley Fields

Comment: No objection

PL/2024/00200

Proposal: T1 Mature Corsican Pine tree - Fell. T2 Mature Sycamore tree - Fell.

Address: Birch House, 2 Barley Fields

Comment: No objection

141 **Best Kept Village Competition**

There was no interest at the meeting to enter into the competition this year. If anyone is interested in submitting entry for Baydon please contact the Clerk.

142 **Neighbourhood County Forum**

The Chief Inspector for Neighbourhood Policing will be holding two forums a year, April and November. An invitation has been received for the April forum, Cllr Chidgey will attend.

143 **Litter Picking**

It was agreed to arrange a litter pick on 16th March at 11am. A poster will be made and displayed advertising the litter pick.

Action: Clerk

144 **LHFIG Meeting January**

The dropped kerb request on Aldbourne Road, originally submitted in April 2023 was discussed. Jane Davies is trying to move this forward and asked for more information which was supplied.

145 **D-Day 80 Celebrations**

A large sum of money is about to be spent on the War Memorial Clock. Beacon lighting was discussed but not approved. If anyone is interested in taking the lead on commemorating D-Day within Baydon please contact the Clerk.

146 **War Memorial Clock**

Everything is in place for works to start, we are awaiting a date from The Cumbria Clock Company.

147 **Village Design Statement**

Cllr Wyatt-Hawkins was not present, this item was carried forward.

148 **Community Engagement**

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting was the place for community engagement.

149 **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.

150 **Date of the Next Meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is **Monday 25th March 2024** at 8pm in the BYPA hall.

NB Save the date: The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 17th May at 8pm at the BYPA Hall.

Meeting Closed at 8.35pm