



BAYDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Baydon Parish Council Meeting

Minutes for Meeting held on Monday 13th April 2026 at 8.00pm in the BYPA Hall, 6 Manor Lane, SN8 2JE.

Present

Cllr. Sarah Chidgey - Chair

Cllr. Carol Nichols

Cllr. Jon Freeman

Cllr. Gary Wyatt-Hawkins

Cllr. Hugo McKenzie-Smith

Cllr. Alastair Oates

Clerk: Fiona Ryder

Members of Public in attendance: 1

1 Apologies

There were no apologies. It was announced the Molly Howlett-Huggins had stood down from the Council.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Minutes from Previous Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 2nd March 2026 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

4 Actions from Previous Meeting

25-26/057 – Martin Cook has been contacted again for a response regarding the collapsing retaining wall in Aldbourne Road.

25-26/095 – On the latest Play Area inspection, the thickness of matting was questioned. All design statements from the supplier/installer state that the matting is compliant. The item will be closed.

25-26/096 – The draft Flag Policy will be shared at the Annual Parish Meeting for parishioners' comments.

25-26/098a – Suitable sites for an additional SID have been proposed, awaiting a further traffic survey.

25-26/110 – Branches on one of the trees on The Green have been cut back following safety concerns.

25-26/119 – Pea shingle has been delivered to the Church and laid on the footpath. Thanks have been received from the Church.

25-26/123 – Baydon Allotment Association have been formally contacted regarding letting a plot to a non-resident of Baydon.

25-26/124 – A letter has been sent opposing the closure of Ramsbury Fire Station.

25-26/125 – A new contractor is now in place for the emptying of two bins that are not Wiltshire Council responsibility. The first collections have taken place and will continue weekly on a Wednesday.

5 **Public Section**

One member of public was in attendance as an observer.

6 **Chair’s Report**

The Chair had attended the Baydon Allotment Association AGM on 9th March. Quotes and a grant are being sought for the replacement of fence posts.

Pea shingle purchased by the Parish Council has been laid along the footpath that runs through the Churchyard. Thanks have been received on behalf of the Church Wardens and Committee.

There have been issues of anti-social behaviour and criminal damage in the village recently. The Parish Council is liaising with Wiltshire Police and the local PCSO. If anyone witnesses or experiences any incidents they are asked to report to Wiltshire Police or via 101.

7 **Clerks Report**

The Parish Steward is still off rota dealing with potholes in the county.

The contractor has carried out the first grass cut of the year. They reported that Openreach had dug up some of the verges and left them in a poor state, this has been reported by a member of public who has contacted Openreach and Wiltshire Council.

Allotment letters and agreements have been sent out for the coming year.

8 **Finance Report**

The finance report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Income since the last meeting:

Barclays Bank Apology	£350.00
Interest	£ 45.85

Expenditure since the last meeting:

Idverde	£	33.60
MJ Baker Payroll	£	11.25
Tesco Mobile	£	8.00
Castle Water	£	8.32
Clerks Expenses	£	117.55
FORT Builders Merchants	£	345.00

The Parish Council approved the report and income and expenditure to date.

9 **Bank Account Change**

The Parish Council approved changing the bank account from Barclays to Lloyds. Due to recent and historical issues with Barclays. Lloyds are able to set up the bank mandate to require two authorisations after the Clerk has uploaded the payments. Lloyds Bank charge £4.25 per month.

Action: Clerk

10 **Website/Email Update**

There were still questions raised regarding the set-up of the proposed new Baydon and Parish Council website. A list of questions will be given to website support and brought back to the next meeting for a final decision.

Action: Cllr Wyatt-Hawkins

11 **Litter Pick Update**

The litter pick on 21st March was well attended, with a record of 17 volunteers joining in. Despite Baydon looking relatively litter free, a substantial amount of litter was collected. It was noted that the bags had not yet been collected from the BYPA car park, the Clerk will chase this.

Action: Clerk

Thank you to all who joined in the litter pick.

12 **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. Proposals for the Council need to include sufficient information for the Council to be able to make an informed decision.

It was noted that the Village Design Statement survey results would be shared with Councillors and presented at the Annual Parish Meeting on 20th May.

13 **Date of the Next Meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be the Annual Parish Council meeting held on **Monday 11th May 2026** at 8pm in the BYPA hall.

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held at the BYPA Hall on 20th May at **7pm**.

Meeting Closed at 8.51pm