



BAYDON PARISH COUNCIL

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BAYDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR MONDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2020 – 8.00PM IN THE BYPA HALL, MANOR LANE

Present: Cllr. Sarah Chidgey (Chair), Cllr. Hugo Mackenzie-Smith (Vice Chair), Cllr. Steve Sutton, Cllr. Brian Billington.

Clerk: Mrs K Lloyd.

In attendance: 5 members of the public.

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1 APOLOGIES

No apologies received.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest received.

3 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Members **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to confirm and adopt the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6 January 2020.

4 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Mr John Whistler said he had rescued the Baydon village sign following the bad weather. Mr Gribble present in the meeting said the Parish Council could approach Rob Gribble and ask him if he could reinstall the sign. The Clerk will contact Rob Gribble.

ACTION: Clerk

James and Chris Wyatt were in attendance for any questions to the planning application for the Red Lion public house, (See item 5.) They said 25 comments had been submitted to the application on the Wiltshire public domain planning website.

Cllr. Chidgey said people need to question how they use local amenities. Cllr. Chidgey then read out a statement from the latest edition of the Baydon Scene regarding the village shop. (See page 3 of the latest Baydon Scene)

Quoted in the statement of the Baydon Scene; *As said many times, 'use it or lose it', unfortunately, too few people 'use it' so in the not too distant future, just like the pub, the village will lose the village shop.*

Mrs Fuller mentioned not seeing the Police report recently in the Minutes, the Clerk will enquire why the Parish Council has stopped receiving them.

ACTION: Clerk

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Two planning applications were considered.

19/11956/FUL Red Lion -Proposed new 2 bedroom dwelling with parking in rear car park of the Red Lion.

<http://planning.wiltshire.gov.uk/Northgate/PlanningExplorer/ApplicationSearch.aspx>

The Parish Council received two objections from residents, (one received on the day of this meeting). Despite the Clerk requesting an extension to the deadline date for the Parish Council comments, it was not granted on this occasion from Wiltshire Council. Baydon Parish Council was unable to comment as it had passed the deadline.

19/11824/FUL Becketts, Baydon, SN8 2HZ – Proposal to move existing entrance 50 metres south along Aldbourne Road.

<http://planning.wiltshire.gov.uk/Northgate/PlanningExplorer/ApplicationSearch.aspx>

The Members of the Parish Council had no objections to this planning application.

6 FINANCE REPORT.

The Clerk reported a CIL payment for £428.43 was paid into the community account on 13/01/2020.

18/11026/FUL – Land at Downsmead. Demolition of garages blocks and erection of pair of semi-detached houses. (£337.68)

15/10329/FUL - The Kicking Donkey, Westbury, Public House to residential dwelling house (£90.75)

Members **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to approve the updated finance report. A copy of which appears as [Appendix 1](#) in the Minutes.

The CASHFLOW was noted.

7 PRECEPT UPDATE

Cllr. Chidgey reported following correspondence from the Financial Planning Accountancy Team at Wiltshire Council on the 7/01 and further correspondence from Wiltshire Association of Local Councils (WALC) on 10/01. The members of the Parish Council had unanimously agreed not to request a precept for 2020/21. This will reduce the amount of funds held by the Parish Council and result in a slight decrease in the amount of Council Tax paid by Baydon residents.

Cllr. Chidgey read out an E-mail dated 23/01 from a resident Tony Prior that thanked the Parish Council.

Mr Prior said "from personal experience Parish Councils don't often receive plaudits. Here is one. Cllrs. have made an excellent decision to agree a nil precept for 2020-21. A bold outcome, which will get the bank balance more in line with the budget. Well done".

Cllr. Chidgey said perhaps if everyone could spend an extra £3-4 in the shop a month this year, which they will be saving from paying less Council Tax, this may save our village shop, this is especially important given the notice on page 3 of the latest issue of the Baydon Scene.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

To following correspondence was noted.

Email 19/01 from Lesley Whelan – Chair of Whitton Parish Mission Strategy Group. Re. An invitation to Parish Council to join in conversations to consider the vision for the future of village churches.

A further email was received from Lesley Whelan on the 09/02 stating that Baydon Church wanted to have conversations with the village and that these conversations should take precedence. The Clerk has not received any notification from Baydon Church.

Cllr. Mackenzie Smith said he would attend any meeting, once we know when it is taking place.

ACTION: Cllr. Mackenzie- Smith

Email 29/01 Democratic and Member Services. Re. A survey that asks for your views on the benefits that Community Area Transport Groups (CATGs) have brought to Wiltshire's community areas, now that they have been in operation for nearly 10 years. Please respond by Wednesday 12 February 2020 via the link shown in email sent to Parish Councillors. Cllr. Sutton said on behalf of the Parish Council he would do the survey online.

ACTION: Cllr. Sutton

Email 28/01 from Helen Vass – Customer and Community Advisor, Ridgeway Region at SSE. Re. Offer to come along to a Parish Council Meeting to talk and give leaflets and some glow sticks for those vulnerable members of the Parish and reiterate how they can help if our Parish is affected by any power outages within the coming months.

The Clerk reported Mrs Vass was going to attend this meeting but due to the weather, the power outages become a priority and that Mrs Vass would contact the Clerk again to arrange a date.

9 BAYDON TABLE TENNIS CLUB

An email from Bernie Gribble was received on 03/02. Cllr. Chidgey read out the email from Mr Gribble.

“It is now almost four years since the Baydon Tennis Club was formed and is now a mature popular club appealing to not only residents of our village but also to neighbouring Aldbourne and Lambourn and sometimes further afield.

In 2018 the Club's membership had expanded and was awarded a grant from the Baydon Parish Council to purchase a new table which has been in use ever since alongside the original old BYPA table.

The old BYPA table has given many years of service' but we would now like to replace it with a new table of similar specification to the unit purchased with your grant. A good second table will make the Club more attractive to experienced players and be suitable for inter-club matches.

The current cost of a new table is about £650. Baydon Table Tennis Club has accumulated a small excess revenue which would enable us to finance about 50% of its cost. I am therefore writing to the Council to ask if they are again able to help our Club with a grant for the other 50%.

As with the original grant from your Council the ownership of this new table would be immediately transferred to the BYPA so your investment would always remain with the village”

Following discussion the members of the Parish Council **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to contribute £350.00. Cllr. Sutton proposed to take the funds from the Cricket reserves. All agreed, if no villagers object?

10 WHITE ENTRANCE GATES ON ERMIN STREET

Cllr. Sutton reported he had painted the gates and had informed the Clerk they were ready for installation by Highways. The Clerk reported she had contacted Highways and was waiting for a date for when they could collect and install the gates. The Clerk told Councillors that on delivery, Cllr. Sutton had informed the Clerk the gates were not the correct size and Cllr. Sutton re-ordered. The Clerk chased a credit note and had received this on the day of the meeting in the amount of £140.42 including VAT.

The members of the Parish Council thanked Cllr. Sutton for taking delivery and painting the gates. The Clerk will keep chasing Highways as to installation. **ACTION: Clerk.**

11 TO CONSIDER THE PLAYGROUND QUOTES

The Clerk reported two quotes were emailed to the members of the Parish Council for review before the meeting. The Clerk said the quotes were very different. CMJ had included more detail. The Clerk said she had used CMJ before and could recommend. ARD were cheaper. Cllr. Sutton said all we need are items 1 and 4 on the ARD quote.

Following a full discussion, all agreed to repair items 1 and 4 only, which is as follows;

Item 1 - repair the chain cover to the button seat to the aerial runway.

Item 4 – To replace the cap to the miracle toddler swings.

It was agreed to monitor the swing baskets as noted in the findings of the ROSPA inspection report.

The Clerk was asked to obtain a full quote form ARD for these two items. **ACTION: Clerk.**

12 TRAFFIC CALMING/KEEP CLEAR SIGN JUNCTION ERMIN STREET/ERMIN CLOSE, WHITE LINES ERMIN CLOSE/DOWNSMEAD

The Clerk had received an e-mail from Martin Cook regarding the outstanding White Lining; Mr Cook is conscious that various instructions were left incomplete in some of the eastern parishes of the area. When

the road marking resources are made available for the coming financial year Mr Cook will make every effort to complete many of these promises.

13 TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE AT THE NEXT CATG MEETING ON 12TH MARCH 2020

Cllrs. Mackenzie Smith and Chidgey will both look at their diaries and confirm who can attend the next CATG meeting.

ACTION: Cllrs. Chidgey/Mackenzie- Smith

14 ELECTRONIC SID UPDATE

The Clerk had a response from Martin Cook at Highways, Wiltshire Council who said the best way forward is to source a preferred SID and then forward the SID specification to Mr Cook to find out if it is suitable to connect to the authority pole/s.

The Clerk e-mailed the members of the parish Council SID devices for review. After a full discussion it was agreed to look further at the 'Smiley Activated Sign' (SAM). The SAM displays the speed of any oncoming vehicle along with a red 'sad face' for speeding vehicles, and a green 'smiley face' for vehicles travelling within the speed limit. For an extra £300 there is optional data capture function. Although the data cannot be used to prosecute speeding motorists, collecting and evaluating traffic data on the road will be an invaluable tool to put in place potential new traffic calming measures. The data capture function on the sign will record; the speed of every motorist driving past the sign, and the date and time of each record.

The desktop software supplied will convert the data into usable graphs and tables in PDF and excel formats. It will also summarise data into percentiles.

The members of the Parish Council asked how the data is downloaded; the Clerk said someone has to plug in a laptop to the SAM, which only takes a few minutes to download.

The Clerk was asked to send the SAM Specification to Mr Cook to find out if the device was suitable.

ACTION: Clerk

15 ALLOTMENT RENT INVOICES

The Clerk reported following a conversation with Mrs Gribble when asking if there were any updates on the allotment tenant list. Mrs Gribble had kindly suggested that the Clerk send the letters to Mrs Gribble who would deliver them by hand, to reduce postage costs.

The Members of the Parish Council asked Mr Gribble to thank Mrs Gribble for her offer.

16 VE DAY 75 CELEBRATIONS

To note, an advert is in the Baydon Scene and on the Website, which provides a link to the information on the VE website. The Clerk reported that, at the time of the meeting, no one had come forward with an offer to help to turn this into a village event.

Mrs Furber in attendance said the question could be put to the Firework Committee to take the lead in lighting the Beacon. The Clerk will follow up with Mr Jim Grove regarding the firework committee.

ACTION: Clerk

17 SCARECROW TRAIL

The Clerk had received an email from Caroline Knighton, Head of the School who said they would be happy to be involved in a scarecrow trail with the village and make a contribution as a school, but not as part of the VE Celebrations.

The Clerk was asked to contact Aldbourne Parish Council to find out when they hold their trail, the Clerk was informed it would probably be the 16/17 May, but this is subject to change. The Clerk noted that they supply trail activity sheets for the children. The Parish Council asked if any volunteers would come forward to take the lead in arranging a Baydon Scarecrow Trail.

18 LITTER PICK - 15 MARCH 2020

Cllr. Chidgey said the date is advertised in the Baydon Scene. The posters are ready to go up, Cllr. Billington said he would laminate and help put the posters up and get heavy duty litter bags. Cllr. Mackenzie-Smith had already carried out some litter picking recently in certain areas. Mrs Furber, in attendance, said she would do some litter picking on another date, as she could not make the 15th March. Cllr. Chidgey thanked all including Kevin Howell as the Parish Council is aware Mr Howell has already carried out some litter picks recently.

ACTION: Cllrs. Chidgey/Billington.

19 **COUNCILLOR / CLERK REPORTS**

Cllr. Chidgey was sad to report the Baydon Brownies was closing this evening. Jill Jones and Fiona Smart no longer are able to continue. Remaining funds would be transferred to the Marlborough Brownie unit and could be accessed should Baydon Brownies start-up again.

Brownies from Baydon can join the groups operating in Albourne and Lambourn

Cllr. Chidgey reported that the Chestnut Trees in Manor Lane have now been successfully cut back and the Parish Council received a very appreciative email from Mr Richard Baylis, who also sent a thank you email to Mr and Mrs Lloyd.

The Clerk reported an email to Parish Council was received saying a big Thank you from the Church members for the generous donation of the proceeds from the Carol Singing on the Green.

20 **CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS**

No candidates came forward for Co-option to fill the three available vacancies.

21 **TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE ANNUL PARISH MEETING**

It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 27th April 2020. The Clerk will start sending invites out to local community groups. **ACTION: Clerk**

22 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next Parish Council meeting is Monday 23 March 2020 at 8pm.

ALL COPY ATTACHMENTS AVAILABLE FROM THE CLERK OR CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE [BAYDON WEBSITE](#)