

BAYDON PARISH COUNCIL

Report

The Baydon Parish Council meeting was held at the BYPA hall on Monday 8th April 2019 at 8pm. Sarah Chidgey was in the chair and 3 other Councillors were present. Hugo Mackenzie agreed to take the minutes in the absence of the clerk, who has injured her right wrist. 8 members of the public were in attendance.

Mr Mackenzie Smith declared an interest in a planning application and refrained from commenting.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

In Public Question Time (PQT) Mr Conner Lee was asked to speak. He said that he wished to obtain feedback from villagers about a development on the paddock behind Russley Green. A development of 10 – 15 houses was proposed, although there were no plans as yet. It could, he explained include self-build plots, starter homes and some large houses.

Cllr Chidgey said that it was difficult to give feedback when there were no plans to view. It was noted that the Village Plan was 10 years old and out of date, but it stated that the village required more houses to help keep the village amenities “alive”.

Cllr Chidgey said that in spite of several developments in the village people still did not support the shop, pub or the church.

David Verco also made that point and added that the village already had problems with traffic and a development at Russley Green would make it worse. At the moment the cul de sac on the estate is where children play. Extra traffic coming out of Fiveways would be coming out of an already difficult junction onto Ermin Street. Mr Verco said that he was opposed to the development and added that it was outside the village boundary.

Mr Lee replied that Wiltshire Council is required to provide more housing in the County, so the boundary would not be a problem.

Kirsty Lydiard also pointed out the danger to children playing in Russley Green. She said that she lived there, and all the residents were against the proposal. She added that there were at present, 4 parking bays for 10 houses.

Felicity Wright asked about access. Mr Lee said that traffic would have to go through Russley Green.

Mr Mackenzie Smith pointed out that we were in an Area of Outstanding National Beauty (AONB). Would it be possible to build on a green field site outside of the village area, he asked.

Mr Lee replied that it was not unusual to build greenfield sites as most villages didn't have brown field sites.

AONB recognised the need.

Mr Mackenzie Smith then asked if other sites in the village would be suitable, to which Mr Lee replied his company had been approached by the land owners of the paddock to come up with a scheme.

Mr Lee was thanked for his presentation and it was agreed he should firm up his proposal and deliver it at the Parish Assembly on the 10th May.

David Verco then asked if the WWW1 trees could be planted on The Green. Cllr Chidgey replied that they had already been planted in the Playground and that there would be a Dedication Service in due course.

A retrospective planning application at Gore Lane for an agricultural Livestock Building was discussed. James Wright explained that a Calf building had been erected and was thought to be small enough not to need planning. This was not the case.

The councillors felt they could not comment as it was retrospective.

A retrospective application for a Timber double garage at Forge Cottage, Ermin Street also received a “no comment”.

An Agricultural Farm Building at Baydon House Farm was returned with no objection by the councillors.

The Planning application for house in the Pub Car Park was refused by Wiltshire Council.

FINANCE;

Income;

Barclays Community (Allotment rent) £60.00; Cricket Fund £0.78; Total £60.78:

Bank Statements:

Barclays Community £26963.92: General reserve £16175.75: Cricket fund £1212.66; Total £44352.33

Payments;

Mrs K Lloyd (Clerk) £481.16; Idverde (Ground Maintenance) £27.20; Castle Water (Allotments) £2.14;

Total payments £510.50:

There had been 1 crime incident in the village. An unknown suspect had removed the number plates from a vehicle overnight.

Tamsin Witt had asked for a review of the 20mph speed limit in the village and Cllr Chidgey had responded. A list of questions had been asked by Highways concerning the electronic SID proposed for the Chicanes. Cllr Chidgey and the Clerk are to send details.

There was discussion as to whether the road leading up to the village was 50mph or 60mph.

The chance of a footpath between Fortunes Field and Ridgeway View development was discussed. It was agreed to drop the matter as the verge is not owned by Highways or Wiltshire Council.

It was agreed to fund the cost of £96.00 for the printing of the Summer Fete raffle tickets this year and the use of the Parish Councils event Shelter was approved.

It was agreed to pay £60.00 towards the cost of painting the BYPA hall.

Cllr Chidgey had attended the CATG meeting in March where it was agreed to paint white lines at the junction of Downsmead and Aldbourne Road in an effort to stop people parking there.

Wiltshire Council is refreshing white lines in the village so the council are to submit a list. No time frame has been established. A bollard is to be erected at Fiveways to stop vehicles mounting the pavement; again no time frame has been established.

The moving of the 30mph signs in Aldbourne Road is on the CATG list. As Aldbourne is also requesting the moving of their signs a site visit is planned. However this is not a CATG priority at the moment. Cllr Chidgey is to attend the next CATG meeting in an effort to get it prioritised.

Julie Rolfe has agreed to organise the sponsored Beating of the Bounds in aid of the Church Funds.

Thanks to Jim Grove the owners of the land towards Baydon Hole where fly tipping is a problem, have been identified. As yet nothing has been done. Cllr Chidgey is to contact an Enforcement Officer.

It was agreed to contact someone to maintain the bench on the Green.

It was agreed to enlist the help of a gardener to answer queries about the Laburnum tree on the Green. It was undecided as to whether or not the tree was dead or not.

The Sylvia Mather Trust was mentioned. Anyone applying for a grant towards education after leaving secondary education and prior to attending college / university should apply before September.

A Community Open Day will be held to raise funds for the Church. Allotments will be open for viewing, as will BYPA and local gardens. Anyone interested in helping should contact Helen Chambers.

A big thank you was extended to all those who took part in the Litter Pick, particularly to Molly Watson of Bishopstone who came to help as part of her "push for a cleaner Britain" campaign.

There was no playground update.

All allotment invoices had been sent.

The date for the Parish Assembly is set for Friday 10th May 2019 at the BYPA hall at 8pm

During the meeting the chair had to firmly inform the public that the meetings are parish council meetings NOT public meetings. Therefore, in spite of how the public feel, they are only able to contribute in PQT or by email between meetings.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm