



BAYDON

**MINUTES
BAYDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 14 JANUARY 2019 – 8.00PM IN THE BYPA HALL, MANOR LANE**

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

Acting outgoing Clerk: Mrs K Clay

New Clerk Mrs K Lloyd

In attendance: 7 members of the public

Thank you and Welcome

Cllr Chidgey gave the biggest thank you possible to Karen Clay for stepping into the breach and helping the Parish Council by taking on the Parish Clerk role on a temporary basis in July of last year. If Karen had not helped, Cllr Chidgey was not at all sure that the Parish Council would have been able to continue.

Karen has been a huge help to all Cllrs and in particular to Cllr Chidgey who was very grateful for her help and guidance and patience when she had called Karen with questions and concerns.

Cllr Chidgey added that the really, good news was that the Parish Council had found Kim Lloyd, an experienced Parish Clerk already fulfilling this role for Chaddleworth and Great Shefford. Kim will take over from Karen at this meeting. Karen and Kim having held a successful handover meeting last Friday 11 Jan, so Kim is all set to go.

A big welcome was then given to Kim.

1 APOLOGIES

No apologies received.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest.

3 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Members **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to confirm and adopt the minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Monday 26 November 2018 as a correct record.

4 FINANCE REPORT & QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW

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

Members **reviewed** Quarter 3 of the budget ([Appendix B](#)) and had no further questions.

5 PRECEPT

Members had held a budget meeting and the amount to be agreed is £17,000 which equates to just over £2.50 per BAND D which is £2.50 less than last year.

Members **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to approve the Precept of £17,000. A copy of which appears as ([Appendix C](#)) The Clerk will inform WC before the deadline 25th January.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

Members **NOTED** the following correspondence and any action taken.

28/11 Mr T Kaye – About the ‘Swindon Science Park’ being planned near Wanborough, and the South Swindon Protection Group (SSPG) that has been set up. **(See Agenda item 10 -Planning)**

03/12 PCSO Sykes – November Police newsletter detailing one report for Baydon of the break-in at the Red Lion.

07/12 R. Cockcroft – Reporting a fallen tree blocking a right of way which has now been cleared by the land owner.

7 **ERMIN STREET BUILD OUT & OTHER ROAD SAFETY ISSUES**

Cllr Hugo Mackenzie Smith attended the CATG meeting; there are two issues to note.

1-Parking on the corner in Downsmead where it meets Aldbourne Road

2-The safety of the children crossing the road to the shop due to lorries mounting the kerb at the junction with Fiveways Close and Ermin Street.

Concerns were raised to CATG re. Vehicles mounting the kerb opposite the shop – Bollards were discussed and yellow zigzag lines opposite Downsmead to prevent parking and overtaking. Cllr James Sheppard is due to meet with Cllr Chidgey to discuss exactly what the Parish Council would like. He will then liaise with Martin Cook and get back to the Parish Council.

District Cllr. James Sheppard is to discuss with Martin Cook possible solutions of a moving the existing 30mph sign as you enter Baydon.

Traffic calming on Manor Lane was discussed with a view to requesting a traffic data collection monitor (Metro Count) from CATG. It will record speed and number of vehicles using the road, and these results will be used by CATG to suggest what further action could be taken (if any). Also discussed maybe moving the SID to Manor Lane for a while. Cllr Sarah Chidgey will meet with Mr McGowran to discuss the siting of the Metro Count.

8 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

Mr and Mrs Heasman from Alborne Parish – Thanked BPC for the donation towards the Aldbourne & Baydon Link Scheme -. Organised by local people with a team of volunteers offering practical assistance with transport or a problem in the home. There is no charge but the Scheme welcomes donations. The Scheme is looking for more volunteer drivers if you could volunteer please Contact on 01672 541345 /07767 116895 – Cllr Childgey thanked Mr and Mrs Heasman for taking the time to come to the meeting to thank the parish.

Mrs Jukes – asked what the Parish Steward can and can't do? Cllr Chidgey had already arranged to meet with the steward the next time he is here (around the end of January) to discuss to discuss his tasks? (as per agenda item 17)

Mrs Jukes – reported fly tipping along Baydon Hole road – The Clerk will contact the Environmental Health at WC.

9 **YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

Councillors Mckenzie Smith and Chidgey talked to Baydon young people as they waited for the school bus. Girls were interested in activities around craft or sport, boys had little or no interest whatsoever. No-one has contacted Councillor Chidgey to progress. Regrettably, the Council has decided to shelve this project, and use the reserved money for future maintenance of the playground.

10 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Members **NOTED** the response sent to the following application between meetings:

18/11884/TPO Rowan House, 4 Barley Fields

Beech tree – 2m crown reduction and crown lift away from neighbouring property, to clear up to 4m from ground level. No objections were on the WC website to date. No comment.

18/11026/FUL Land at Downsmead

Demolition of garage blocks and erection of semi-detached houses.

No comment, no objections. This has been approved with conditions.

2 x Planning Applications received on the day of meeting so could not be discussed in full.

19/00150/FUL - Proposed new 2 bedroom dwelling, Red Lion Pub in the car park/rear garden

Cllr. Brian Billington asked the Clerk to find out if the car park/rear garden is part of the ACV (Assets of Community Value). Members agreed to hold an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) as this

application needed more discussion and a chance for the public to attend a meeting. The Clerk will ask WC for an extension to the date for comments to be returned. Members will wait to hear from the Clerk to the deadline date before confirming EGM.

18/09022/FUL - Two storey brick extension comprising of an extension to kitchen and living room, 2 bedrooms - one with en suite bathroom,-2 Aldbourne Road. The Clerk will ask WC for an extension to the date for comments to be returned to WC.

Swindon Science Park application, S/OUT/18/1943 at Wanborough

Councillors Sutton and Chidgey met with representatives of the Save South Swindon Group to gain an overview of their concerns. They both then met with a representative from Wasdell. Cllr Steve Sutton referred to the planned large housing development and said that Swindon is expanding out to Wanborough. Anyone wanting to learn more can visit <https://www.swindonsciencepark.co.uk/>
Or South Swindon Protection Group – sspg.org.uk
<https://www.change.org/p/swindon-borough-council-save-rural-south-swindon-from-developers>

11 PLAY GROUND

Councillor Billington reported he had fixed and covered the protruding bolt thread on the bench. -no painting or work to the large mutiplay unit had been completed yet.

Cllr Chidgey reported that the dog waste bin is full and overflowing and people are beginning to leave their dog waste bags on the ground, She asked why on earth they didn't they take them home with them – why should Idverde employees have to handle other people's dog waste bags.

You know who you are, take your dog waste home with you!

Plus someone has dumped a package of agricultural magazines.

Again you know who you are, don't you have your own recycling bin? If not get one!

The outgoing Clerk had informed Idverde regarding the full bin.

12 WWI TREES

Have been planted, and a big thanks to the Allotment Association and in particular Mrs Jenny Gribble. Following further conversation with Mrs Gribble it has been agreed that once the trees are established a 'dedication' ceremony should be conducted and plaque erected explaining what the trees represent Thank you to Guy Watson as his Certhia Consulting Ltd, which is an arboriculture consultancy, donated the Stakes, ties and protection.

13. REFURBISHMENT OF VILLAGE SIGN

Thank you to Mr Colin Phillips who has secured the post where it goes into the ground with some concrete. When the weather improves he has agreed to do further refurbishment. At this stage the Council will investigate how best and who best to repaint the sign.

14 VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD

Councillor Steve Sutton said he would repair the noticeboard. Cllr Chidgey will ask a resident if he could kindly provide the cork.

15 DELEGATION OF COUNCILLOR ROLES

To discuss delegation of roles to councillors for all areas of the village.

Members updated the Councillor Responsibilities, the clerk will email to members for reference.

16 VILLAGE LITTER PICK

Big thank you to Councillor Billington and previous Clerk, Charlotte Booth, who cleared-up the rubbish at the entry to eastern side of the village.

A litter pick should be held before the Spring growth takes hold.

Suggested dates for whole village litter pick was end of February/early March.

Three lined whip for Councillors to help, apart from Brian who has already done his bit.

17 PARISH STEWARD

Councillor Chidgey has not been contacted by the Parish Steward so contacted him as his next visit is scheduled for the end of January. He is going to ring her when he is close to the village and she and

hopefully Councillor Steve Sutton will meet him to discuss what needs to be done, what can be done, what he can't do etc.

18 **ITEMS TO NOTE**

Members **NOTED** the following updates on items raised at the November meeting and note any new issues raised at this meeting.

Christmas tree went up 8 December –thanks to Cllr Mackenzie Smith for giving the village a tree. Thank you to Jim Grove and Mr Mike Hale for collecting the tree from Cllr Mackenzie Smith's farm yard and delivering it to the green. Cllr Chidgey had called Mr Hale to thank him. Thank you to Jim & Sue Grove, Trevor Dominy, Mario Appello, Rob and Ali Howes, for helping Cllrs Sutton, Billing and Chidgey put the tree up. Thanks to Rob and Ali Howes, Jim & Sue Grove, Trevor Dominy for helping to take it down on Sat 5 Dec.

Update on Christmas Carols event.

Christmas Carols around the Christmas Tree were a huge success, thank you to Debbie Moxon for organising the Singing Postman and his pianist, and Julie Wyatt from the Red Lion for providing extremely excellent mulled wine and delicious mince pies.

Approx 80 villagers' incl. children attended

Cllrs Chidgey and Billington put the event shelter up on the green in the very windy conditions. Luckily the wind dropped and the event shelter stayed up.

Thanks to Mr Moxon for helping take the event shelter down and for helping with the clear up.

Singing postman has agreed to lead the Carols again this year. Cllr Chidgey reported neither he nor his pianist wants to be paid but had suggested that we ask villagers for a donation to a local charity. Members agreed this was a good idea. Members would agree on the local charity nearer the time, but it would seem sensible to raise money for Church repairs.

Railing on raised path section of Ermin Street – now looks ok.

Finches Lane will be closed end of January to early February according to a notice board erected by Thames Water – why is not clear. The outgoing Clerk said BPC should receive notification on when they will close the road.

19 **CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS**

The outgoing clerk reported no one had contacted WC following the resignation of Cllr. James Lawrence, someone can now be co-opted in. No candidates stood for co-option to fill any of the two current vacancies available.

20 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 25 February 2019 @ 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 20:47

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