



BAYDON PARISH COUNCIL

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BAYDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES FOR MONDAY 6th JANUARY 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: 2 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 4 November 2019.

4 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Mrs Jukes reported that she and Mr Jukes had cleared some of the fly-tipping in the ditch, outside of the field which had been the site of on-going fly-tipping, on the way to Baydon Hole. Mr Jukes was going to email Wiltshire Council and ask them to come and collect the rubbish and Mrs Jukes wanted to establish that if there was a cost involved that the Parish Council would pay. The Members of Council agreed to pay and thanked Mrs Jukes for dealing with it.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

To review 3 planning applications:

19/02979/OUTMAJ (Walkers Logistics) Land South Of Tower Works Lambourn Woodlands Hungerford
Outline application for the erection of a new logistics warehouse building (for occupation by Walker Logistics) (UseClass B8) with ancillary office floorspace, an aircraft museum building (Use Class D1), and associated access, car parking and landscaping.

Cllr. Chidgey reminded everyone that this had been discussed at a previous Parish Council Meeting and minuted. Bridget Jones a representative from the Woodlanders Action Group had attended and raised this at the Parish Council Meeting held on 23 September 2019 under agenda 4 and 13. Letters had been put through some resident's doors asking for support to object this planning application from the Woodlands Action Group. Membury is outside of the Baydon Parish border and this application had been submitted to West Berkshire Council. Baydon Parish Council will not receive a notification for this application.

Since, the Parish Council had been contacted over concerns of the traffic impact to Baydon by one resident regarding this application, but no further updates has been received from Bridget Jones, Councillors agreed no further action should be taken.

Decision Notices

19/10408/FUL- 7 Ermin Close- Construction of single storey extension to frontage of existing bungalow. Wiltshire Council 'Approved with conditions'.

16/11771/FUL The Croft, Finches Lanes. - Approved planning application for a two-storey rear extension. Following the last meeting when this application was brought to the Parish Council's attention by a resident attending the meeting who raised concerns as to the extent of the building work taking place, the Clerk was asked to contact Wiltshire Council to register these concerns. The Planning Enforcement Officer emailed on the 16/12 saying planning permission was granted for a two-storey rear extension under 16/11771/FUL and the owners are currently building this extension. The Planning Officer had visited the site, and noted that the extension has not been built completely in accordance with the approved plans; however they understand from the owner that they will reinstate the side gables to bring it back to the approved plans state. Wiltshire Council continues to monitor the works.

6 FINANCE REPORT.

Members **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to approve the updated finance report. A copy of which appears as [Appendix 1](#) in the Minutes. The Clerk reported the Clerk's Salary was now set up to be paid by standing order and the first standing order had been paid on 25th November and will continue to be paid, until further notice, every month after on this date.

The Clerk asked if members understood the Cashflow and explained the Cashflow will be updated for every meeting showing the payments to approve, the Cashflow will give an estimated running balance of the amount in each of the bank account.

7 TO SET THE PRECEPT FOR 2020-2021.

A discussion took place to see if it is possible to suspend the precept for one year only to reduce the Parish Council's bank balance. Cllr. Chidgey said this could only be done if Wiltshire Council confirmed that the precept would not be capped and it would be possible to reinstate the precept for 21/22.

The Clerk was asked before the meeting to find out what the thoughts were from Wiltshire Council on suspending the precept. The Clerk said she had also asked Wiltshire Associate of Local Councils (WALC) who we subscribe to for advice, and was waiting for an answer from both.

After further discussion the Members of Council agreed to 'not' request a Precept for 2020, but this was pending the advice they receive back from Wiltshire Councils financial team and WALC. Members of Council would give their final approval following this advice through email to the Clerk before the deadline 31/1/20.

8 CLOSURE OF THE RED LION

Cllr. Chidgey read a statement from the Landlady Mrs Julie Wyatt. A copy of which appears as [Appendix 2](#). Cllr. Chidgey reported she was in contact with Simon Day, Area Technical Support Team Leader, Economic Development & Planning at Wiltshire Council who worked with the Parish Council back in 2017 around the listing of the Red Lion as an Asset of Community Value (ACV). Mr Day had confirmed that the Red Lion will remain on the list of Assets of Community Value until 31 March 2020.

He also confirmed that an ACV cannot be revoked. Cllr. Chidgey said she was waiting further information from Mr Day as to process should Mrs Wyatt put the Red Lion back on the market and a purchaser is found. Cllr. Chidgey reminded everyone that if residents continue to not regularly use the village Stores and Post Office, Baydon is in danger of losing that too.

9 CORRESPONDENCE

To note the following correspondence.

Email 14/11 from Alison Tompkins - re. Lighting the beacon for VE Celebrations in May.

Cllr. Chidgey asked if there would be support in making this a village event. Permission would need to be obtained from Jonathan Smith for use of the field and some wood brought for the lighting of the beacon. All Members of the Council, agreed that the beacon should be lit, but all also agreed the Parish Council could not co-ordinate a larger event without support from the village.

The Clerk highlighted information she had received from Bruno Peek - Pageant Master and would ask for this to be added to the website.

If anyone would like to make this into a bigger village event please see www.veday75.org for full details and then contact the Clerk

Email 14/11 from Richard Baylis - re. State of the footpath leading into Dark Lane, which starts past the stables at Baydon House.

Cllr. Chidgey reported that Mr Baylis had said that Mr Lloyd did put scalping down a few years ago to improve part of the path but in the winter the path gets very muddy and is almost impossible to use especially with horses breaking up the surface. If scalping were laid along the full length of the path, it would be a real asset to the village. He felt that a good circular walk connecting with Manor Lane and Aldbourne Road would be most helpful.

Cllr. Chidgey said that we do live in the country and therefore must expect muddy footpaths. The footpath is also a bridleway and so horses cannot be stopped from using it. The cost of stopping this path from becoming muddy would be extremely expensive and members of The Parish Council all agreed not to take this any further. The Clerk was asked to email Mr Baylis.

Email 19/11 from Alison Tompkins – re. Litter pick before the Spring.

It was agreed that a Litter Pick would take place on Sunday 15 March starting at 11:00 on the Village Green with everyone returning with their litter and equipment at 13:00.

Mr Kevin Howell attended the meeting and took away some litter picking equipment as he wanted to collect litter on the Albourne Road whenever weather permitted. Members of Council thanked Mr Howell.

Emails 9/11 & 22/11 from Tony Prior – re. Requesting finance documents. The email was noted and had been actioned.

10 CHESTNUT TREES MANOR LANE

Cllr. Chidgey reported she had received an email from Steve Lupan, Mr and Mrs Lloyd's gardener which stated that Wiltshire Councils' Tree Officer had granted permission to prune back the overhanging branches without the need for planning permission. Mr Lloyd is now in the process of contacting potential contractors in order to get quotes to then do the work.

Cllr. Chidgey said she had forwarded the email to Mr Richard Baylis who lives opposite the offending trees, and who had raised concerns as to the safety of the trees. Mr Baylis had responded saying:

"This is great news and will make Manor Lane a much safer place for both residents and villagers alike. Many thanks again for all your help with achieving this result after 15 years of battling!"

However, Mr Baylis sent a second email raising concerns as to whether a report had been prepared by a Tree Surgeon to establish if the trees were in a dangerous condition and if they were diseased and if pruning the branches would still mean that the trees presented a risk. Councillors agreed that Mr Baylis should be asked to raise all these issues directly with Mr & Mrs Lloyd and that he should be emailed to this effect.

11 WHITE ENTERANCE GATES ON ERMIN STREET

The Clerk reported the white gates were in stock and the supplier would deliver once payment was received.

Cllr. Sutton said he would take delivery of the gates and paint them and would let the Clerk know when they were finished. The Clerk will then co-ordinate with Wiltshire Highways as to fitting the gates as previously agreed.

12 UPDATE ON VILLAGE EVENTS: FIREWORKS / WW1 REMEMBRANCE TREES / CAROLS UNDER THE TREE

Cllr. Chidgey said once again a huge thanks to the Fireworks Team for a spectacular display. Numbers of spectators were down (probably as a result of the horrid weather) but the Team just about covered their costs.

Cllr. Chidgey gave a thank you to Jim Cunningham and Colin Phillips for installing the Plaque for the WW1 Remembrance Trees. A very simple but well attended dedication service was held on Sunday 10 November, immediately after the Remembrance Service in the Church and was conducted by Jackie Hollander. Helen Knox laid a wreath against the Plaque as two of the nine Baydon men who lost their lives in the Great War were her Great Uncles: Pte Frank Gigg and Ptd Harold Austin Gosling.

Cllr. Chidgey thanked Cllr. Mackenzie Smith for again providing the Christmas Tree for the Village Green and also thanked Jim Grove for organising the Christmas Tree Gang to put it up take it down.

Cllr. Chidgey said that the Carols under the Tree were a great success and. On behalf of the village she gave a big thank you to Alan and Debbie Moxon for their help in the organisation of the event and to John Milford (the signing postman) who led us all in song.

Over £80.00 was raised for the Church, although Cllr. Chidgey said she was staggered by quite how many residents had come to a village event without any money, but was glad to report that one family rectified this situation by going to the Red Lion to have a drink, obtaining some change and then giving a donation – this was much appreciated.

13 UPDATE FROM LAST CATG MEETING 12/12

Cllr. Sutton attended the last CATG meeting and reported that highways were about to advertise the request for the 30mph sign to be moved further out of Baydon towards Aldbourne, and was waiting for this to run its course before progressing any further.

14 UPDATE ON ACTIONS OF PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORT -RoSPA

Cllrs. Chidgey and Billington had reviewed the safety report and looked at the quote from CJM Services via the Clerk to make the required maintenance. As the cost is over £500, further quotes are required. The Clerk was asked to obtain a quote from ARD.

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

Nothing to report. The Clerk was asked to chase Wiltshire Council Highways for an update.

16 BAYDON VILLAGE SIGN

Cllr. Chidgey reported the sign was up and looked fantastic. Huge thanks to Karen Jackson, Robbie Gribble, Mrs Gribble, Ken Smith and Colin Phillips for all in helping.

Karen Jackson did not charge for her time in revamping the sign and Robbie Gribble had not charged for his time in making the iron frame surround, or for the material required. Cllr. Chidgey said she was sure she could speak for the all of the village in saying that this is much appreciated.

17 ELECTRONIC SID UPDATE

The Clerk asked the Parish Council Members if they wanted to wait longer to see if the Police are going to adopt the new 'Automated Speed Device' which was the Parish Council's preferred product to use. The Clerk said the police were reviewing this device along with some others and would let the Clerk know the outcome but they could not give a time on how long this may take.

With this in mind, the Members of Council asked the Clerk to pursue the cost of standard SIDS currently on the market and chase Martin Cook in highways for his advice on the specification of which model could be used to be connected to the authority's pole.

18 COUNCILLOR / CLERK REPORTS

Cllr. Chidgey asked if the village or school might be interested in participating in a Scarecrow Trail. It was then thought that this could be incorporated into the VE day celebrations when judging could take place. The Clerk was asked to contact the School to find out if this is something the children may be interested in.

Cllr. Chidgey said thanks to Alan and Debbie Moxon on how fantastic the Baydon Scene looks, they are working really hard to make the content interesting and readable by all.

19 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS

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

20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is confirmed for Monday 10th February 2020 at 8pm.

The Clerk will confirm the dates for the 'Annual Parish Meeting' and the 'Annual Council Meeting' before publishing all future meeting dates for 2020.

Meeting Closed. 9pm.

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