

BAYDON PARISH COUNCIL

Report

The Baydon Parish Council meeting was held at the BYPA hall on Monday 1st July 2019.

Cllr Chidgey was in the chair, Cllrs Billington, Hogan, Mackensie-Smith and Sutton were also present, as were the clerk and 3 members of the public.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

In PQT (Public Question Time) a request was made that the Parish Steward weed the entrance to Downsmead, particularly under the public bench.

April Jukes reported suspicious activity at the entrance to the Water Treatment Plant gates. A vehicle containing 2 men regularly pulled up each Friday and Saturday around 5 pm to be met by another vehicle. Both vehicles then drive back up the lane. Could this be involving drugs?, she asked. Cllr Chidgey suggested that the police be contacted and that a vehicle registration would be useful.

Jim Grove reported that now the Brownies no longer wished to provide refreshments at the Firework display, the committee were in need of another group to take it over. If no local group could be found by 1st August the job would be outsourced. Anyone interested in the fund raising opportunity should ring Jim Grove (01672 540896) or Trevor Dominy (01675 540450).

Planning Applications:

Newton's Barn, at Finches Lane have applied for a detached garage/garden shed. Cllr Billington remarked that the property had a hard standing outside the front which he felt would be more suitable than a new site at the rear of the property. The council supported the application subject to it being put on the hard standing.

Proposal recovering the north aisle of St Nicholas Church following the lead theft, raised no objections.

Two further applications were received but the clerk advised that as there had been no time to publicise the application to the public the Council should return the application with no comment.

One was for an extension at Hebdon Cottage, Finches Lane and other at Fair mead, Aldbourne Road.

An email had been received from Hannick Homes & Dev Ltd concerning their disappointment at the response by the village to proposals for land off of Russley Green. They would however, the email added, continue to review the situation with County.

Finance;

Income; Barclays Community Allotment Rent £30.00; Cricket Fund £0.44 **Total receipts £30.44:**

Bank statements; Barclays Community £33622.37; General reserve £16175.75; Cricket fund £1213.50;

PC total £51011.62:

Payments;

Clerk remuneration £340.53: HMRC Clerk tax £85.00: Came & Co Ltd (Insurance) £548.10: SSE Electricity £48.34: Inverde (Maintenance) £33.20: Autela payroll service £47.23: Payment for Office 365 £59.99: Christopher McGowan (Audit) £100.00: North Wessex Downs (PC Support) £75.00: John Cockcroft (repairs to Event shelter) £33.99: Castle Water (Allotments water) £1.78: **Grand Total £1373.16.**

The clerk added that the Parish Council was now registered, as such, at the cost of £35.00 per annum.

The Community Police Report held only one item. That of an unknown male trying the door handle of a property in the village.

Thanks were extended to Colin Philips for the maintenance work on the village sign.

Kareen Jackson is to spruce up the actual sign on the Community day.

Cllr Chidgey has had to "chase up" the work on the keep clear sign near Ermin Close. Martyn Cook of Highways agreed to an extra sign on the road, also white lines in the close to stop people parking at school drop off times. There would also be white lines at the junction of Downsmead and Aldbourne Road.

The results of the Metro Count in Manor Lane has been analysed and Highways felt there was no need for action. Tom McGowran has insisted on seeing the raw data.

In answer to Mrs Archers email concerning parking in Ermin Close at School time, the chair said that she had contacted the school. The head, Caroline Knighton, reported that she had repeatedly asked parents to park responsibly. All previously white lines have been refreshed.

It was suggested that a socket be put in the pole holding the SID machine, so it can be moved if necessary. The clerk is to follow the up with Cllr Billington's help. The cost will be around £1500.00. Mrs Jukes voiced her approval.

Councillors were asked how they might help the BYPA as they reported a loss of £597.00 last year and this year's forecast is much the same. Cllr Chidgey said that as no one from the committee had attended the meeting all they could do was to monitor the situation.

It was noted that the Event shelter was damaged when used at the Village Fete. Mr Cockcroft kindly repaired at a cost of £33.90. In future, stated the chair, if there is damage to Parish property she asked that those concerned liase directly with the Parish Council.

The Neighbourhood Plan/Design Statement was discussed. Cllr Sutton had done some research, it was a useful document, he said, one that the County Council would refer to on planning issues.

A great deal of discussion ensued, but all felt it was a large undertaking. The Clerk suggested advertising for someone from the village to drive the project. Cllr Sutton suggested that there may be a "lighter version" that was suitable. He agreed to investigate further and report back at a later date.

Cllr Mackensie-Smith agreed to attend CATO as Cllr Chidgey was unable to do so.

The councillors then went through a list of roles and shared them out more evenly now that Marie Hogan was also a councillor.

The subject of Fly Tipping near Baydon Hole was raised again. Cllr Chidgey said that they were to leave it in the hands of the Enviromental Agency.

The meeting closed at 9.06pm.

The next meeting will be on September 23rd 2019.