



29 May 2019

MINUTES

BAYDON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Friday 10th May 2019 - 8.00PM IN THE BYPA HALL, MANOR LANE

Present Cllr Sarah Chidgey (Acting Chair)
Cllr Brian Billington
Cllr Mackenzie Smith
Cllr Sutton

Clerk Mrs Kim Lloyd

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1 APOLOGIES

No apologies received.

2 MINUTES FROM 2018 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2018 were agreed to be a correct record of the meeting.

3 REPORT FROM THE ACTING CHAIR OF BAYDON PARISH COUNCIL

Another year of change: Cllr Sarah Hancock resigned and I'm sure we would all like to thank her for contribution to the Parish Council and the village.

Our previous clerk left and I would like to publicly thank Karen Clay, Aldbourne's Parish Clerk, who so very kindly stepped in and helped us by acting as our temporary Parish Clerk. Without Karen's help whilst we recruited a new Clerk, we would have really struggled.

Happily, we have two new councillors: Hugo McKenzie Smith who joined in September last year and Steve Sutton who joined the following month.

Following much anguish around a search for a new Clerk, we were able to Appoint Kim Lloyd - who joined us in Jan this year.

Kim is employed by the Parish Council and has extensive experience in the role as she is also Clerk for Chaddleworth and Great Shefford Parish Councils.

Having a permanent Clerk has made a huge difference in the admin side of the work that the Council does and Kim plays a key role in maintaining the continuity of the Parish Council.

Traffic Calming, Ermin Street Build Out

The Road Safety Audit – Stage 3 – Designers Response was received in July last year.

Recommendation was that the cycle route be cleared of weeds and detritus, this is done and should be on a regular basis.

The road markings are to be made larger, we are still waiting for this to happen but Wiltshire Council is refreshing white lines throughout the county and Baydon is on the list.

Metro Count in Manor Lane has been installed.

When we have results, further actions will be determined, hopefully the average speed of the traffic will be in line with what Wiltshire Council regard as being eligible for further metro counts to be carried out which could perhaps result in the speed limit being lowered to 20mph.

We will also be looking at whether it would be beneficial to conduct an assessment in various locations in Baydon which would cost £2.5K - 75% of which will come from CATG and 25% from

the Parish Council. (Implementation of a new 20mph limit, signs etc, is separate and will cost on top of this.) Which would have to be approved by CATG - Community Area Transport Group.

Ongoing process re moving our 30mph sign on Aldbourne Road further out, this will be progressed at the same time as the Aldbourne Parish Council move its 30mph sign further up the hill to Baydon, but both have to be prioritised by CATG

WW1 Trees have been planted and are coming on very well. A dedicated ceremony will be held at a later stage, Mrs Gribble will advise when.

Will also be arranging a WW1 ceremony around the Church Clock.

Mobile Youth Club had a very poor turn out.

Cllr Mackenzie Smith and I canvassed young people getting on the school bus with no interest.

The Council has established a much better relationship with the Parish Steward and the road sweeper and gully cleaner have visited the village. Hopefully this will mean that any Parish Steward related issues will be now be dealt with via direct liaison with him.

Another spectacular fireworks display took place in early November, each year the display surpasses the previous year.

Very successful Carols by the Tree before Christmas. The Singing Postman is happy to do this again next year, but would like us to make this more of a charity event i.e. people donating at the event for a local cause.

Successful Litter Pick was held on 30 March with quite a good turn-out.

Beating the Bounds/Sponsored Walk in aid of the Church which took place on Bank Holiday Monday with a good turnout.

Annual Plea to everyone, especially to those that don't, to use the shop and the pub on a regular basis. If we don't they will close!

Like to thank everyone who has supported the Parish Council and especially those that have helped me during the past year.

4 REPORTS FROM LOCAL GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS

Allotments, Jenny Gribble - We have 2 new allotmenters this year and the enthusiasm from everyone has been amazing, this could be due to the lovely warm weather we have been experiencing. The rain this week has been good for us as the ground is very dry and the seeds we have planted are now growing well. Last autumn the Parish Council funded a tree planting project to remember the 9 villagers who lost their lives in the first World War. We supported the project and chose and planted 5 apple and 4 plum trees in a semicircle in the playground. They are growing very well and we hope that they will continue to do so and produce fruit. The Parish Council and the Allotment Association are working together to maintain the rabbit fencing which is in need of repair. We continue to grow flowers as well as fruit and vegetables which are colourful and attract the bees that pollinate the crops.

Table Tennis, Bernie Gribble -The Club has now been in existence for over 2 years and still going strong.

We have a group of hardcore stalwart members who seldom miss a session surrounded by a larger group of casual players who play less frequently. We have several junior players who play frequently and it is a joy to see how quickly they improve their game.

New players of any age and playing ability are always welcome.

We meet here in the BYPA Hall every Friday night at 7.00 – 9.00 pm, we have no membership fee and players pay as they play.

Adults currently pay £3.00 per night and juniors £1.50.

Table tennis is a very social sport where you can let off steam, get a moderate amount of exercise and have a natter all in one evening and we are always delighted to welcome new members of any age and playing ability.

Baydon Social Club, Barbara Furber - We are a group of people who enjoy meeting up once a month. Our monthly get together usually includes an activity such as an interesting talk on Law, Theatre, Skittles, Village Walk, BBQ and even a musical evening of playing drums. Normally we end up with a pub meal somewhere. The group is quite sociable and easy going. If you would like to know more about it Ring Barbara Furber 01672 540695 or Maureen Yeo 01672 540725

Baydon St Nicolaus (VA) Church of England Primary School, Caroline Knighton - Headteacher - The school enjoyed another successful year academically receiving a letter from the Director of Education stating that our results made us ‘amongst the best primary schools in Wiltshire.’ We were clearly delighted and I would like to congratulate all the children involved.

We currently have 121 children on roll divided into 5 classes.

There have been a number of highlights during the course of the year including:

- Our topic-based curriculum continues to inspire the children (and adults) in our school and we continue to give children as many opportunities to learn outside of the classroom as possible. This year this has included trips to: Newbury Races, the Ashmoleum museum in Oxford, the Watermill Theatre to see their Christmas production, Robin Hood, and we are soon due to go to the Aquarium in Bristol as well as New College in Swindon.
- As well as learning outside the classroom, we find ways to bring the children’s learning to life and have enjoyed: Stone Age day, our very own Fire of London, Time Detectives Day and World Book Day. All children had the opportunity to experience virtual reality thanks to Peartree Marketing. We also made and sold our very own apple juice which was enjoyed by many local families.
- We were delighted to welcome children’s author, Simon James, into school to talk about his books and encourage and inspire children to both draw and write.
- One of my highlights this year was watching our children perform in a version of Donizetti’s opera, The Team Mascot (aka The Daughter of the Regiment) thanks to Jackdaws Opera. It isn’t often that 9 and 10 year olds are given the opportunity to perform and sing with professional singers.
- Thanks to Action for River Kennet, we now have a wonderful new Rainwater Garden which has been established in our school grounds. In addition, we have looked after a number of alevins (baby trout) which the children then released back into the Kennet. Finally, we have grown and planted out cowslips as part of the butterfly conservation project run also by Ramsbury Estates who kindly provide transport for our children.
- Sports continues to be a highlight of many children’s school year and, this year, we have much enjoyed competing against other local schools in a number of tournaments including tag rugby, netball, hockey, tennis, Quad Kids, athletics, rounders and dodgeball. We also

attended the Dance Festival at St John's. We have continued to train our year 6s as sports leaders which is very successful.

- We have introduced something called 'Playpod' for our children to play with at lunchtimes. The concept behind Playpod is to give children a range of loose items ranging from cardboard tubes, tyres, lengths of material, netting, rope etc to play with. All these items are recycled and recyclable and the idea is that the children use their imagination so that the scrap can be turned into hammocks, jumps, dens, castles, offices etc. As well as using their imagination, the children develop their ability to negotiate and communicate as well as work in a team. In addition, children are enabled to assess their own risk.
- The well-being of young people is something which is often talked about in the press and we have worked this year on looking at ways in which children can develop their own well-being. Two of our
- classes run the daily mile and we continue to offer additional activities such as: Bikeability, Fire Safety (thanks to Lambourn Fire Service), oral hygiene and Internet Safety talks (thanks to the local police and NSPCC). Our ELSA Teaching Assistant – Emotional Literacy Support Assistant – continues to provide our more vulnerable children with emotional support.
- Our house captains have done a wonderful job this year organising four house charity days in aid of BBC Children in Need, Jeans for Genes day, the Prospect Hospice and Comic Relief.
- This year, we welcomed LEGS radio into school and the children were interviewed for a radio show.
- We continue to focus on a different value in our daily Worship building on our core values of Respect, Kindness and Perseverance and much enjoyed hosting Education Sunday in school where we looked at the Feeding of the five thousand. Our Harvest, Christmas and Easter productions are always a highlight of the year and we thank the Church for enabling us to use their beautiful building despite all the work that they have had to do. We all much enjoy our weekly Open the Book sessions and thank all those involved.
- As well as our wonderful after school club for working parents, we also run a number of after school activity clubs including karate and football. During the year, we have also offered art and dance.
- During the course of the year, we have worked with Baydon Toddlers group inviting them to hold a number of Stay 'n Play sessions at school. These have been a great success and something we will continue next year.
- Our parental fundraising body, Friends of Baydon School (FOBS) do a wonderful job fundraising for us and we are very grateful for all that they do. This year, amongst other things, they have enabled us to buy 15 new computers. Thank you,
- We have worked hard on our building this year. During the summer, a parent from Bibby Financial Services came with a group of their staff to paint one of our classrooms, we installed a new boiler and new toilets in the main building. As I mentioned last year, although the Diocese provide most of the funds, the Governors are expected to raise 9% of the total cost and I am grateful to the Governors and the community for helping to raise these funds.
- We have also been working with Community Payback, an organisation which provides community projects for those on probation and, thanks to them, we have had our hall, hallway, three classrooms and a number of external walls repainted.
- We now look forward to the rest of the school year and all that the summer term has to offer including sports day, our year 6 residential in Rockley, Poole, our year 6 Cluster Church Service and our annual musical.

I would like to thank the dedicated staff, Governors, parents, volunteers from the community and children for all that they do to make Baydon St Nicholas such a wonderful school.

Brownies, Fiona Smart – Jill Jones and I took over the Brownie unit in September after Jayne and Wendy decided it was time to retire. We would like to thank them both for all their advice and encouragement. We have big shoes to fill. Our young leader helpers are Willow Smart and Sarah James.

We have both completed all the required training in First Aid and Safe Space and are almost fully-fledged leaders. We currently have 12 brownies and a waiting list of girls ready to start when they turn 7. We have a parent rota in place to ensure we have extra help when needed for certain activities such as cooking. Our contributions to the Baydon Scene will have given you a brief overview of some of our activities. Other recent meetings have included a visit from a member of the Wiltshire Police Force. We invited the Brownies from Ogbourne St. George to join us and all the girls had great fun 'playing with the police car' and escaping from a set of handcuffs! Last week Karee, very kindly showed the girls around her art studio.

Next month, we are going to Coate Water for a canoeing session and in November, we are all off for a residential weekend at Oxenwood, both activities are organised by Wiltshire Girl Guides.

At our last meeting, all the girls made some beautiful cards which we hope to sell, with money raised to be donated to the Church fund.

St Nicholas Church, Church Warden Report, Tina Evans - This year has probably been the most challenging for the St. Nicholas Church and the many people who support it. The theft of the lead from the north Isle roof during October, followed soon after by the chancel wall becoming dangerously close to collapse.

We have had good media coverage from local newspapers, Radio and Sky TV. Pamela has set up online giving which should make it easier for people to donate funds.

We are so grateful to Peter Chambers who has taken on the role of Grant Application Co-ordinator, seeking organisations who may help us raise the considerable sum required to carry out repairs. Our Stewardship Committee will still be responsible for fundraising for day to day running of the Church.

Church attendance. The average adult attendance is 17 compared to 21 in 2017. We had no Baptisms, 1 Marriage and 2 Funerals. The School used the church on 5 occasions during 2018. We are delighted that the school continues to use our church for their special services and provide material for our children's notice board. Our thanks go to Caroline Knighton and the teachers for their support.

Remembrance Service was well supported and made special by the donation of a 'Tommy' by a previous resident. This soldier is permanently on display under the Memorial Plaques.

Cake and Company was introduced in June 2018 to provide activities for anyone who was looking for some company in the six villages. This has been so successful and enjoyable for both the guests and helpers. Our thanks go to Karen Rozzelli for instigating Cake and Company in order to reach out to people in our villages.

Candice Marcus retired at the end of the year to spend more time with her family, particularly her grandchildren. Many tears were shed at her final farewell.

We welcomed The Revd Rhona Floate to our Parish as the Team Vicar and Rural Field Officer. Celebration of her Ministry was held in a packed Holy Cross on 20th March.

On a sad note we will be saying goodbye to Simon following his announcement that he will retire later this year. He will be sorely missed for so many reasons. Donni and I have found his

guidance and encouragement, in our role as church wardens, so helpful. A major legacy introduced by Simon and the Clergy was the formation of the Whitton Team. All our churches are benefiting from this reorganisation, particularly Baydon. We now have access to so many talents from the Whitton Parishes.

Thank you to all those who helped to ensure the smooth running of the church, from Organists to clock winding and many more in between.

The Parish Council have generously continued to ensure the churchyard is mowed and working parties have been organised to keep the area in an acceptable manner.

To say the last year has been extremely eventful is an understatement. However, we are confident that 2019 will see us moving forward and St. Nicholas Church will eventually be a dry and stable building for future generations.

Baydon Fireworks, Trevor Dominy - The last Fireworks display was a great success with around 750 people attending. A big thank you to Johnathan Smith for using his field and thank you to the Parish Council for the contribution. Firework safety training is ongoing to be able to hold the annual event. The Brownies did the refreshments last year but will not be this year, so we are looking for volunteers for this year's event.

Baydon Website, John Whistler The Baydon Website is being modernised and I hope the village will like it. Please contact me if you would like anything on the website, unlike a Facebook post that disappears, a post on the website can sit on the website for as long as needed.

Aldbourn & Baydon Link Good Neighbour Scheme, Ali Tomkins -

The scheme provides assistance to anyone who may need to visit a hospital or surgery, is unable to collect shopping or needs a small task undertaking in the home. You may just like someone to call for a chat or to exchange a library book. If your particular need is not listed here, do not worry, just ask the coordinator. Link is not limited to any particular age group.

It is now our 13th year that we have been providing this service with now 33 drivers. We still ask for volunteers even an offer for 2 lifts a year makes a big difference. The coordinators take the calls and liaise with the drivers. If you don't want to be a driver there are also volunteer's wanted for co-ordinators.

Baydon Flyers-Cycling Group, Rob Howes - There is 12 in the membership that form 2 groups. 2 new members joined this year. Last year a tour took place along the coast to coast, unfortunately there is no tour happening this year. On the 7th June there will be electric bikes on The Green to help raise funds for the Church. There will also be an offer of refurbishing old bicycles.

Red Lion Buddies Cribbage Team, Don Carmichael - The Red Lion Buddies cribbage team play on Wednesday evenings from September to April in the Ridgeway Pub Cribbage league. The Red Lion has had a cribbage team for decades but in its current form we've been playing about 5 years.

If you, or anyone you know, can play the card game Cribbage and want a competitive game then don't join us, we're terrible. Honestly, we spent most of last season scraping along 2nd last in the Ridgeway Pub Cribbage league.

However, if you want a sociable evening out, on Wednesdays, during the dark months from September to April, where you get to visit lots of different local pubs, meet lots of friendly people and have some chat, banter, drinks and food, then join us. Oh, and we also play cards. Don't worry if you can't play Cribbage, apparently we can't either. We have practice sessions in the Summer and there's no pressure to play every week, just when you can.

If you're interested, contact our captain Tanya, myself (Don) or anyone behind the bar in the Red Lion. You'll be very, very welcome.

Motorcycle group, Don Carmichael – Baydon Bikers are a casual motorcycle club that enjoy ride outs from the Red Lion throughout the year. If the weather's looking good, we see who wants to join us for maybe a run out to the evening biker meet at the H Cafe, Dorchester-on-Thames or maybe out onto the beautiful roads in the Cotswolds. If we're feeling adventurous we even turn on the 'Windy Roads' feature on the TomTom Rider sat nav and deliberately get 'lost'. See Baydon Scene or Baydon.org 'Clubs' section for contact details.

The BYPA Village Hall, Gordon Walker - The hall continues to be used by a number of regular groups including Toddlers, Karate, Table tennis, and Brownies, as well as by Baydon residents for children's parties.

Over the last month Happy Art, a toddlers art group, have started to hold weekly sessions. The organisers are confident of the uptake and the hope is that they will continue.

The youth group which started in 2018 did not succeed due to lack of interest. The Fitness group and local band have also stopped using the facilities.

The focus for usage of the hall remains to be the young and the committee have continued to support fledgling groups to establish. However, since Little Crickets ceased to operate the hall has minimal use during the day, with most groups using the facility for a few hours in the evening. This level of usage does not provide sufficient income to cover the running costs of the hall.

For the 2018 financial year the hall made a loss of £597, with a similar financial position being anticipated for 2019. Over the last 18 months, the committee have looked to minimise running costs and there is now little scope for further reduction. The only way to ensure the ongoing viability of the hall is to increase usage.

The committee, with the help of the Parish council, have increased the signage in the village. This has improved the visibility of the hall and highlighted the availability for use by the wider community. In addition the committee have carried out painting works in the hall to improve the facility and make it more attractive to potential users.

The BYPA committee is made up of 5 members whom ensure the hall and garden are maintained and whom administer the hire of the hall. The decorating and majority of the maintenance is carried out by members of the committee as finances do not allow for external professionals to be hired. The committee is in need of additional members and helpers whom would be happy to provide practical help and support even if only for a few hours a year.

Cllr Chidgey read out the report sent for the Baydon Toddlers.

Baydon Toddlers, is run by volunteers Debbie McDonald and Jessica Jefferys every Monday during term time at the BYPA from 9 - 11am. Each week we offer tea/coffee for adults, a snack

for children and a craft activity as well as toys and songs. We've had a great year and have made a few changes which have been successful. Of particular note:

- Summer outing in 2018 - picnic at Wantage water park.
- Christmas party in 2018 - with soft play and visit from Father Christmas.
- Price increase from £2 to £2.50/family to cover increased cost of hall and materials - now looking healthy and was able to subsidize the Christmas party.
- Created a Facebook page to help promote the group - this has 24 members currently.
- Numbers are good and we generally have between 4 and 8 families per session with babies up to preschoolers attending.
- Visits to Baydon School. We have worked with the school to arrange some additional Toddlers sessions at the school. These have been well attending and have been held once or twice a term. Thank you to the school for accommodating us. We feel they work really well as a change of scenery and they serve two additional purposes:
 - To increase the expose of the school to families from within and outside Baydon who attend Toddlers.
 - To improve the transition to school for children attending Toddler group as they will have had exposure to the school in a relaxed setting.

We look forward to the coming year and thank the village for their support at the hall, the shop, publication in The Scene and the families who attend.

The Golf Group, Steve Sutton- the Golf group would welcome more members. Please come and join us. There is also one space available for the tour this year. Please email Steve for more details on steveofbaydon@live.co.uk.

5 **PUBLIC THOUGHTS ON THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT ON THE LAND AT RUSSELY GREEN**

Following a debate on the proposed development of the land at Russley Green, adjacent to Fiveways. The main consensus from the residents present in the Annual Parish Meeting was that the plot of land is 'outside the current and proposed Limits of Development (Settlement Boundary) for the village of Baydon'. The question was asked if perhaps the boundary line is being moved sometime in the future. Some residents also felt there was a need for more affordable houses for their growing families, who did not want to leave the village.

The Parish Council asked if anyone present would be willing to come forward to deliver a working group. No one came forward.

Cllr Chidgey said from the discussions that had taken place during the Annual Parish Meeting it was clear that there were mixed views around the proposed development.

These will be considered and more questions concerning the boundary will be asked of Wiltshire Council. A response to Hannick Homes will be agreed in the Annual Parish Council meeting on the 20th May.

6 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ANY OTHER MATTERS**

No further matters to report.

The meeting closed at 21:45

Signed

Cllr Sarah Chidgey(Chair)/ Date