



MINUTES
BAYDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2018 – 8.00PM IN THE BYPA HALL, MANOR LANE

BAYDON

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

Acting Clerk: Mrs K Clay

In attendance: 3 members of public & Kim Lloyd (new clerk)

1 **APOLOGIES**

None

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 22 October 2018 as a correct record.

4 **FINANCE REPORT**

Members **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to approve the finance report. A copy of which appears as appendix A in the Minutes.

5 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

07/11 PCSO Sykes – Monthly Police bulletin.

One report for Baydon – lead theft from St Nicholas Church

12/11 T. Witt – Re the state of the cork on the village noticeboard

See item 15

15/11 WC – Details about changes to automatic renewal of Wiltshire concessionary bus passes
From January 2019 passes will no longer be automatically renewed if they have not been used.

Anyone who does not regularly use their pass needs to call Wiltshire Council on 0300 456 0100 to arrange for a new one to be issued. The poster sent has been put on the shop noticeboard and the website.

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

Members **NOTED** updates on the issues below:

No ETA as yet for the additional 'keep clear' sign by Ermin Close being painted.

Pedestrian safety opposite the shop due to vehicles mounting the pavement. Cllr. Chidgey &

Cllr. Mackenzie Smith will be attending the next CATG meeting to update them on the exact issues, as well as asking for an update on the request for 'no parking lines' on the corner of Downsmead.

Members **NOTED** the following new issues:

Part time advisory 20mph flashing warning signs have been installed on Ermin Street as part of the Taking Action on School Journeys initiative. They will be switched on during school drop off and pick up times. This should hopefully help slow traffic during these busier times.

The lines on Ermin Street/Aldbourn Road have been refreshed by Wiltshire Council.

7 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS (standing orders were suspended during this item)**

Mrs Furber – The bin in the play area is full.

8 **YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

There have been no responses to the advert in the Baydon Scene. Cllr. Chidgey and Cllr. Mackenzie Smith will try to have a chat with youngsters waiting for the school bus one morning before the end of this term.

9 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

18/08832/CLE Baydon Valley Farm, Manor Lane – Certificate of lawfulness for material operations pursuant to, and consistent with, planning permission 15/00980/FUL

-The passing places are inadequate for one large vehicle, such as a lorry, to pass a car. Two cars could just fit, a lorry and car would not.

-The road is already collapsing and will significantly deteriorate once site traffic starts.

-A horrifyingly large area of ground has been dug out which seems disproportionately large when compared with the original plans - see picture attached.

-Additionally, The Parish Council is concerned as to where commercial waste water from large numbers of animals housed in the barn will be discharged, as there appears to be no existing sewage system.

At this stage, the Parish Council would appreciate a site visit with Ruaridh O'Donoghue to ensure that all planning regulations are being met.

Ruaridh O'Donoghue had contacted Cllr. Chidgey about the comments made, and advised that the application merely sought to prove that work had started within three years of permission being granted. The passing places being installed are enough to establish this, and thus a Certificate of lawfulness for material operations has now been granted. The land owner can now either complete the work, or do nothing, but the planning granted will no longer lapse. Mr O'Donoghue reassured the Parish Council that he had listened to their concerns, but that they could not be acted on in relation to this application. He advised that if the Council still had concerns about the work carried out, they should contact the Enforcement Department about them. Cllr. Sutton will take a look at the work carried out so far in relation to the plans, and update the Council on whether there is a need to contact the Enforcement Department or not.

Cllr. Lawrence arrived.

10 **PLAY GROUND**

The following issues were raised on the last RoSPA report that required action:

Bench – Protruding bolt thread on seat

The recommendation was to cut down the bolts and file them smooth. However, the council felt that this would actually cause more of a hazard than there currently was. They are going to put some rubber covers over the bolts.

Large multiplay unit – Tube split and rusting on side ladder to top platform

Rust needs treating and tube replacing

Large multiplay unit – Paintwork flaking on vertical chain section

Paint needs rubbing down.

Cllr. Billington agreed to take a look at the issues above, with a view to either fixing them, or asking Idverde to quote for the work.

11 **CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

Cllr. Mackenzie Smith advised the tree would be delivered on the morning of Saturday 8 December. Mr Grove and his 'team' agreed to help put the tree up/dress it and arrange to get the equipment and lights there. Cllr. Billington will also help with this.

12 **WWI TREES**

Cllr. Chidgey advised the trees have been ordered and will be 3-4 ft in height. They will be bare rooted and need to be planted between November and February whilst they are in a dormant

state. They will be planted in a curve on the side of the playground. Guy Watson will dig the holes and check for soil suitability. The trees will not need support, but to help protect them from inquisitive youngsters, mowers and animals, they will be staked and a protective guard will be put around them. The Allotment Association will maintain them after planting, and cut the grass around them to prevent damage as they establish. They have already agreed to be responsible for maintaining the trees in the long term.

13 REFURBISHMENT OF VILLAGE SIGN

The post is not rotten, but could do with some Postcrete putting in around the base to secure it better in the ground. The sign can be taken off to enable it to be repainted. Anne Welsh will be asked if she would carry out this work. Corrine Jackson was suggested as someone who may also be able to help with this.

14 2019 MEETINGS

The BYPA has been booked for all dates, apart from 17 May. Cllr. Chidgey will ask the table tennis club if they would be willing to allow the Council to use the hall that night.
14 January, 25 February, 8 April, 17 May (Friday, Parish Assembly), 20 May (Annual Parish Council meeting), 1 July, 23 September, 4 November

15 ALDBOURNE & BAYDON LINK SCHEME

Members **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to donate £300 to the Aldbourne & Baydon Link Scheme.

16 NOTICEBOARD

Cllr. Sutton to take a look at the village noticeboard and advise on the best course of action.

17 ITEMS TO NOTE

Members **NOTED** the following updates on items raised at the September meeting:

The paved section of Sheppards Lane is classed as highway. After this it changes to a byway. Calls were logged for the poor surface and blocked drains. WC have come back to say that the surface currently does not meet safety intervention levels but is on a list for consideration for repairs to be done in the future. Though they do not give a timescale for when in the future this may be. On the drains, they came back to advise that they have been found not to require an emergency response as it is not on a high speed road or causing property flooding. They will be left to the scheduled emptying, but they could not give timescales on this as it is planned by the contractor.

The faulty street & warning sign lights at the junction of Aldbourne Rd/Ermin Street was reported to Wiltshire Council after the last meeting and fixed by 7 November.

The footpath from Downsmead to Baydon Road has been reported via My Wiltshire. The resident whose hedge is overhanging the pavement has been asked to cut it back twice.

Cllr. Chidgey did manage to meet with the Parish Steward on his last visit to the village. He did advise that there are a lot of jobs he is not allowed to do due to H&S, and others he cannot do due to lack of time. Cllr. Chidgey and Cllr. Sutton will be meeting with him again on his next visit, to discuss the sort of jobs that he can carry out in Baydon. The railing on the raised path was cleaned. Cllr. Chidgey and Mr Groves walked Aldbourne Road and Ermin Street and marked all the blocked drains on a map. These were reported to Wiltshire Council, and are on the list to be cleared by the gully tanker when it visits the village, though there is no date on when this will be.

This year's fireworks display was an absolutely fantastic event. Cllr. Chidgey thanked Trevor Dominy, Jim Grove, Steve Dawson, Andrew Head and their helpers, for all the time and work they put into making sure that the event was a success. She also went on to thank Mark Houghton for arranging the stewards and Jonathan Smith for the use of the field. The costs of the event have been covered by the donations given on the night, and there is also just over £736 available to go towards next years costs.

Members **NOTED** the following new items:

St Nicholas Church is holding an emergency open meeting on 5 December at 8pm to discuss the future of the Church. Everyone in the village should have received a notice through their door explaining the situation, and which also included a questionnaire. The council encouraged everyone to respond to the questionnaire, whether they can attend the meeting or not.

Cllr. Chidgey introduced Kim Lloyd, who is clerk to both Chaddleworth and Great Shefford Parish Councils, and will be starting the Baydon Clerk/RFO job on 14 January 2019.

Tonight is Cllr. Lawrence's last meeting. Cllr. Chidgey thanked him for his help during his time on the Council. The Council were particularly grateful to him for joining at a time when the Council was in danger of being disbanded due to a lack of councillors.

The Red Lion pub was broken into recently. Councillors understand that a small amount of items were taken. Residents are reminded to keep vigilant at all times and report anything they feel is suspicious to the Police via 101.

18 **CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS**

No candidates had stood for co-option

19 **DELEGATION OF DUTIES**

Members **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to give delegated powers to the clerk, in consultation with the full council via email, during the winter recess, for all Parish Council functions where delegated powers do not already exist.

20 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 14 January 2019 @ 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 20:42

Signed _____ Cllr Sarah Chidgey/Acting-Chair Date _____