

BAYDON PC Meeting Report

The Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd September was chaired by Cllr Sarah Chidgey, with Councillors James Lawrence and Brian Billington in attendance. 7 villagers also attended, as did the temporary clerk, Mrs Karen Clay. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

The Financial Report.

Income: Cricket Fund Interest £1.00:

Bank Statements: Barclays Community £25645.64; General Reserve £22136.26; Cricket Fund £1209.44. Total £48991.34:

Payments approved at the meeting:

Fireworks, £345.00; Raffle tickets printing £70.00; Internal audit £100.00; PAYE Tax £210.40; WALC Subscription £223.67; Water Bill £15.26; Painting of bench £195.00; Clearing tree from Play area £141.68; Clerks expences (July) £339.69; Hall hire £57.75; Grass cutting £1237.50; Clerks expences (August) £335.45; SSE £45.13 + £46.35.

An outline of correspondence was read out and explained, including all action taken.

The police report contained 2 issues concerning Baydon – a dwelling burglary and an RCT near the buildout.

County Cllr James Sheppard agreed to get involved in the matter concerning the retaining fence outside of Red Roofs to ensure that Wiltshire Council provide a more substantial wall.

A stage 3 Safety Audit has been conducted at the build out near Ermin Close. It has been agreed to paint a larger / clearer “Keep Clear” sign and to ensure the cycle route is kept clear as part of the Parish Stewards job. It was noted that no serious injury occurred during the traffic incident and damage to the bollard is to be repaired.

Mrs Jukes, in Public Question Time, said that there had been two accidents not one. A car had collided with a parked vehicle further down Ermin Street. Cllr Chidgey said that the matter had obviously not been reported to the police. Mrs Jukes also reported that a grain Lorry had shed grain in the chicane which is now beginning to sprout.

It was agreed that the Parish Steward be asked to clear it. The clerk was asked to contact the steward.

There had been a disappointing response to the Mobile Youth Club; most sessions only attracted one child each. Therefore the Mobile Club will no longer be available.

Cllr Chidgey suggested that the Parish Council fund more sessions, but it was important first to contact the 12 year old children involved. The clerk is to ask the Organisation to contact the children (as names cannot be given to the Parish Council because of Data Protection) so that something may be arranged in the future. It was agreed that Parish Funds be used if something can be organised.

Planning Applications.

Construction of an agricultural building, and two agricultural workers dwellings at Gore Lane Farm.

The Councillors asked that the dwellings be “tied” to the farm, and Mr Wright said that they were needed to ensure workers were near to the stock and that no one else would want to live that close to the farm.

The applications were returned with no objections and with the comment that the dwellings should be “tied”.

The extension to 11 Ermin Close was returned with no objections and no comments.

It was agreed to erect a sign in the Play area to state that all children under 10years of age should accompanied by an adult. It also agrees to pay £99 for the sign.

It was noted that the Zip Wire had been repaired. There had been a complaint that the toddlers swing squeaked. Mr Mackenzie-Smith volunteered to oil it this week.

A donation to Citizens Advice was discussed. Cllr Lawrence was not convinced that it was the Parish’s responsibility, however after much discussion it was agreed to give £50 donation.

The arrangements for the Christmas Carols event was discussed. Debbie Moxon is to liaise with the Singing Postman. Mr Mackenzie-Smith has agreed to provide a tree again this year. The date was set for Friday 21st December 2018 at 6.30pm.

In items to note:

The SID unit has been moved nearer to the Chicane.

Pittams have tidied the Churchyard.

Mrs Jenny Gribble is to order the 9 memorial trees at a cost of £233.50. They are to be ordered in October for planting in November.

The bench at the entrance to Downsmead has been painted.

The Parish Council are to investigate the use of a “Number plate recognition” unit to be placed in the village.

The clerk reported that there had been one application for the position of Clerk to the Council, and three further enquires. It was agreed to conduct an interview, date to be arranged.

Cllr James Lawrence then announced his intention to resign at the end of the year.

Mr Hugo Mackenzie-Smith was then co-opted on.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.