



BAYDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Baydon Parish Council Meeting

**Minutes for Meeting held on Monday 25th March 2024 at 8.00pm in the BYPA Hall,
6 Manor Lane, SN8 2JE.**

Present

Cllr. Chidgey - Chair
Cllr. Brian Billington
Cllr. Steve Sutton
Cllr. MacKenzie-Smith
Cllr. Wyatt-Hawkins

Clerk: Fiona Ryder

Members of Public in attendance: Two

151 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

152 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

153 **Minutes from Previous Parish Council Meeting**

The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 19th February 2024 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

154 **Actions from Previous Meeting**

23-24/14 – Asset register is in progress.
23-24/46a – 30mph roundel has been repaired.
23-24/77 – SID data continues to be downloaded and shared with the police on a monthly basis.
23-24/114 – The Parish Steward has made repairs to the steps at Manor Lane.
23-24/123 – Cllrs Chidgey and Billington will visit Penwood Nurseries.

Action: Cllrs Billington & Chidgey

23-24/143 – Litter Pick poster was created and displayed.

155 **Public Section**

There were two members of public in attendance. One member of public wished to address the council to request support of their planning application. The applicant gave details of the previous application submitted to Wiltshire Council and why it was withdrawn despite no comments or objects being received. Details were also provided on how the current application is different to the previous one.

One member of public asked if the WWI Memorial clock, located in the Church tower and which has been taken away for restoration, could be rededicated to all who had lost their lives in conflict.

The resident was informed that there is a plaque inside the church with the names of those from Baydon whose lives were lost in WWI. Fruit trees in an arc shape have been planted, in the village playground, as an additional memorial to those who lost their lives, on either side of a plinth (which also lists the names). The Clock is a WWI memorial and will remain as such.

156 **Chair's Report**

The Chair had attended the Marlborough Board Maintenance Meeting and raised the state of the road at the east end of the village which is compounded when the M4 is closed. The board is aware of the issue and is doing what it can.

The historic PAYE issues have now been sorted with HMRC. Thanks to the Parish Clerk and the accountant she has been instructing.

Speed checks have been carried out in Baydon a couple of times recently, sharing SID data with the police may have helped to drive a police presence.

Wiltshire Council is working with National Highways on a full review of the diversion route through Baydon when the M4 is closed. The Traffic and Network Manager who has been dealing with this and keeping Baydon Council informed as to developments, is due to leave Wiltshire Council but has handed matters over to the Compliance and Performance Manager who will continue to take this forward and keep the Parish Council informed.

The latest PCSO Community Consultation was cancelled due to the PCSO being on annual leave, a new date is being arranged.

The litter pick on 16th March was very successful. Sixteen people turned up and 35 bags of litter were collected. Large items found in a ditch, including a fridge, were reported for collection. Thank you to all those who attended and to Cllr Wyatt-Hawkins for providing doughnuts.

A reminder has been sent to Cllr Jane Davis and Cllr James Sheppard, re the dropped kerb on Aldbourne Road.-Hopefully this can be approved at the next LHFIG meeting.

Wiltshire Council has shown its support for farmers by voting to ensure that all catered Wiltshire Council events serve meat and that menus are not solely plant-based.

The Church has asked for permission to erect a cross on the village green for Easter. Permission was granted.

One of the editors of the Baydon Scene is going to publish an article suggesting more defibrillators are required in the village. The Parish Council does not currently have the budget to support further defibrillators.

The Wiltshire Community Foundation has written to inform the Parish Council of Environmental Fund Grants, there are no current plans for projects that could benefit.

An update from Wiltshire Council regarding the planning application for 9 new houses at Russley Green was requested, the response was as follows:

As the local planning authority, we have raised concerns with the applicant on a number of issues about this application. The issues are ones of both principle and detail. In particular with regard to the latter we have concerns about the ecological and archaeological impact of the development as well as its landscape impact. It may be that some of these detailed issues can be addressed with the submission of further details and or surveys and reports. However the local authorities concerns over the principle of development are unlikely to be overcome with submission of more detail. We have therefore asked the applicants how they wish to

proceed with the application and whether they wish to consider its withdrawal given the in principle issues we have and the likelihood that such an application would not be recommended favourably.

We are now waiting the applicant's response and I would anticipate receiving this once the case officer is back from annual leave next week.

157 **Clerks Report**

The report was circulated prior to the meeting.

The Parish Steward visited on 4th March and carried out pothole repairs, sign repairs, and gully emptying. He also investigated the steps at Manor Lane, which he has now repaired.

The monthly charge for the Clerk's mobile phone is rising from £7.50 per month to £8.09 as from April. We are in contract until 2025.

Baydon Allotments: All letters and updated tenancy agreements have been sent for the coming year.

Correspondence:

Graveyard – An email was received complaining of theft of items from graves.

Please can this matter of theft be highlighted in the village as I am left feeling really rather dejected that we can't just put some flowers on the grave of our loved ones. The churchyard looks messy at times, since the grass gets strimmed and hacked at, rather than lovingly cut as used to happen, so the flower arrangements really do make a positive impact and look beautiful and I don't see why we should not do this for fear of someone stealing them. Your help with highlighting this will be greatly appreciated.

I have forwarded the email to the Church, but have not yet had a response.

158 **Finance Report**

The finance report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Income since the last meeting:

Interest	£ 65.86
Idverde Credit	£ 68.76

Expenditure since the last meeting:

Baydon Village Website	£ 160.63
Baydon Stores Refreshments	£ 356.25
G Wyatt-Hawkins Expenses	£ 68.60
MJ Baker Payroll	£ 11.25
HMRC PAYE	£ 495.57
Tesco Mobile	£ 15.00
MJ Baker PAYE Works	£ 100.00

Payments to be approved:

MJ Baker Final invoice for PAYE works	£ 100.00* Paid to avoid charges
Clerks Annual Expenses	£ 45.66

The council approved the finance report and income and expenditure to date. All payments due were approved.

159 **Emergency Contact Hub**

The Clerk will contact the BYPA Hall to request that it can be used as an Emergency Contact Hub.

Action: Clerk

160 **Planning Applications**

Application: PL/2024/02135

Proposal: Erection of a two storey rear and side extension and porch (resubmission of PL/2023/10472).

Address: 8 Aldbourne Road

Comments: Support – Baydon Parish Council strongly supports the application.

161 **Idverde**

The Council has been paying Idverde to carry out monthly checks of the playground for a number of years. The Clerk recently requested copies of the reports which brought to light that the checks have not been taking place. Refunds have been requested and the insurance company contacted. The insurance company has advised that external monthly checks are not necessary. On a weekly basis a volunteer should carry out a visual check, make a record that the check has been done and email the Clerk with the time and date and any comments. This should then be minuted at meetings. Cllr Sutton and Cllr Chidgey agreed to carry out the checks between them.

Action: Cllr Sutton

162 **Portrait of the King**

The Council resolved to request a free of charge portrait of the King and to contact the BYPA Hall to ask if it can be displayed in the hall.

Action: Clerk

163 **WWI Memorial Clock**

The WWI Memorial Clock has now been taken away for restoration. Thank you to Tom McGowran who assisted with access and took photos. Cllr Sutton will forward the grant information to the Clerk.

Action: Clerk

164 **Village Design Statement**

Cllr Wyatt-Hawkins has looked into what is required and reported that the design statement should be community led and the first step is to advertise for volunteers. A flyer will be produced asking for volunteers, a couple of parishioners have already shown interest. A working group will need to be set up with the Chair of the group ideally being a member of public.

Action: Cllr Wyatt-Hawkins

165 **Matters for Future Consideration**

Any items to be put forward for the agenda or any reports should be sent to the Clerk at least 10 days in advance of the next meeting.

166 **Date of the Next Meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting (which is the Annual Parish Council Meeting) is **Monday 13th May 2024** at 8pm in the BYPA hall.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 17th May at 8pm at the BYPA Hall.

Meeting Closed at 9pm