



BAYDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Baydon Parish Council Meeting

Minutes for Meeting held on Monday 7th April 2025 at 8.00pm in the BYPA Hall, 6 Manor Lane, SN8 2JE.

Present

Cllr. Sarah Chidgey - Chair
Cllr. Hugo Mackenzie-Smith
Cllr. Gary Wyatt-Hawkins
Cllr. Steve Sutton

Clerk: Fiona Ryder

Members of Public in attendance: 5

132 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Billington.

133 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

134 Minutes from Previous Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 24th February 2025 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

135 Actions from Previous Meeting

23-24/124 – Cllr Chidgey had chased a response from Danny Kruger regarding M4 diverted traffic issues. The following response from National Highways was forwarded:

In the event of emergency closures on our network, we have pre-planned diversion routes set up, which have been agreed with the local road authorities and in this case do not include the B4000.

When the M4 westbound between junctions 15 and 14 are closed, our diversion route directs vehicles from junction 15 of the M4, on to the A346 through Marlborough to the A4 and A338, re-joining the M4 at junction 14. It is apparent that some vehicles travelled via the smaller villages as an alternative to the recommended route. Diversion routes are advisory, and while we can encourage compliance with signage, we unfortunately have no powers to prevent drivers choosing a different route.

I hope this explains how we plan for these scenarios, and that unfortunately, we cannot enforce the use of agreed diversion routes.

24-25/086 – A revised map of the parish will be provided as an electronic copy. This is still being actioned.

Action: Cllr Wyatt-Hawkins

136 **Public Section**

One member of public addressed the council to give details of their planning application, due to be discussed later in the meeting. One member of public informed the council that glass had been broken in Manor Lane overnight prior to the last recycling collection and that daffodil heads had been knocked off in the Churchyard.

137 **Chair's Report**

Thanks were expressed to the Clerk for delivering election papers to Wiltshire Council on behalf of four nominees.

Had Cllr Billington been able to attend this evening, it would have been his last meeting as a Councillor as he will not be standing for re-election. Becoming a Councillor in 2017, Cllr Billington has been a huge support to the Chair. On behalf of the village and the Parish Council, thanks were expressed for all that Cllr Billington has done over the years. It was agreed to purchase a token of gratitude, funded through Chairman's Expenses.

Action: Cllr Chidgey

The defibrillator awareness session held on 26th March was well attended. Over 35 people turned up for the demonstration given by South West Ambulance Service Community Engagement and Training Officer.

Wiltshire Highways have been contacted regarding the collapsing retaining wall/fence in Aldbourne Road. This was last reported to highways in 2022 when we were told that the repair was not urgent.

138 **Finance Report**

The finance report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Income since the last meeting:

Allotment Rent £ 210.00

Expenditure since the last meeting:

Chairs Allowance	£ 200.00
Clerks Expenses	£ 125.37
SSE	£ 53.44
Cumbria Clock Co	£ 4699.80
SLCC Membership	£ 76.00
Tesco Mobile	£ 8.09
Idverde	£ 67.20
MJ Baker Payroll	£ 11.25

Payments to be approved:

Wiltshire Association of Local Councils Annual Subscription £ 239.85 (+VAT)
Set up of Direct Debit for Castle Water.

The Parish Council approved the report, income and expenditure to date and payments due.

139 **Signatories**

It was agreed to appoint Cllr Wyatt-Hawkins as a further bank signatory.

Action: Clerk

140 **War Memorials Trust Update**

The Clerk and Chair completed the War Memorials Trust Grant Completion Form and submitted in time for the deadline of 31st March. Thanks were expressed to Tom McGowan and Peter Chambers. A rededication service will be arranged.

141 **Planning Applications**

For Consideration:

Application No: **PL/2025/02063**

Proposal: Construction of a field shelter on a concrete base, associated hard standings and change of use to equestrian. Partially retrospective.

Address: Land southeast of Finches Farm, Finches Lane

Comments: Support

Application No: PL/2025/02729

Proposal: Retrospective application for side extension (conservatory).

Address: The Red Lion Public House, Ermin Street

Comments: Support whilst noting discrepancies with the application form. The form states that the extension is not visible from the road.

Application No: PL/2025/02765

Proposal: Part two storey, part single storey side/rear extension.

Address: 1 Newtons Walk, Aldbourne Road

Comments: Support

Determined by Wiltshire Council:

PL/2023/09493 – Land off Russley Green

9 Dwellings, Open Space, Landscaping and Associated Engineering Works.

It was noted that the above application had been approved with Conditions. Conditions stipulated will be monitored.

142 **Defibrillator**

The loan scheme for the defibrillator has come to an end. South West Ambulance Service have offered to gift the defibrillator to the parish, with the Parish Council taking over the maintenance. It has been confirmed that, although out of warranty, the defibrillator is in good working order and should remain so for many years to come. The defibrillator will need to be monitored and registered. The Parish Council agreed to take on the Defibrillator.

Action: Clerk

A request for an additional defibrillator to be sited at the BYPA Hall was discussed. The Parish Council agreed not to pursue this.

143 **Good Friday Cross**

A request for the Good Friday Cross to be erected on The Green again this year was discussed. The Parish Council approved the request.

144 **Gravel Pathway Through Churchyard**

A request for the Parish Council to cover the cost of re-gravelling the pathway through the Churchyard was approved. It was agreed to use CIL funds.

145 **Litter Pick Update**

Around 20 people joined in with the litter pick, 18 bags of litter were collected along with larger items such as carpet. It was noted that not long after the litter pick, there was evidence of littering in the areas covered.

A late summer litter pick had been requested.

Action: Cllr Wyatt-Hawkins

146 **Village Design Statement**

No further update. The questionnaire will be finalised for approval by the Parish Council.

147 **Annual Parish Meeting**

It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on 9th May at 7pm. Subject to the availability of the BYPA Hall.

Action: Clerk

148 **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.

149 **Date of the Next Meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is **Monday 19th May 2025** at 8pm in the BYPA hall.

Meeting Closed at 8.40pm