



Baydon Parish Council Meeting

Minutes for Meeting held on Monday 21st July 2025 at 8.00pm in the BYPA Hall, 6 Manor Lane, SN8 2JE.

Present

- Cllr. Sarah Chidgey - Chair
- Cllr. Gary Wyatt-Hawkins
- Cllr. Carol Nichols
- Cllr. Molly Howlett-Huggins

Wiltshire Cllr James Sheppard

Clerk: Fiona Ryder

Members of Public in attendance: 61

38 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Oates and Mackenzie-Smith.

39 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

40 Minutes from Previous Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 23rd June 2025 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

41 Actions from Previous Meeting

- 24-25/060a – Cllr Wyatt-Hawkins to liaise with Community Speed Watch regarding traffic survey results.
- 24-25/142 – Cllrs Chidgey and Nichols are happy with the maintenance of the defibrillator.
- 25-26/21 – Paperwork has been completed to add Cllr Oates as a bank signatory.
- 25-26/22 – The leaning road sign – Ermin Close – has been reported.
- 25-26/25 – AGAR has been submitted – awaiting External Auditors report.
- 25-26/30 – Highways Improvement Request Form for SID on Aldbourne Road has been submitted.
- 25-26/31 – Code of conduct has been adopted and sent to the Website for publication.
- 25-26/35 – Cllr Wyatt-Hawkins to give Clerk full access to Google Docs relating to VDS group.

42 Public Section

One member of public raised an issue with Paynes Lane being overgrown.
All members of the public in attendance were present due to interest in Planning Application PL/2025/05417. Owing to the number of attendees, the public participation section was extended to 30

minutes to ensure all individuals who wished to speak were given the opportunity. Numerous objections to the application were raised, covering a range of concerns.

Cllr Sheppard informed the meeting that, should the Parish Council request it, he would refer the application to Committee, members of the public would be able to attend the Committee meeting. Attendees were advised to submit their comments via the Wiltshire Council Planning Portal and to contact Cllr Sheppard directly by email with any further questions or remarks.

In light of the level of public interest, the Chairman proposed that item 46 (Planning Application PL/2025/05417) be moved up the agenda. This proposal was agreed by the Council.

46 **Planning Application: PL/2025/05417**

Proposal: Permission in principle for a residential development of a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 9 dwellings (use class C3).

Address: Land off Aldbourne Road

Comments: Objection

The Parish Council resolved to object to the application and asked that Cllr Sheppard Call-In the application. A draft objection will be circulated to all Councillors prior to submission.

Action: Cllrs Chidgey & Wyatt-Hawkins

43 **Chair's Report**

The Chair reported damage to trees within the playground, where branches had been forcibly removed and scattered across the area, including within play equipment. The incident occurred on the afternoon or evening of Tuesday, 8th July. Councillors responded promptly to ensure the playground was made safe and remained accessible for community use.

A PCSO Consultation was held earlier today at 11:00am at Baydon Post Office & Store. During the session, concerns were raised regarding litter being left in farmers' fields and incidents of stone throwing by younger members of the community. The next PCSO Consultation is scheduled to take place on Thursday, 21st August at 7:00pm at the BYPA Hall.

A further objection has been submitted to the appeal for an Asphalt Plant at Membury, this objection was based on the Parish Councils original objection.

The Chair has received an invitation to The Whitton Parish Team Holy Communion Services on Sunday 3rd August along with all local Parish Councils. As the Chair is unable to attend, she will ask if another Councillor can attend on behalf of Baydon.

The Chair has been liaising with Wiltshire Planning department regarding the Planning Application off Aldbourne Road, chasing the missing plan, querying the changing consultation deadline and making both Cllr Sheppard and Danny Kruger MP aware of the application.

44 **Clerks Report**

The Parish Steward has filled in potholes on Goor Lane and Finches Lane, cut back/cleared vegetation on Goor Lane and Ermin Street, cut back overhanging vegetation obstructing signage at Ermin Street and Newtons Walk.

At its last meeting, the Parish Council agreed to purchase an Amelanchier Robin Hill tree in a 12L pot. Cllr Howlett-Huggins volunteered to receive delivery of the tree and organise planting.

Action: Cllr Howlett-Huggins

The Police Parish Report for the second quarter has been received and shared will Councillors.

Correspondence

Goor Lane Verges: Email received asking who to report ‘grown in’ verges to. The road is narrowing due to trees and bushes not being cut back for some time.

Advised to report to Highways via MyWilts online reporting.

45 **Finance Report**

The finance report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Income since the last meeting:

Allotment Rent £ 75.00

Expenditure since the last meeting:

Tesco Mobile	£ 8.60
MJ Baker Payroll	£ 11.25
Chairs Expenses	£ 39.00
SSE Energy	£ 50.64
D R & R A Pittams	£ 2160.00
Wiltshire Pension Fund	£ 600.00
HMRC PAYE	£ 112.78
A Batchelor Internal Audit	£ 100.00

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

46 **Planning Applications**

Application No: PL/2025/05542

Proposal: Retrospective two-storey rear extension and balcony.

Address: Heddons Cottage, Finches Lane

Comments: No comment.

47 **Risk Assessment**

The Parish Council approved the risk assessment.

48 **Scheme of Delegation**

The Parish Council approved the adoption of the scheme of delegation.

49 **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.

50 **Date of the Next Meeting**

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

Meeting Closed at 9.00pm