



Baydon Parish Council Meeting

Minutes for Meeting held on Monday 8th December 2025 at 8.00pm in the BYPA Hall, 6 Manor Lane, SN8 2JE.

Present

- Cllr. Sarah Chidgey - Chair
- Cllr. Carol Nichols
- Cllr. Hugo Mackenzie-Smith
- Cllr. Alastair Oates
- Cllr. Jon Freeman
- Cllr. Gary Wyatt-Hawkins

Clerk: Fiona Ryder

Members of Public in attendance: 2

84 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Howlett-Huggins.

85 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

86 Minutes from Previous Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 20th October 2025 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

87 Actions from Previous Meeting

23-24/77 – SID Data continues to be downloaded and sent to the PCSO.

23-24/161 – Weekly visual checks continue to be carried out at the play area.

24-25/97 – A potential site was identified for the installation of a solar powered SID on Aldbourne Road. Cllr Chidgey will seek further advice on the proposed site, the Clerk will investigate costs of a solar powered SID.

Action: Cllr Chidgey & Clerk

25-26/65 – All Councillors agreed to approve the IT Policy originally circulated.

25-26/80 – Accompanying music for Carols around the Christmas tree is being sourced.

Action: Cllr Oates

25-26/81 – Comparison quotes for grass cutting are being sought. Cllr Wyatt-Hawkins to provide a list of suppliers to the Clerk.

Action: Cllr Wyatt-Hawkins

88 Public Section

One member of public requested assistance from the Parish Council with relation to an issue with Wiltshire Council. Further information will be forwarded to the Clerk, Cllr Chidgey will make a site visit.

89 **Chair's Report**

The event shelter needs collecting and setting up prior to the Carols on 19th December.

Action: Cllrs Oates and Freeman

Councillors will be in attendance on the night of the Carols to hand out Carol sheets, mince pies etc.

The next PCSO consultation will be held on 4th February, it was agreed to advertise on Facebook.

Action: Clerk

On Remembrance Sunday, the Parish Council laid a Poppy Wreath at the WW1 memorial trees in the playground.

On 12th November the rededication service of the WW1 memorial clock in the Church tower was conducted by Bishop Rumsey with Key Stage 2 pupils from Baydon St Nicholas School playing a key role, performing a very relevant song and then leading the prayer. The Parish Council laid a Poppy Wreath against the Church wall underneath the clock.

Marlborough Area Board meeting was attended on 18th November, where there was a presentation given by Highways on how they manage roadworks and traffic disruption. Clerk to forward invite to Area Board meetings to all Councillors.

Thanks were expressed to the Christmas tree gang for yet another great team effort erecting the tree on The Green. It was agreed to purchase token thank you gifts for the provision of a JCB and for disposal of the tree. It was agreed to purchase new lights (non flashing, warm light) for 2026 due to issues with the current sets.

Baydon Church Carol service is being held on 15th December, the Parish Council have been asked if a representative will attend and read one of the readings.

Action: Cllr Chidgey

90 **Clerks Report**

The Parish Steward has cleaned signs of Baydon Road and outside Downs House, cleared drainage on Goor Lane and Aldbourne Road, straightened signage on Goor Lane, filled potholes on Sewer Lane and Manor Lane, reported fly tipping on Baydon Hole Farm Road.

It was reported that the school warning lights were no longer working, a link was provided to report the issue to Highways.

91 **Finance Report**

The finance report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Income since the last meeting:

Expenditure since the last meeting:

Castle Water	£ 46.98
Wiltshire Council Election Costs	£ 250.00
Landford Trees	£ 138.67
DR & RA Pittams	£2160.00
Rospa	£ 115.20
RBL Poppy Appeal	£ 54.49
Tesco Mobile	£ 17.20
MJ Baker Payroll	£ 11.25
Idverde	£ 33.60
Pains Fireworks	£ 540.00

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

92 **Financial Regulations**

The Financial regulations were reviewed and approved.

93 **Budget and Precept**

The Parish Council approved the budget for 2026-27 and agreed a precept request of £20,486.00, this equates to an increase of £2.42 for the year on a Band D property. The budget and precept included the addition of £600 for the build of an Assertion 10 compliant website.

94 **General Revenue and Reserves Policy**

The Parish Council approved the policy and agreed to move earmarked reserves for By Election to Maintenance of Assets. The Clerk will email CIL funds information and ask Councillors for proposals for spending.

Action: Clerk

95 **ROSPA Annual Report**

The annual inspection of the playground was carried out in October, the report has been reviewed and the Parish Council agreed to rectify issues reported on the large multiplay and replace the matting on the single point swing and junior swings.

Action: Cllr Chidgey & Clerk

96 **Draft Flag Policy**

A draft flag policy had been distributed prior to the meeting asking for clarification on a couple of points. The Parish Council agreed that the policy would be to fly just the Union Flag on the days listed in the government buildings list, adding Wiltshire Day and VE Day. A small committee of members willing to be part of a rota to put up and take the flags down would be needed. The list of dates the flag would be flown would be published on the Parish Council website. The flag policy will be presented at the Annual Parish meeting in May 2026.

Action: Cllr Oates

97 **Village Design Statement**

A timetable was shared at the meeting. The online questionnaire is to be updated by the end of the week in line with the final approved questionnaire. The questionnaire will be distributed by the end of December. A Facebook post will be made once the questionnaire has been distributed.

Action: VDS Working Group

The next step is for a survey of the village, potential surveyors have already been contacted.

98 **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. Proposals for the Council need to include sufficient information for the Council to be able to make an informed decision.

99 **Date of the Next Meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is **Monday 19th January 2026** at 8pm in the BYPA hall.

Meeting Closed at 9.10pm