



# BAYDON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Baydon Parish Council Meeting

**Minutes for Meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026 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: 1**

**100 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Howlett-Huggins.

**101 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**102 Minutes from Previous Parish Council Meeting**

The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**103 Actions from Previous Meeting**

23-24/77 – SID data continues to be downloaded and sent to PCSO who has thanked the Parish Council for continuing to do so.

23-24/161 – Weekly inspections of the play area continue to be carried out. Vegetation has been cut back from the No Parking sign and the gate post is in the process of being repaired.

25-26/057 – Martin Cook has been unavailable for some time, he is now on a phased return to work, an email has been sent requesting an update on the retaining wall in Aldbourne Road.

25-26/081 – Potential supplier information has been received this evening, comparison quotes will be sought for grass cutting.

25-26/088 – A visit was made to the site of a dispute over a Wisteria. A meeting is taking place on Wednesday, a Cllr has been asked to attend as a neutral witness.

**Action: Cllr Oates**

25-26/094 – Clerk to email CIL funds information to all Councillors.

**Action: Clerk**

25-26/095 – Play equipment installer information to be passed on to Cllr Oates.

**Action: Cllr Chidgey**

25-26/097 – VDS Questionnaire responses will be collated, 60 have been received so far. The next step is public consultation and a structural survey.

**104 Public Section**

One member of public was in attendance as an observer.

**105 Chair's Report**

Thanks were expressed to the Christmas Tree Team, a token of gratitude has been given to both Mr Grasson and Mr Hales.

Two complaints had been received regarding the lack of traditional carols included at the Carols on The Green. New lights are to be purchased for the tree, existing lights will be measured to provide an idea for replacement.

**Action: Cllr Oates, Clerk**

An email was received on 1<sup>st</sup> January from the local PCSO. Criminal damage in Newtons Walk was being investigated, the Parish Council shared a message on Facebook. The next PCSO community consultation is due to take place on 4<sup>th</sup> February at the BYPA Hall.

Steve Hind, Wiltshire Highways held a Teams meeting with the Chair regarding the position of a SID on Aldbourne Road, he has advised the Parish Council to resubmit the request to the Local Highways and Footways Improvement Group as installing a post for a SID is not straightforward and all alternative options should be investigated first. This would require another metro count. The building site is temporarily slowing down traffic. The proposed site will be checked for suitability.

**Action: Cllr Oates**

Foliage on the 30mph sign in Aldbourne Road needs cutting back, this will be reported to the Parish Steward.

**Action: Clerk**

**106 Clerks Report**

The Parish Council resolved not to enter the Best Kept Village Competition 2026.

**107 Finance Report**

The finance report was circulated prior to the meeting.

**Income since the last meeting:**

**Expenditure since the last meeting:**

Idverde	£	67.20
MJ Baker Payroll	£	11.25
Tesco Mobile	£	8.00
Needlefresh	£	342.95

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

**108 Community Governance Review**

The Parish Council agreed to respond requesting that there are no changes to the Community Governance in Baydon.

**Action: Clerk**

**109 Future Meeting Dates**

Meeting dates for 2026/27 were approved, these will be published on the website and in the next issue of Baydon Scene.

**110 Trees on The Green**

An offer to trim the lower branches of the tree on The Green had been received. It was agreed that advice would be sought from Guy Watson prior to any works being carried out.

**Action: Cllr Chidgey**

**111 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.

21<sup>st</sup> March was proposed as the date for this year's Spring Litter Pick.

**112 Date of the Next Meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026** at 8pm in the BYPA hall.

Meeting Closed at 8.40pm