BAYDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Baydon Parish Council Meeting

Minutes for Meeting held on Monday 2nd March 2026 at 8.00pm in the BYPA Hall, 6 Manor Lane, SN8 2JE.

Present
Cllr. Sarah Chidgey - Chair
Cllr. Carol Nichols
Cllr. Jon Freeman
Cllr. Gary Wyatt-Hawkins

Clerk: Fiona Ryder

Members of Public in attendance: 1

113 **Apologies**
Apologies were received from Cllrs. Howlett-Huggins, Mackenzie-Smith and Oates. Due to circumstances beyond her control the Parish Council accepted Cllr Howlett-Huggins' apology.

114 **Declarations of Interest**
Cllr Wyatt-Hawkins declared an interest in agenda item 129 and will not take part in discussion on that item.

115 **Minutes from Previous Parish Council Meeting**
The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 19th January 2026 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

116 **Actions from Previous Meeting**
23-24/77 – SID data continues to be downloaded and sent to PCSO.
23-24/161 – Weekly inspections of the play area continue to be carried out.
24-25/97 – Potential locations for an additional Speed Indicator Device have been identified, awaiting response regarding traffic survey request.
25-26/063 – Contact details have now been displayed on village noticeboard at the end of Downsmead.
25-26/064 – Assertion 10 related policies and Website changes are ongoing.
25-26/081 – The Clerk contacted a number of contractors for grass cutting quotes, only one response was received and that came in too late to be added to the agenda. The quote was very similar to what we are already paying. Current contractor will be contacted to ask for feedback reports following each visit.
Action: Clerk
25-26/088 – Cllr Oates attended a meeting with resident and Wiltshire Council regarding issues around Wisteria, as a neutral witness, no further contact has been made.
25-26/095 – Playground matting is still being investigated.
25-26/098 – Christmas Tree lights have been measured, costs will now be researched.
Action: Clerk

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117 **Public Section**

One member of public was in attendance as an observer.

118 **Chair's Report**

Posters will be published for the 21st March Litter Pick as part of the Great British Spring Clean.

It was noted that a member of public has installed a dog poo bin at the top of the track leading from Baydon Farm down to the track that runs past the sewage works. An increased amount of bagged dog poo is being thrown in the hedge. Dog owners are asked to be responsible and dispose of dog poo correctly.

Our local PCSO held a consultation on 4th February, only one member of public attended.

Cllrs Chidgey and Oates attended the Marlborough Board Meeting on Tues 10 Feb. The Police and Crime commissioner gave a presentation. Main points to note were: Wiltshire has the lowest number of recorded crimes per head of population in England and Wales. 53 crimes are recorded per 1000 people versus a national average of 86 per 1000. Wiltshire remained one of the lowest funded forces per head of population, if funded in line with the national average, a further £42.39 million would be available for Wiltshire. The force had achieved £8.5 million in efficiency savings and is expecting to save a further £4.2m next year. Operational efficiency had improved, moving Wiltshire from a low performance baseline to near the top performing forces across several indicators. Government proposals could significantly alter operational structures for forces in England and Wales, reducing the number of forces from 43 to between 10 and 12. The full report can be found on the Wiltshire Council website.

It had been reported that a caravan being kept in a garden at a house on Ermin Street had been replaced with a permanent outbuilding. Planning Enforcement has made a visit and reported that there was no evidence of residential use taking place.

Contact has been made for advice regarding trimming the tree on The Green, awaiting response.

There have been issues with Barclays bank, the Clerk has been removed and Cllr Oates is currently unable to log in to the account. This has taken a considerable amount of time to resolve. The complaints department have offered £200 in compensation for the inconvenience and stress.

119 **Clerks Report**

Three traffic survey requests have been submitted to support the request for an additional Speed Indicator Device.

Parish Stewards are still off rota as they are dealing with pot holes around the County.

Five bags of Pea Shingle will be ordered for the re-gravelling of the footpath that runs through the Churchyard as agreed back in April 2025. The cost will be £345.00 plus any delivery charge.

Action: Clerk

120 **Finance Report**

The finance report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Income since the last meeting:

Expenditure since the last meeting:

Idverde	£ 33.60
MJ Baker Payroll	£ 22.50
SSE	£ 51.48
BYPA Hall Hire	£ 120.00
Tesco Mobile	£ 16.00
S Chidgey Expenses	£ 15.50
Castle Water	£ 4.06
Scene in Baydon	£ 200.00
Baydon Post Office & Store	£ 276.00

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

121 **Planning Applications**
There were no applications for consideration. It was noted that application PL/2025/05896 – St Nicholas Church, was approved with conditions by Wiltshire Council.

122 **New Payroll Provider**
The current Payroll provider has given notice that they are closing their business as of 31st April 2026. Three quotes for alternative provision were provided. The Parish Council accepted the quote from Pecunia Pro Limited.

Action: Clerk

123 **Allotment Letting**
A request to allow the letting of an allotment to a non Baydon resident was approved. It was noted that there are currently a number of vacant plots, these will be advertised around the village.
The tenancy agreement was approved.
The Baydon Allotment Association AGM is being held on Monday 9th March.

Action: Clerk

124 **Ramsbury Fire Station Potential Closure**
Public consultation dates have been advertised. It was agreed to send a letter similar to the one shared by Aldbourne Parish Council.

Action: Clerk

125 **Bin Emptying**
Idverde has given notice that it will no longer empty the two public bins not collected by Wiltshire Council. The bins are situated on Manor Lane and outside the Playground. The Clerk will seek costs from other companies.

Action: Cllr Wyatt-Hawkins, Clerk

126 **Data Protection Policy**
The Data Protection Policy circulated prior to the meeting was adopted.

127 **Data Map**
The Data Map circulated prior to the meeting was adopted.

128 **Publication Scheme**
The Publication Scheme circulated prior to the meeting was adopted.

129 **Website/Email Update**
Proposals for a new website and email provider were considered. It was agreed to bring back to the next meeting for decision making.

Action: Clerk

130 **Asset Register Review**
The second event shelter will be checked. The play equipment will be listed as one entry instead of phases. The fencing around the allotment will be added.
The Asset Register was approved with the above amendments.

Action: Clerk

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131 **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.

132 **Date of the Next Meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is **Monday 13th April 2026** at 8pm in the BYPA hall.

Meeting Closed at 8.59pm

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