



# BAYDON PARISH COUNCIL

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## BAYDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

### MINUTES FOR 19 JULY 2021 IN THE BYPA HALL, 6 MANOR LANE, SN8 2JE.

#### **Present:**

Cllr. Sarah Chidgey (Chair)

Cllr. Hugo Mackenzie-Smith (Vice Chair)

Cllr. Steve Sutton

Cllr. Brian Billington

**Clerk:** Mrs K Lloyd

**Public in attendance:** 7

The Chairman announced the meeting was being recorded for minute purposes and the recording would be deleted after the Minutes are approved.

#### 1 **APOLOGIES**

No apologies.

#### 2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations of Interest were raised.

#### 3 **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Members **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to confirm and adopt the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 28 June 2021.

Cllr Chidgey said before Public Questions Time (PQT), she wanted to remind everyone that this is a meeting of Baydon Parish Council that is, Baydon Parish Councillors. Members of the public are, of course, extremely welcome to attend but it is important that everyone understands that the only time that members of the public may speak is during PQT. Councillors do not have to engage in any discussions with members of the public during PQT, the point of PQT is for Councillors to listen to views and opinions being discussed, which are then added to Item 12: Matters for Future Consideration, at this point Councillors will discuss items raised and make a decision as to whether they will be added as an Agenda Item for the next meeting.

For other Agenda Items, should a Councillor want to ask a member of the public a question he can ask the other Councillors if they are happy for Standing Orders to be suspended and a discussion may take place. Once completed standing orders are reinstated.

#### 4 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

One member of the public asked what was happening with regard to the Speed Indicator Device (SID)/Smiley Activated Message (SAM) being installed adjacent to the Chicane. The Parish Council did investigate this before but there were issues with connecting it to the authority's pole. Cllr. Chidgey

said the SAM sign was going to be located further up the road towards the village. A discussion took place around the location of a new SAM and Cllr. Chidgey said that she would talk to Highways to determine if a SAM could be located closer to the Chicane.

The Clerk was asked to make the new SAM an agenda item for the September meeting

A member of the public said they had contacted Martin Cook at Highways to ask if a review around the effectiveness of the Chicane could take place, as no review had been carried out since its installation in 2014 and the member of the public had been told by Highways that a review would take place once the Chicane had 'bedded' in. The member of public had received no response from Mr Cook.

Cllr. Chidgey said she had spoken to Mr Cook already regarding the Chicane as it was raised in the last meeting, and this will be discussed by the Councillors under Agenda Item 6.

## 5 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Cllr. Chidgey said, it is important to note that when viewing planning applications on Wiltshire Council's website it is sometimes necessary to download documents in order to view all the necessary details.

Two Planning Applications were considered.

### **PL/2021/05453 Land Adj Dacre, Manor Lane, Baydon SN8 2JD.**

Outline planning permission: Some matters reserved.

Erection of three dwellings (Outline application relating to access, layout, and scale)

<https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0i3z000015R4Lp>

After a full discussion, Councillors agreed that the plot is very small for three dwellings. Cllr. Chidgey said the Parish Council is aware of the need to build houses to meet Wiltshire/Swindon's housing requirement. Baydon now comes under the Swindon Housing Market Area. But the right houses must be built in the right places. The Councillors agreed to no objection in principle, but it was agreed that three dwellings are an overdevelopment of the plot and ask that Wiltshire Council Planners consider development of two dwellings only. Also, as this is an outline planning permission, materials would need to be considered so as not to spoil the effect of the street scene.

### **PL/2021/06141 High Farmhouse, Finches Lane, Baydon SN8 2JJ.**

Proposed replacement outbuilding.

<https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0i3z000015smVF>

Councillors resolved unanimously to no objections to this planning application.

## 6 **CHICANE**

Cllr. Chidgey said at the last meeting residents living close to the Chicane at the East End of the village expressed concern over its effectiveness. A metro count was conducted before and after the installation and the average speed limit was reduced from 44.3mph to 39.8.

The noise resulting from potholes in the road close to the Chicane were also raised and clearly was a serious problem for the residents. The Parish Council reported both potholes via the MyWiltshire App and both have been repaired. Cllrs. Billington and Chidgey looked at the repairs and liaised with Highways who are now going to investigate whether further improvements to the repairs are possible.

The Chicane was installed in 2014 so seven years have elapsed and clearly there is more traffic going through the village and therefore there is a greater need for traffic calming measures.

Cllr. Chidgey proposed that the Parish Council monitor the repair to the potholes but that no further action is taken regarding the Chicane. The village wanted traffic measures implemented and they were, except for the additional Chicane what was to be located at the West end of the village, which had it been installed would have further helped to calm traffic.

Cllr. Chidgey also said, she had thought there would have been more people attending this meeting as the Chicane was an Agenda Item. The previous Chairman had worked with Highways on every option as to the location of the Chicane and its current location was the only option. Cllr. Mackenzie-Smith said the Parish Council sympathise with attending member of the public's concerns and the Parish Council is listening but is also aware of the amount of time and work that was spent by the previous Chairman on this matter and the Chicane was installed because that was what the majority of the village wanted.

After further discussion it was decided to make the Chicane an Agenda Item for September when an update would be provided. Cllr. Chidgey agreed to liaise further with Martin Cook with regard to a review of the effectiveness of the Chicane.

**ACTION: Cllr. Chidgey**

7 **FINANCE REPORT**

Councillors **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to confirm the July payments as shown in [Appendix 1](#).  
The CASHFLOW for July was noted.

*(All finance documents emailed to the Members of Council before the meeting)*

8 **WILTSHIRE COUNCIL 'REPORT A PROBLEM' CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk said she had been told that she must now report all problems through the website. Problems reported to customer services via email will no longer be accepted. The Clerk said this is very annoying because she doesn't live in the village and cannot always be sure of the exact location of the problem being reported. Cllr. Chidgey said the Councillors would help the Clerk as much as they could regarding the location of problems.

9 **THE VAS 30MPH SIGN -EASTERN SIDE**

The Clerk reported that the Wiltshire Council Street Lighting team has been out to repair the sign, but reported it is working in reverse which means this problem has now been forwarded to the Traffic Signal Team. The Clerk was informed it is on their list.

10 **CORRESPONDENCE**

**30/06** - Email from Wiltshire Council - Gully tank Visit w/beginning 5th July 2021.

The Parish Council asked the Clerk to let them know that the Village would like a visit.

**06/07** - Email from Wiltshire Council – Briefing on the Councils mowing policy.

Cllr. Chidgey said some verges are being left for wildlife habitat.

11 **COUNCILLOR / CLERK REPORTS**

Cllr. Chidgey reported when discussing the Chicane with Martin Cook he said one way in which Baydon could perhaps obtain additional traffic calming measures and a reduction in the volume of traffic and the amount of lorries going through the village would be for Ermin Street to become subject to a Weight Restriction/Environmental Restriction.

Cllr. Chidgey was also informed that Wiltshire Council is in consultation with Highways England as to suitable routes when the M4 is closed.

Cllr. Chidgey proposed that the Parish Council submit a request form to CATG to start the process around the possible introduction of Weight Restriction/Environmental Restriction, all Councillors agreed. Cllr. Chidgey added that if the process went forward, it would be a lot of work. Cllr. Mackenzie-Smith said the Parish Council needed people to help manage the resulting workload. Two members of the public in attendance said they would help. The Parish Council thanked them.

**ACTION: Cllr. Chidgey**

A planning application for the Church was received after this Agenda was published. The Clerk explained if the Parish Council wanted to make comments, they would need to hold an Extra Ordinary Meeting as the Clerk was doubtful a date extension to the Parish Council's next meeting in September would be granted. The Councillors said they had no issues with this planning application so no additional meeting would be required.

Cllr. Chidgey reported that a post had been seen on Facebook regarding the wild bees located in a natural hive in the lane that goes past the sewage works. It was said they were a nuisance. Cllr. Chidgey asked again that people do not post comments on the Baydon Facebook Group referring to or which are relevant to the Parish Council as neither Councillors or the Clerk have the time or inclination to monitor comments. Any queries or comment must be emailed to the Clerk. With regard to the bees - they have been there for a very long time, and they are not to be touched. The bees are going nowhere.

Cllr. Chidgey said a Burger Breakfast, organised by two of Baydon Church's fundraisers, in aid of the Church took place outside of the Village Shop on 17/07, this was a huge success. They raised £500 from delicious burger sales which would be added to the £500 raised from the tabletop sale.

Cllr. Chidgey then raised the importance of everyone understanding the big changes and challenges being faced by the agricultural sector. We live in a rural community, and should be aware of the implications of the Agricultural Bill, the Path to Sustainable Farming: An Agricultural Transition Plan 2021 -2024 – not to mention Brexit, on the agricultural sector.

To help raise awareness, Cllr Chidgey felt that the place to start is with children. There is a huge need to education children so that they understand where their food comes from and how to cook it and the importance of eating well and how to behave in the Countryside. This fits within Wiltshire Council's Climate Strategy & Engagement.

The Country Landowners Association and Leaf (Linking the Environment and Farming) has developed a Lesson plan for The Countryside Code for Key Stage 2 7-11 yrs. olds.

Cllr. Chidgey said that she has sent this to Baydon School, and it will be passed to the new Head Mistress.

The objective of the lesson plans is to develop extensive resources for teachers to promote safe, responsible, and enjoyable use of the countryside to young people.

Cllr. Chidgey was aware that Baydon School already had a 'Forest School' located on Cllr. Mackenzie-Smith's land but proposed that the Parish Council work with the school to see what we can do to help raise awareness of how to behave in the countryside and to understand where food comes from and the importance of learning how to cook – children can perhaps educate their parents.

Cllr. Chidgey said that perhaps once the new Head has settled in, the Parish Council could talk to her about this initiative. She also suggested that Baydon could approach Aldbourne Parish Council to see if it would like to be involved.

Cllr. Chidgey asked if we could add this as an Agenda Item for the September meeting. All Councillors agreed.

## 12 MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Chicane / SAM update.

Items carried forward.

### Hedges

Cllr. Chidgey said she thought that the hedge (to the West of the village) has been cut on one side but now needs cutting back to on the other side so that the 30mph sign and the pedestrians in the road signs are visible. Cllr. Chidgey spoke to Highways about this and was told that this was the responsibility of the landowner. Cllr. Chidgey said she would talk to the landowner and occupiers of the relevant houses.

**ACTION: Cllr. Chidgey**

### Defibrillator training

The Parish Council is waiting for dates.

### Flagpole

The Clerk confirmed that no further residents had come forward to take control of and maintenance of a flagpole. Cllr. Chidgey said that this Item would be removed from the Agenda

## 13 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 8pm in the BYPA hall.

Cllr. Chidgey thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

## APPENDIX 1

### PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS FOR JULY 2021

Expendiute brought forward £5,293.56

#### Payments

Cheque No	Payee	Description	Amount
SO	Kim Lloyd	June - Salary	

\* Paid in between Meetings

NB PAYE Employee, Employers and NI contributions are accrued and paid quarterly

#### Receipts

Cricket Ground Bank Interest	1st July 2021	£	0.01
Allotment Association	Water Charge	£	96.88
Total Receipts		£	0.01

#### Financial Position

Balance carried forward 31/03/21	£	32,849.20
Receipts for year to date	£	7,998.92
Less payments for year to date		£5,665.57
Total	£	<b>35,182.55</b>