



BAYDON PARISH COUNCIL

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BAYDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR 29 MARCH 2021. THIS WAS A REMOTE MEETING

Present:

Cllr. Sarah Chidgey (Chair)
Cllr. Hugo Mackenzie-Smith (Vice Chair)
Cllr. Steve Sutton
Cllr. Brian Billington

Clerk: Mrs K Lloyd

Unitary Councillor: Cllr. James Sheppard.

Public in attendance: 1.

The Clerk announced the meeting is being recorded for Minute purposes and the recording will be deleted after the Minutes are approved.

1 APOLOGIES

The Clerk announced that Rob Butcher had sent his resignation as Parish Councillor in between meetings. Rob could not devote the time to the Parish Council duties due to personal commitments. The Clerk thanked Rob on behalf of the village and the Councillors for his time and work that he done whilst on the Parish Council and wished him well.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Hugo Mackenzie-Smith raised a declaration on the item 5 Planning Application 21/01953/VAR Baydon Valley Farm Manor Farm.

3 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Members **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to confirm and adopt the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 22 February 2021.

4 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

One Planning Application was considered by the Councillors.

21/01953/VAR Baydon Valley Farm Manor Lane - Variation of condition 14 on planning permission 15/00980/FUL "Erection of an agricultural worker's dwelling and garage in connection with established alpaca stud farm. Erection of associated tractor shed, hay barn, alpaca barn, a covered yard, the creation of a new vehicular access point, and highway improvement works" to allow for minor amendments

Cllr. Chidgey reminded Councillors that on the 18/01/2016, the previous occupiers were granted planning permission for the above. This land has now been purchased by Cllr. Mackenzie-Smith. The application states that all relevant pre-conditions were formally discharged by the Council, and that work was started on site prior to the three-year expiry date. A certificate of lawfulness was granted under application No. 18/08832/CLE.

This current application is to allow for minor material amendments to the approved scheme.

The amendment of the main barn being positioned on the northern side of the yard, with the new house, garage and tractor shed now positioned to the south.

There are no changes proposed to the buildings, just their position and, no alterations to the landscaping around the yard area.

Cllr. Sutton raised a concern that when this was approved it was going to be for an agricultural worker's dwelling and asked Cllr. Mackenzie-Smith what it will be used for and could this open the opportunity for more development.

Cllr. Mackenzie-Smith said it will be done carefully and properly with minimal impact to the environment and the views of the valley will be maintained. It will be done aesthetically.

The works will be co-ordinated with the neighbours, so they are aware of the construction and the traffic. Cllr. Mackenzie-Smith also stressed that there are no future thoughts or plans to further develop. Cllr. Sheppard said this land is in an area of AONB and someone would be exceptionally fortunate to get planning permission in an AONB, because one dwelling is approved, it does not mean more will follow.

(Cllr. Mackenzie-Smith left the meeting)

After a full discussion, the Councillors agreed that it seemed plausible that the changes will not have a significantly harmful impact on the AONB, and the Councillors agreed to no objections to this planning application.

(Cllr. Mackenzie-Smith returned to the meeting)

Decision Notices

20/11311/FUL High Farm House Finches Lane - Proposed orangery. WC approved with conditions.

21/00921/FUL Gore Lane Farm, Gore Lane. Construction of a lean-to for the housing of livestock. WC approved with conditions.

6 FINANCE REPORT

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

(All finance items were emailed to the members before the meeting for review)

7 PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION NOMINATION PAPERS

All Councillors are completing their nomination papers. Cllr. Sutton kindly said he would book an appointment and deliver the papers to Wiltshire Council for all the Councillors before the deadline. The Councillors thanked Cllr. Sutton. **ACTION: Cllr. Sutton**

8 THE WILTSHIRE LOCAL PLAN

Cllr. Chidgey reported that following discussions with Wiltshire Council regarding the Wiltshire Local Plan. It was highlighted to Wiltshire Council that it had been impossible to find any reference to Baydon in the consultation papers distributed to Parish Clerks because neither Councillors or the Parish Clerk were aware that Baydon now fell under the Swindon Housing Market Area. It is normal for Baydon to fall under Marlborough.

As a result of a conversation with Sophie Davies, Senior Planning Officer, Economic Development & Planning at Wiltshire Council. Cllr. Chidgey discovered that The Local Plan's indicative housing requirement for the Swindon Housing Market Area for Baydon for 2016-2036 is 30 houses of which 4 have been built. (The new development – Ridgeway View) the total being now 26 houses which does not take into account the two houses already built by Albi, or the new houses in Downsmead. The Wiltshire Local Plan and all supporting documents are all in the public domain, so developers are aware that Baydon has an allocation of 20 plus houses. This is also highlighted by the presence of Hannick Homes carrying out exploratory investigations in the paddock at the back of Russley Green earlier this month. Cllr. Chidgey spoke to Hannick Homes and confirmed that the paddock continues to remain outside of Baydon's Boundary Settlement, which they had acknowledged.

Cllr. Chidgey said in the absence of any support from the village to work with Councillors to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan, or Village Design Statement, the latter holds lesser sway than a Neighbourhood Plan, Baydon may well struggle to block any proposed development within the village.

Cllr. Sheppard said a Neighbourhood Plan consultancy company could assist with the production of a Neighbourhood Plan, there would be a cost associated with this, but it would still need a considerable amount of input from the villagers. If the Parish Council have no villagers willing to support it, then would be difficult to produce a Neighbourhood Plan, but he did encourage to see if a Plan could be progressed.

Cllr. Chidgey also emphasized that not enough was done by Wiltshire Council to highlight the Local Wiltshire Plan. The details were sent out in the format of a Newsletter rather than a separate email highlighting its importance and no reference was made to specific villages. The information was available within a supporting document entitled Empowering Rural Communities, and Baydon was included under 'Large Villages Swindon Housing Market Area'.

Cllr. Sheppard was surprised to hear that Baydon came under the Swindon Housing Market Area and would investigate this further. He reminded the Councillors that Baydon is in an area of AONB which has the highest protection against development.

Cllr. Chidgey said the Parish Council will make the Neighbourhood Plan an agenda item on the next Annual Parish Meeting (Assembly) to highlight its importance to the villagers and ask for their support once again.

9 REPLACEMENT OF THE VAS 30MPH SIGN -EASTERN SIDE

The Clerk had contacted Wiltshire Council who advised that the Street Lighting Team are very busy. They will look at repairing the VAS sign and will assess the area for a proposed SAM in due course. They will let the Clerk know when done. **ACTION: Clerk.**

10 DEFIBRILATOR

Cllr. Chidgey reported that the new defibrillator has been delivered and is in the old cabinet on the side of what was the Red Lion. Cllr. Chidgey gave thanks to Cllrs. Billington and Sutton for meeting the representative from South West Ambulance who talked through the processes. Mrs Wyatt of the Red Lion kindly agreed for the defibrillator to remain at this location until the property is sold. The Clerk is arranging for an electrician to connect the defibrillator to the new cabinet and connect the electricity supply so that the cabinet is illuminated.

The defibrillator must be checked every day. If the disk to the top right is showing green, then all is working well, if it is not green, we need to contact the South West Ambulance, who we have leased it from, or the Clerk.

Councillors ask all villagers to help check the defibrillator when passing once the new cabinet is up and the defib is clearly visible to check. This will help to ensure that it is always in working order. Cllr. Chidgey is going to endeavour to check it every day, but it would be much appreciated if there was some back up from everyone!

Cllr. Chidgey said the Parish Council will arrange a demonstration session from South West Ambulance of how to use the defibrillator once we are allowed. The process is however extremely easy as instructions are provided to follow when using in an emergency. The Clerk was asked to provide information on how to submit the monthly report inspections to South West Ambulance.

The Clerk said the electrician will be contacting Cllr. Sutton to arrange for the defibrillator connection to the new cabinet. Cllr. Chidgey said she would speak to Mrs Wyatt regarding the electrician to access the building if needed to carry out the work.

ACTION: Clerk /Cllrs. Sutton/Chidgey.

11 ALLOTMENT AGREEMENTS/ RENT / WATER PAYMENT

Cllr. Chidgey reported that Mrs Gribble had sent out the revised Tenancy Agreements to all plot holders.

The Clerk reported all rent renewals were paid apart from two who will be chased. The Clerk was asked to email the Water bills to Mrs Gribble for payment. **ACTION: Clerk.**

12 PARISH STEWARD VISIT – 29TH MARCH 2021

Cllr. Sutton had met with the Parish Steward and said he had done a good job covering what was expected. The Clerk was asked to contact his manager to give praise for the Parish Stewards work.

ACTION: Clerk

13 FAREWELL TO THE HEAD AT BAYDON St NICHOLAS PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Parish Council received an email from the Head, Caroline Knighton, to let Councillors know that she is moving on to become Head of a large primary school in Oxfordshire. She will leave Baydon at the end of this academic year and, until then, it will be very much 'business as usual' at Baydon.

Caroline's email said:

As you know, I have had the privilege of being the Head of Baydon for five years and have loved working with everyone at school and in the community and will miss you all. However, it is time for me to take on a new challenge and I know that the school will continue to thrive. I also leave behind an exceptionally talented, creative, and committed staff team who will take the school onto the next stage of its development under new leadership.

Cllr. Chidgey said Mrs Knighton will be greatly missed by everyone and all Councillors reiterated this.

14 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING (ASSEMBLY) / FACE TO FACE MEETINGS

The Clerk provided an update on the latest government legislation.

The extension for remote meetings was refused in the House of Commons meaning that after the 7th of May, Parish Councils would not be allowed to host remote meetings. Government guidance states community halls are not allowed to host meetings until after the 17th of May. In mind of the Wiltshire Council Parish Council elections on the 6th of May, Baydon would have to hold their Annual Parish Council Meeting (AGM) after the 6th of May once the election has taken place. Regarding the Annual Parish Meeting (Assembly), it is impossible to see how this could be hosted under the current government guidelines. Cllr. Sheppard also suggested that the Government Guidelines surely override this legislation and encouraged the Clerk and Councillors to write to our MP, Danny Kruger, as have other Parish Councils asking for more guidance. Cllr. Sheppard also highlighted that Councils have been able to host professional remote meetings in the past year and this should continue to be allowed as opposed to not being able to hold a meeting.

After further discussion it was felt the Annual Parish Meeting (Assembly) would unfortunately need to be cancelled this year. It was said to keep the date of 17th of May scheduled for the next Parish Council meeting, which would be the Annual Parish Council Meeting (AGM). Where this will take place will be confirmed later once further government guidance is received.

The Clerk said the Parish Council could host a Parish Meeting later in the year when Covid restrictions have eased. The Clerk and Cllr. Chidgey will draft an email to Danny Kruger.

ACTION: Clerk/Cllr. Chidgey.

15 CORRESPONDENCE

20/03 Email from a resident in Lambourn Woodlands regarding the proposed M4 closure.

The Junction 15 to 13 from the 5 April for 3 weeks from 21:00 -06:00 will be closed. The roads leading to and from the carriageway will also be closed including the eastbound exit carriageway at junction 13. The resident asked the Parish Council what can be done to minimize the disturbance by Heavy vehicles using Ermin Road? Cllr. Sheppard advised there are several different routes being signposted for the diversion. If this resident would like to write to Wiltshire Council with their

concerns Wiltshire Council can then advise further. The Clerk was asked to inform the resident of this and that their email had been noted.

ACTION: Clerk.

20/03 Email from Traffic and Network Management at Wiltshire Council regarding new TTRO/TTRN notification emails. From Monday 5th April Wiltshire Council will be utilising the Elgin platform 'one network' to distribute the notification of road closures and diversion routes rather than sending out Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders for planned road closures (TTRO) and Temporary Traffic Regulation Notices for emergency and urgent road closures (TTRN). Emails from Monday 5th April will provide a link to the one network map where people will be able to view details of the closure and diversion route.

11/03 Email from St Nicholas Church regarding an invitation to join its Annual Local Church Meeting on 28/93/21.

The Local Church Council (LCC) had noted that the Parish Council needed more information about the financial status of church in the village before it could make a decision as to whether it would contribute to the repair of the Church clock. The Clerk had replied inviting a member from the LCC to attend a Parish Council meeting to report on their financial proposal, the Clerk had not received a response.

25/02 Email from The Countyside Charity in Wiltshire regarding the Best Village Competition. Countryside Charity invite your village to enter the 2021 CPRE Wiltshire & The Hills Group Best Kept Village Competition. For judging to take place from mid-May onwards. Any member of public can enter Baydon. One submission per village. Closing date. 26 April. These details are also shown on the Baydon website.

23/03 Email from Wiltshire Council regarding new planning ICT system.

The Wiltshire Council planning team is currently in the process of replacing the ICT system that it uses to register planning and building control applications, and process local land charge searches. This means that the website search facility will also be changing to make it easier for people to find applications.

16 COUNCILLOR / CLERK REPORTS

Cllr. Chidgey reported the 30mph signs have been moved further out of the village now on the white gates as you come up the hill from Aldbourne. Tamsin Witt (the previous Parish Council Chairman) had emailed the Parish Council to say thank you for pushing this through, it appears that the Parish Council has been trying to get the sign moved to the white gates for over 10 years.

Cllr. Chidgey attend the CATG mtg on 04/03/21. The move of the 30mph sign was discussed and Cllr. Chidgey thanked CATG on behalf of Baydon for helping get this done. Nothing else relating to Baydon was discussed.

The Local Church Council asked to put a cross up on the Green for Easter, all Councillors had no issues with this.

Cllr. Chidgey proposed a **Litter Pick** to be done in Baydon before things started to grow and all agreed. After discussion it was agreed to confirm the date of **Saturday 17th April at 11am** and finishing at 1pm meeting at The Green. A notice will be added to the noticeboard and on the website / Facebook page.

The Parish Council would also like to thank Mr & Mrs Alan Harwood for kindly conducting their own litter pick a couple of weeks ago.

The member of the public attending the meeting said the dog waste bin lid located near the cricket ground had still not been repaired but was pleased to report it is now being emptied. The Clerk will remind Wiltshire Council of the broken lid.

ACTION: Clerk

The resident on Aldbourne Rd had kindly cut the hedge in question that was raised in the last meeting. The Clerk was still waiting to hear confirmation of the ownership of the hedge on Ermin Street towards the Cricket Pitch gate. Cllr. Sheppard said to forward this email on to him for support.

ACTION: Clerk.

17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND FACE TO FACE MEETINGS.

The date of the next meeting is Monday 17th May 2021 at 8pm which will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting. The place of the meeting, or if this will be remotely hosted, will be confirmed nearer to the date.

Please contact the Clerk for further information.

Meeting ended 9.14pm.

APPENDIX 1

PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS FOR MARCH 2021

Expendiute brought forward £16,326.09

Payments

Cheque No	Payee	Description	Amount
*	BACS Baydon St Nicholas Primary School	Donation	1000
	BACS Idverde	Play area inspection	20.6
	BACS Idverde	Litter bin emptying	12.6
	SO Kim Lloyd	Clerk Salary - Feb	351.99
	BACS HMRC	Clerk Income Tax - feb	88
	BACS Autlea Payroll	Final Invoice	73.92
	BACS Wiltshire Council	CATG Contribution to speed limit	375
			£ 1,922.11

* Paid in between Meetings

Receipts

BACS	Interest in Cricket Fund account	0.02
BACS	Allotment Rent	£ 120.00
Total Receipts		£ 120.02

Financial Position

Balance carried forward 31/03/20	£ 48,860.10
Receipts for year to date	£ 2,228.70
Less payments for year to date	£18,248.20
Total	£ 32,840.60