

BAYDON PC Meeting Report

The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 26th November at the BYPA Hall was chaired by Cllr Sarah Chidgey with 3 councillors in attendance. James Lawrence joined the meeting later. 4 members of the public were also present.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved and signed.

The financial report was presented and the payments were approved.

Receipts: Cricket fund interest; £00.41:

Bank statements:

Barclays Community; £30319.64: General reserve £16136.26: Cricket fund £1210.66:

PC Total £47666.56:

Payments approved: Mrs K Clay Remuneration and expenses £298.17:

Ken Muir; Fruit trees £208.16: Red Lion for Christmas Carols refreshments £300.00:

Crescent signs; Playground sign £118.80:

The Police report contained news of the theft of lead from the Church roof.

Tamsin Witt wrote concerning the poor state of the cork in the Village Notice board.

It was agreed that Cllr Steve Sutton would investigate further.

It was noted that bus passes would not be automatically renewed by Wiltshire Council if they had not been used in the last month or so.

Road Safety Issues:

Cllr Chidgey said that there had been no definite date for the Keep Clear signs at Ermin Close to be re done.

It was agreed that Cllr Hugo Mackensie-Smith and Cllr Chidgey would attend the CATG to ask for a bollard on the pavement opposite the shop to stop lorries mounting the pavement.

The school have instigated 20mph flashing lights to be positioned along Ermin Street, instead of 30mph signs. It was noted that the Yellow lines had been refreshed near the school.

There had been no response to the advertisement in the Baydon Scene concerning Youth Activities. It was agreed that Cllrs Chidgey and Mackensie-Smith talk to the children whilst they were waiting for the school bus in the mornings.

Planning:

There was much discussion about the earth works at Baydon Valley Farm. Cllr Chidgey said that she felt the passing places were inadequate and the road surface crumbling.

There was also concern about the Waste Water systems. Cllr Chidgey had met and discussed this with Mr O'Donahue. Cllr Steve Sutton agreed to study the plans more thoroughly to see what, if any, provision was made for waste water.

Playarea:

The clerk reported that the tube on the Climbing frame needed professional repair. Cllr Brian Billington agreed to inspect and report back.

The Christmas Tree on the Green would be erected on Saturday 1st December at 10.30am. Mr Jim Grove and team agreed to help.

The World War 1 memorial trees have been paid for. Mrs Gribble said that they would not be ready before January. Mr Alan Brown has agreed to ensure the ground is prepared for them. The Allotment Association have agreed to maintain them.

After inspection it was found that the Village Sign post was not rotten, but it was agreed to put concrete around the base.

Two artists in the village are to be asked if they would like to paint the Bustard sign. A donation to the Aldbourne and Baydon link scheme was discussed. The scheme only had enough money to run for half a year. Cllr Sutton said that the cost could be cut if people were to use the Ramsbury Flyer more often to get to the surgery. However it was agreed to donate £200 towards the fund.

The Chair then formally thanked the Firework Committee for a fantastic display. Particular thanks went to Trevor Dominy, Jim Grove and their helpers; to Mark Houghton and all the stewards Jonathan Smith for the loan of the field. Mr Grove then added that £736.48 was in hand and would go towards next year's event.

It was noted that "Shepherds Lane", or the lane passed the Sewage works was a highway leading into a byway. There is a consideration for repair in the future, but as yet there is no time scale.

Cllr Chidgey and Mr Grove had met and marked all the blocked drains on a map for the attention of Wiltshire Council.

It was noted that Baydon St. Nicholas Church was in a poor state and it was hoped the Village would respond to the flyers, and attend the emergency meeting on Dec 5th.

Kim Lloyd has agreed to take up the position of Clerk to the Parish Council on January 11th 2019, from Karen Clay. Mrs Lloyd is clerk for 2 other local councils.

Thanks were extended to James Lawrence for his time as a councillor. This was his last meeting.

It was agreed to hold a budget meeting at Cllr Mackensie-Smith's office in Ramsbury.

The dates of the forthcoming 2019 meetings are;

14th January; 25th February; 8th April; 17th May (Parish Assembly); 20th May; 1st July;
23rd September; 4th November:

The meeting closed at 8.42pm