



**MINUTES**  
**BAYDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2019 – 8.00PM IN THE BYPA HALL, MANOR LANE**

**Present:** Cllr. Sarah Chidgey (Acting Chair)  
Cllr. Brian Billington, Cllr. Hugo Mackenzie Smith, Cllr. Steve Sutton  
**Clerk:** Mrs K Lloyd  
**In attendance:** 12 members of the public

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**(See GDPR note under Agenda item 7)**

**1** **APOLOGIES**

No apologies received.

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

No Declarations of Interest.

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

Members **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to confirm and adopt the minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14 January 2019 as a correct record.

**4** **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

April Jukes asked for an update on the Fly Tipping in the field on the way to Baydon Hole Farm. – (see agenda item 20)

**5** **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**19/00150/FUL Red Lion** - Proposed new 2 bedroom dwelling.

<http://planning.wiltshire.gov.uk/Northgate/PlanningExplorer/ApplicationSearch.aspx>

The Clerk obtained advice from WC regarding the ACV.

WC response was the fact that the site is listed as an ACV may affect planning decisions - it is open to the Local Planning Authority to decide whether listing as an asset of community value is a material consideration if an application for change of use is submitted, considering all the circumstances of the case.

Cllr Chidgey said obviously in this case the application is not for a change of use of the public house itself, but for development within its curtilage, so a relevant issue could be whether the development of this part of the curtilage affects the viability of the pub as a public house and hence as a community asset. That will be a matter of judgement.

There will of course be other material considerations unrelated to the ACV designation as the impact on the appearance of the area, parking and highway issues, amenity etc.

Cllr Chidgey read out a statement from Julie Wyatt owner of the Red Lion received on 21/2/19. A copy of which appears as [appendix A](#) in the Minutes.

Cllr Chidgey said having looked at the plans providing the parking is as outlined, she had no objection to the planning application. The plans show two additional parking spaces allocated behind the pub.

Everyone in the village is aware, or should be aware, that Mrs Wyatt is struggling to keep the pub open and if building the house will keep it going for a little longer, Cllr Chidgey said she thought this was a good thing for the village. Everyone wants to live in a village with a local pub but sadly not everyone supports it. She found it somewhat annoying that some objections had been raised by villagers who rarely, if ever support the pub. If everyone did support the pub, Mrs Wyatt would not be in the predicament that she is.

Cllr Chidgey believed that the new house would not mean the end of the pub.

Cllr Billington raised a concern of the reduction of car park spaces in the pub. James and Chris Wyatt (sons of the publican) said they park their vehicles in the car park but move their vehicles if the pub becomes busy.

Cllr Sutton did not believe the reduction of car park spaces would impact the pub; people are just not using the pub enough!

Debbie O'Riordan said the pub is not very busy on a Saturday night when you would expect it to be so parking is not an issue then.

Cllr Mackenzie Smith felt opportunities had been done to increase the financial wellbeing of the pub and said this application needed to be supported.

Andrew Head raised a concern over the car park places as outlined in the plans.

Mike Whale raised his concern that if the pub was put up for sale in the future this application could make the pub less attractive to buyers as it impacts on possible expansion

April Jukes said if the Red Lion was thought of as being a good enough venue people will use it and will find parking.

Rowan Cockcroft took exception to Cllr Chidgey's comment regarding objections coming from people who do not use the pub and the minutes reflect Cllr Chidgey's response saying that she would amend the comment to say 'some' objections.

Members of Council agreed that they had to discuss the present situation and not what the future holds for the pub. Cllr Sutton said for now it is better open than closed to any future potential buyers.

After a full debate. Members of the Council voted to **Support** this application.

**18/09022/FUL 2 Aldbourne Road** - Two storey brick extension comprising of an extension to kitchen and living room, 2 bedrooms - one with en suite bathroom.

<http://planning.wiltshire.gov.uk/Northgate/PlanningExplorer/ApplicationSearch.aspx>

Members **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to **Support, subject to conditions** that parking is catered for as it has been in the neighbouring property i.e. the front lawn turned into a parking area.

**19/01540/FUL The Beeches, Aldbourne Road** - Proposed loft dormer addition at rear elevation, ground floor extension at rear elevation and porch addition at front elevation. Demolition of existing porch. <http://planning.wiltshire.gov.uk/Northgate/PlanningExplorer/ApplicationSearch.aspx>

Members **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to **Support** this application.

## 6 **FINANCE REPORT**

Members **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to approve the finance report. A copy of which appears as [appendix B](#) in the Minutes.

Cllr Sutton and Cllr Mackenzie Smith agreed to become authorised bank signatories; the Clerk passed the mandate and associated paperwork to Councillors for completion.

The Clerk did not bring a claim form for Cllr Sutton to claim £9.99 for cork to repair noticeboard; the Clerk will email this to him.

## 7 **CORRESPONDENCE**

To note the following correspondence.

23/01/19 Wiltshire Best Kept Village Competition for 2019.

If any volunteers would like to step forward and organise an entry for Baydon, please contact the Clerk. The work involved in submitting an entry and preparing for being judged need not be substantial or time-consuming. One entry per village.

### 3 Crime reports

28/01 - The Green, Known suspect Boston Terrier had bitten RP's (Resident Person) finger on their communal pathway. Causing a puncture wound to finger.

05/02 - RP's oil had been syphoned out of his tank in his back garden overnight. RP had just had 750 litres put in worth £500. RP said 3 weeks ago he had 200 litres stolen but did not report it. RP states he has seen a white transit van with a lot of glass panelling around when his first theft of oil happened.

16/02. 2 Unknown males had entered the pub. One male went straight to the bar and ordered a drink, whilst the other male went to the toilet. The male paid for his drink with £50 note. The other male came out of the toilet and loitered down the end of the bar for a bit before both males walked outside. A

member of staff thought the males were acting suspiciously, he went outside to check on them and they had gone. They then rechecked the note, and realised it was counterfeit.

#### 8/02/19 Community Led Housing in Wiltshire

Is there a demand for housing in Baydon? Community Led Housing is about local people taking a leading and lasting role in solving housing problems in their community. The Community group owns, manages or stewards the homes in a manner of their choosing; and the benefits to the community are clearly defined and legally protected in perpetuity. The key is that the community is empowered to address the housing needs. The Community Housing Fund can provide grants of up to £10,000 to establish a group. WC can offer a presentation in one of our PC meetings if it was something of interest to Baydon.

If anyone wants to learn more please email the Clerk who will then forward additional details.

#### 15/02/19 Swindon Science Park update

Email was received on day of this meeting from a fundraiser for the volunteer South Swindon Protection Group (SSPG) who are campaigning against the proposed Science Park asking if the Council would consider a grant or make a commitment to fund a consultant in favour of the SSPG.

Members **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** not to donate as without knowing how the people of Baydon feel about the development; it is not in a position to do so.

(Latest details of development is in the March edition of the Lyden magazine or [www.sspg.org](http://www.sspg.org))

#### 14/02/19 Financial enquires to the 14/01/19 Appendix A.

The Clerk is responding to enquires.

21/2-Reporting several large branches had broken off and obstructing the side of the road at the Lambourn end of Manor Lane. The Clerk had contacted WC and Cllr Chidgey left a message for the Parish Steward. It was reported in meeting the branches have now been removed by the Parish Steward.

19/2 The Street light located near the top of Manor Lane on the right as you enter it from Aldbourne Road was not working and reported to the Clerk. The outer plastic casing has fallen off and is lying in the bank. Clerk confirmed WC had visited on 20/2 and said parts may have to be ordered if still not working after this day.

#### **GDPR -General Data Protection Regulation Legislation**

The Parish Council has to be extremely careful about how it handles personal information from correspondence it has received. The Parish Council once again would like it minuted that going forward the Clerk will assume that anyone emailing/writing to the Parish Council is therefore giving their consent to publicly provide their names, in relation to their correspondence unless they expressly request that their names are not divulged.

#### **8 BAYDON WEBSITE: SOFTWARE BUDGET REQUEST**

Members **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to a request made to Council to purchase software for the baydon.org to assist with the maintenance of the site.

The product is available through a subscription; the current cost is approx. £60 per year.

#### **9 MANOR LANE TRAFFIC CALMING /METRO COUNTER**

Cllr Chidgey met with Mr Tom McGowran who is going to work with the Parish Council to help push traffic calming methods within Manor Lane with Wiltshire Council (WC).

The Parish Council has applied for a Metro Counter to be installed in Manor Lane, close to Mr McGowran's house. WC cannot give us any timelines of when this will be installed. Once installed, the results will then determine further actions by Parish Council with the help of Mr McGowran and WC.

Cllr Chidgey said in the meantime we could consider moving the SID from the entrance to the Chicane when approached from the Eastern end of the village, to different locations in Manor Lane.

After discussion the Clerk was asked to find out details of purchasing a SID which flashed up the mph the vehicle is travelling at and then lights up with a Thank You if the vehicle is being driven at under the

speed limit, which is not battery operated i.e. it could use the power already installed at the Chicane. This could become a permanent fixture and the Parish Council could use the battery operated SID when and where appropriate. The Clerk will make enquires with Highways which will also include issues/costs of erecting permanent fixtures.

#### **10 WHITE LINES/DOWNSMEAD/BOLLARDS: FIVEWAYS**

Cllr Chidgey met with James Sheppard.

It was agreed that one bollard would be erected at the start of the pavement to the left of the entrance to Fiveways (as you are coming out). WC will choose the most appropriate bollard.

Hopefully this will help to stop vehicles mounting the pavements. WC will pay for the first bollard, but if it gets knocked down will ask for a contribution from the Parish Council. The Clerk had emailed Councillors with information on a 'Manchester Flex (Flexible) Bollard' which can be knocked regularly at low speed. Impact flex bollards are designed to flex in a given loading situation (vehicle impact) at which point the bollard will fold through 90 degrees. Once the load is removed the bollard will bounce back to its upright position. They cost £218 each.

Cllr Chidgey proposed go with WC's Bollard for now and monitor the situation. All agreed.

**White Lines in Downsmead.** Cllr Chidgey said a request from WC via James Sheppard to supply a list of where white lines need replacing or to be painted. This should be sent to Martin Cook. Cllr Sutton said he would conduct an assessment and Cllr Mackenzie Smith said he would assist if necessary.

#### **11 30 MPH ALDBOURNE ROAD SIGN**

The Parish Council received an email which raised concerns around moving the sign.

The email implored the Parish Council not to spend money, namely the sum of £5,000 on moving the 30 mph sign on the Aldbourne Road. As the implementation of a changed siting for the 30 mph limit would never be policed, so would make any significant difference. The email also stated that there has not been a death on the road due to speed or, and this money would be better utilised on the roads, school or other urgent needs within our village.

Cllr Chidgey said the sender quite rightly states that there has never been a death on this road, and thank goodness for that, but by moving the sign; the Parish Council would be endeavouring to make sure that a death never occurs.

Cllr Chidgey was very aware that a lady who lives on Aldbourne Rd was involved in an accident whilst walking her dog close to her home (on Aldbourne Rd) and has suffered life changing injuries after being hit by a car.

Cllr Chidgey firmly believes that Council should do what it can to prevent any further serious accidents and if making drivers aware earlier that they are entering a 30mph might help, then it should proceed. Cllr Chidgey also confirmed the cost of moving the sign would be £3,000 as minuted during a previous PC Meeting. CATG do not see this as a priority so no timescales has been given.

Cllr Sutton agreed with the sender of the email that the sign should not be moved as he felt it would make no difference in controlling the speed of vehicles entering the village. Cllr's Mackenzie Smith and Billington agreed that the sign should be moved further down the hill next to the village gates.

April Jukes raised a point that the money would be better off spent on a footpath and that a feasibility study around a footpath had been discussed but had never materialised.

Cllr Sutton agreed.

Cllr Chidgey said that a footpath would be an additional safety measure and as the Parish Council has reserve funds to spend it will investigate what happened to the feasibility study.

#### **12 ALLOTMENTS/UP TO DATE LIST OF ALLOTMENT HOLDERS**

This has been received and passed to the Clerk. The Clerk will make the updates.

#### **13 BEATING THE BOUNDS/SPONSORED WALK IN AID OF THE CHURCH**

It was agreed to ask the Church how much support they could give to a sponsored walk. The Parish Council would write to landowners, but the Church would have to help with the administration of sponsor forms etc.

The last beating the bounds took place on a bank holiday in May in 2017 and half of the bounds were walked due to the 'risk' of walking along the busy main road. The Clerk will contact the Church to

discuss further before gauging how much support is in Baydon and will then work with all parties to determine a date for the event to take place.

**14 WWI TREES**

A Dedication Ceremony will be arranged in the spring. Rowan Cockcroft mentioned the Church Clock which was also dedicated to the Parish at the same time could perhaps also be included.

**15 REFURBISHMENT OF VILLAGE SIGN**

Wait until the Spring.

**16 VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD**

Cllr Sutton had made repairs. **Thank you to Robin Mann** for giving us at no charge the cork, which will be used to plug the gaps on either side of the repair.

**17 PLAYGROUND**

Cllr Billington reported he had sanded back and put some primer / undercoat on the rusty weld. As soon as it's dry and a bit warmer he will put some green metal paint over it. The Parish Council thanked Cllr Billington.

**18 PARISH STEWARD**

Cllr's Chidgey and Sutton met the Parish Steward on 28 Jan who is called Will.

Will had arranged for a road sweeper to unofficially visit the village on 17 Jan, even though it was not allocated to be in Baydon.

Will has set jobs that he does each month, but if we have issues that we want him to deal with, please let the Clerk know who will inform Will.

**19 VILLAGE LITTER PICK**

To set a date for the litter pick.

The Parish Council had received an email from a Bishopstone resident asking if plans to hold a Litter Pick to support the Great British Spring Clean national campaign happening from March 22 to April 23 this year.

The Bishopstone resident was hoping to come to Baydon on Saturday April 6 (with volunteers if possible). Any support would be gratefully received. Cllr Chidgey said she is unavailable this day as it Grand National Day and Rowan Cockcroft added that it was also in the Easter school holidays.

The Clerk will go back to Bishopstone Resident and ask if any dates were suitable in March

**20 ITEMS TO NOTE FOLLOWING PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

To receive updates on issues raised at last meeting and note any new issues raised at this meeting.

Update on Fly-tipping on the land towards Baydon Hole.

This was reported to WC via the My Wiltshire App. WC passed it to West Berks and now West Berks has passed it back to WC. The Clerk confirmed WC has now taken ownership of it and hoped it would now be cleared. The Clerk will contact WC to ask when it will be cleared; the Clerk has already informed WC the amount of rubbish is increasing.

**21 COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

None to report.

**22 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS**

No candidates stepped forward to fill either of the two available vacancies to be filled via co-option.

**23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting. Is **Monday April 8<sup>th</sup> 2019**. The meeting closed at 21:01.

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