

BAYDON PARISH COUNCIL

Report

The Parish Council meeting held at the BYPA hall on Monday 25th February 2019 was chaired by Sarah Chidgey. All councillors were present as was the clerk. 12 members of the public were also there. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

In Public Question Time April Jukes asked if there was any news from Environmental Health concerning the cannabis waste near Baydon Hole. It had, said the clerk, been passed from Wiltshire Council to West Berkshire Council and back again. Finally Wiltshire Council taken responsibility and something should be done.

Planning:

The clerk reported that she had looked into the matter of the Red Lion's application for a dwelling on the Car Park. The Community Asset Order may affect the planning application. All sorts of factors would be looked into by the planners. The landlady, Julie, had submitted a letter in her absence and sent 3 people to speak for her, two of whom were her sons. In the letter she stated that only 5% of the village support the pub and the B & B project had failed so she had no alternative except to close the pub on weekdays and open weekends. This new build would be additional funding to help keep the pub running. Otherwise she would have to close it and take a job elsewhere.

The issue of parking was discussed by all at the meeting. Chris Wyatt, son, said that he and his wife parked their vehicles there at the moment with no detrimental effect. Saturday nights he added were the quietest night of the week.

After much discussion the chair said she had no objection to the planning, as the building may mean that the pub will continue a little longer.

Mike Whale said that he used the pub fairly regularly but asked if it was ever going to "turn around". He felt that the building may affect the pubs potential in the future if someone else took it over.

Cllr Hugo Mackenzie-Smith commented that it would be a brave person to start the pub up again if first it closed.

There continued to be discussion about the parking facilities. Eventually 3 of the four Parish councillors agreed to the proposed planning application.

A two storey extension to kitchen and living room, and 2 bedrooms at 2 Aldbourne Road raised no objections with a condition that off road parking be established.

A proposed loft dormer addition at the rear of The Beeches, a rear ground floor extension and additional porch at the front, raised no objection from the councillors.

Finance report:

Income: Barclays community (allotment water) £49.80: General reserve £39.49: Cricket fund £00.40:
Total Income £89.69.

Bank Statements:

Barclays Community £27599.06: General reserve £16175.75: Cricket Fund £1211.88: Total £44986.69:

Payments:

Mrs K Clay (Remuneration & expenses) £485.05: Idverde (Grounds Maintenance) £33.20: BYPA (Hall hire) £41.25: Mrs K Lloyd (Clerk salary) £577.92: SSE (Electricity) £42.77: Total £1180.19:

Cllrs Hugo McKenzie-Smith and Steve Sutton are to be added as signatories.

Correspondence:

The councillors were looking for volunteers from the village to organise Best Kept Village competition.

Two crime reports affected the village. Someone had had £500 of oil taken from his oil tank twice, and the Pub had been given a fraudulent £50 note.

It was agreed not to send a donation to a Protection Group as the matter did not directly affect Baydon Village.

The subject of GDPR was raised and Cllr Chidgey stated that it will be assumed that anyone who writes or emails the council has given permission to use their names, unless otherwise stated.

The broken street light at the top of Manor Lane has been reported and the clerk said that the matter was in hand.

There was a request from the Web master (John) for new software at the cost of £60, it was approved.

Cllr Chidgey reported that Tom McGowran had agreed to help co-ordinate traffic calming methods in Manor Lane. A metro count is to be put in position in the near future. It was suggested that the SID be placed there to.

April Jukes asked that the flashing 30mph sign be placed at the chicane instead of the SID as it had a positive effect on the traffic.

The Chair said that she had liaised with Martyn Cook of Highways and a bollard will be installed opposite the shop to stop lorries mounting the pavement

Cllr Steve Sutton was given the responsibility to make a list of all the white lines around the village that need repainting and all the new ones that should be added.

The moving of the 30mph signs at the Aldbourne end of the village was discussed again. Three councillors were in favour of continuing to fight for them to be moved out to the "gates".

April Jukes asked what happened to the feasibility study for footpath that was to be done in Aldbourne Road. Cllr Chidgey said that she would raise the matter at CATG.

It was suggested that the Beating of the Bounds be promoted and run as a Sponsored Walk in aid of Baydon Church. The clerk is to ask the church if they would be interested enough to take the matter further.

Cllr Chidgey said that a dedication ceremony for the WW1 trees would be planned for the spring. Rowan Cockcroft asked if it would be possible to combine the ceremony with the 100th anniversary of the Church Clock. The councillors said that they like the idea of a double celebration.

Thanks were extended to Cllr Sutton for repairing the Notice Board.

Cllr Brian Billigton reported his progress on painting the playground equipment.

A letter had been received from someone in Bishopstone regarding Litter Picking as part of the Great British Clean Up. However 6th April was not a suitable date for the Parish, so they will be looking for another date.

No volunteers were available for adoption to the Council. There are still 2 vacancies.

The meeting closed at 9.01pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 8th April 2019