

BAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH MEETING

MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2015 @ 7.30 P.M.

IN THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDELENE, BAUNTON

Present: Cllr. Elaine Drayton - Chairman
Cllr. Marie Whiteman - Clerk
Cllr. Adrian Potter
Cllr. Peter Todd
Cllr. Peter Moran
Cllr. Alan Rees
Cllr. John Milner

1. Apologies: None

2. Minutes of the Parish meeting held on Thursday 20th August 2015

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr. Adrian Potter and seconded by Cllr. Peter Moran.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Jenny Forde for paying for a new dog poo bin and post out of her £2k Parish budget .

3. Matters Arising

Church Lane - the Clerk had made enquiries to the Council and Royal Mail about calling the lane where the Church is 'Church Lane', this had been recommended by the Ambulance Service. Unfortunately Royal Mail insists on giving any new named streets/roads/lanes a new post code. The Chairman spoke to several residents in the Lane to get their views. Two residents were definitely against changing their post code. As we have to have 100% agreement of all residents in the lane we cannot go ahead.

Kiosk - unfortunately the resident who was hoping to paint the telephone box has been too busy to do it. It was agreed that the Chairman will send a note to the database asking for volunteers. The clerk will also contact the Ward Councillor to see if she has any funds left in her £2k budget to enable us to pay a painter to do it if no volunteers come forward.

White lines - the white lines on the road through the village are fading. A request to get them repainted has been made but as yet they haven't been done. Concerns were expressed about the lines on Grove Lane as you approach the dual carriageway from the traffic lights on Abbey Way - they are disappearing and causing confusion to people that don't know the road- the clerk will report this to Highways.

Neighbourhood Watch

Peter Todd will act as coordinator for parishioners in Baunton Lane.

The Whiteway

The sign post on the Whiteway that says 'Baunton' has gone missing. It has been reported and will hopefully be replaced soon.

4. Treasurer's report

Cllr. Potter handed out copies of the treasurer's report. On a technical note, picked up by the auditors, we now have to separate the Council Tax support Grant from the precept figure.

The deposit account was closed by transferring £6.70 to the current account and we currently have a balance of £1,691.70.

The precept was discussed in conjunction with Broadband, flooding and the Church. The general consensus was that it wouldn't be raised next year but the final decision will be made in January.

5. Planning

	Permit
2 The Paddocks Field Cottage, 49 Baunton	Demolish existing shed and boundary wall. Ground floor extension to existing garage. Application withdrawn
Field Cottage, 49 Baunton	Remove tree - no objection
8 The Paddocks	Silver Birch and Cockspur Thorn - reduce and trim trees - no objection

6. Parish Plan Action

A417 Action Group

Highways England have confirmed that the Air Balloon upgrade will not include remedying any other issues further down the carriage way i.e. noise on the concrete part of the road, and so lobbying will need to be carried out separately. The national team of Highways England will be sending out advice to their Regions during November/December to notify where their priority spending will be. In the meantime the action group is lobbying MPs, the Mayor and Councillors and aims to get a joint meeting with the MPs and Highways England to keep up the pressure.

Broadband update

The Chairman is still awaiting a reply from FASTERHSIRE who she wrote to several weeks ago.

It was agreed that letters would be sent to Geoffrey Clifton-Brown MP, Gavin Patterson, the Chief Executive of British Telecommunications plc and the Wilts and Glos. Standard explain Baunton's predicament.

Post meeting note: Letters have been sent and acknowledgements received from the MP's office and BT. BT have also offered to meet the community.

Church meeting place -

CLLr. Milner reported not a lot has happened since the last meeting as he has been away quite a bit in the last three months. However he has most of the information to complete the Business Case. Support is also available from the Diocese. A meeting needs to be arranged with CDC to discuss several issues. Chris Alexander has joined the Church Action group.

Flooding - An email was received from Kevin Jack, an Assistant engineer at Cotswold District Council. Kevin explained that they are looking at alternative options from enforcement action against the utility companies who have refused to pay to move the pipes that go across the river. Two of the options involve a culvert or weepholes on the bridge itself and the third one would be to do further work upstream. All options would involve the cooperation of the riparian owners. The Chairman will distribute an email from one of the riparian owners before a decision is made to organise a meeting with the Council and to reply to Mr Jack.

7 Dates of future meetings

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 15th February 2016 followed by the AGM on 16th May 2016.

The Chairman announced the following:

- Carol Service will take place on Sunday 13th December @ 6.00p.m
- Carol singing on the village green with Mulled Wine and Mince Pie will take place on Tuesday 22nd December, time to be arranged. Everyone welcome to both events.