

**A meeting of Bygrave Parish Council Meeting was held in the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 8.00pm in the St Margaret's Church Bygrave**

Present: Cllr Phil Hills  
Cllr James Northern  
Cllr Claire Mortlock

**1. Apologies for absence**

None

It was noted the Julie Stothard has resigned as a Parish Councillor.

**2. To approve and sign the minutes of meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> Sept 2021**

Approved – it was agreed that draft minutes can be uploaded to our website

**3. To seek to co-opt Councillor vacancy**

Some information on how to seek suitable candidates has been circulated by District Counsellor Tom Tyson for the two vacancies.

**4. Finance report and expenditure approval and to set precept**

Precept agreed at **£7040** to allow for increased maintenance costs and research for projected planning proposals

*Clerks Salary 3000.00*

*Office allowance £120.00*

*Mileage £160.00*

*HAPTC £145.00*

*Insurance £450.00*

*Audit £300.00*

*Lease £500.00*

*Grass Cutting & Churchyard Maintenance £1,600*

*Stationery and Printing £600.00*

The following payments were authorised

P Hills £ 36.00 reimbursement for CPRE membership

P Hills £72.72 leaflet printing (colour)

P Hills £45.00 Newsletter 1

K Clark £12.59 domain hosting

K Clark £30.00 fast hosts

It was agreed that a flagpole could be purchased for £60.00

**5. To approve Planning applications as notified by the District Council and updates on Baldock Expansion**

**Planning application for the conversion of existing Garage to 3 bed dwelling at no.60 Ashwell Road.**

Cllr P Hills declared an interest and he has not been part of this response

We acknowledge that the Planning authorities will be looking into the Green belt policies and village status. However, there is concern regarding this application because of the impact the new dwelling will have on the neighbours. Overlooking windows is questioned but the biggest of concerns is how close the driveway is to the house and there is no approach given how they intended to reduce the noise while passing and traveling down the drive. It is also a point of concern that this would be the first house in the village where one house is behind another from the road frontage. Points raised be fed back to the planning authority.

**Baldock Expansion**

The decision is still awaited by the inspector. The Baldock Bygrave planning group will met on the 2ndFeb 2022 to discuss the traffic impacts.

**6. Speed – update on recent issues**

20 is plenty signs will be put out along the main road and added to resident's bins, will judge the effectiveness of these measures then look at some banners.

**7. Bench replacement on footpath at back of church**

The bench will be moved in the Spring so it can have some weathering treatment

**8. Planning - Proposed solar farm**

Two public meetings have been held with an exhibition and a subcommittee has been formed to review all the concerns raised., it was agreed a landscape consultant will draw up a report and £100 limit was set to ensure nothing was spent over this without the approval of the Parish Council.

They will be looking to set up their own website to keep the Parish updated.

Overwhelming majority of Parish were against the proposal, so the Parish Council have agreed to gain impact evidence to assist when the formal proposal is submitted.

The Parish council have joined the CPRE as they can assist with research.

**9. Church Lane Road name sign**

The District Council will order this when they have reached the minimum order requirement.

Designs for a new village sign are to be considered for approval in the new financial year.

**10. Responses from District and County Councillors to previous queries**

Photos will be taken of the turning circle in Weadon Way for consideration.

**11. Correspondence**

Circulated

**12. To confirm date and time of next meeting**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 8pm**