

BYGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Bygrave Parish Council was held in the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch on Tuesday 17th Sept 2024 commencing at 8pm.

Present: Cllr. P Hills (Chairman)
 Cllr. C Mortlock
 Cllr. J Northern
 Cllr N Whittle
 Cllr R Ferry

Mrs K Clark (Clerk)

In Attendance: 7 members of the Parish

1. Apologies for absence

County Councillor Steve Jarvis and District Councillor Tom Tyson

2. To approve and sign the minutes of meeting of 21st May 2024

Approved

3. Finance – expenditure approval and accounts.

Invoice of £81.90 approved for Cllr Whittle for reimbursement of DIY materials for bus shelter.

A	B	C	D	E	F/G	H	I	J	K	L
BYGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL - 2024-2025										
Summary Receipts and Payments to:										
Previous Year 31st March 2024		Receipts		Current Year to 31st March 2025		Previous Year 31st March 2024		Current Year to 31st March 2025		
8106.00		Precept		4052.52		3356.08	B/F funds at 1 April 2024			£2,785.22
		Other Receipts	Interest			8106.00	Add Total Receipts			£7,020.52
0			Grants	2968.00		3043.87	Project Account			£2,325.87
£8,106.00				£7,020.52		8676.86	Less Total Payments			£6,666.09
						£5,829.09	Bank Balance at			£5,465.52
Previous Year 31st March 2024		Payments		Current Year to 31st March 2025		£38.19		Add Current Clerks Float		
735.13		General Admin		50.00						£0.00
165.00		Audit		0.00						
0.00		Audit VAT		0.00						
		Running Costs:	Election							
1840.00			Churchyard Maint.	460.00						
575.89			Insurance	680.87						
250.00			Amenity Area	250.00						
4236.96		Clerks Salary		1765.40						
0.00		Expenses		159.64						
0.00		Doorstep Green A/C		0.00						
873.88		Other Payments		3300.18						
£8,676.86				£6,666.09						
						£5,867.28	Grand Total At			£5,465.52

4. To approve Planning applications as notified by the District Council

Reserved Matters : Reserved Matters application for approval of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for outline permission 23/02113/OP granted 02.11.2023 for two detached dwellings with associated vehicular access and proposed parking area. Greenleas, Bygrave Road, Baldock, Hertfordshire, SG7 5DS

Appeal by: Mr Oscar Briggs Our Ref : Contact : Direct Line : Email : Date: 22/03094/FP Alex Howard 01462 474608 alex.howard@north-herts.gov.uk 13 September 2024 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Appeal under Section 78 Appeal ref: APP/X1925/W/24/3349177 Site address: Land Between Huntsridge And Ashwell House 5, High Street, Ashwell, Hertfordshire, Description: Erection of 14 dwellings including creation of access from Ashwell Street, footpath link to Lucas Lane, associated infrastructure, public open space and landscaping Appeal Start Date: 11 September 2024

Objection to be made minimum 56 additional car journeys to an already busy dangerous Ashwell Road through Bygrave

5. Updates on Baldock Expansion

On going concerns raised about Ashwell Road from the new proposed roundabout becoming a Greenway i.e. there will be no vehicles allowed into Baldock from this point. This will mean for Bygrave and Ashwell we will have to turn left onto the new road and join the roundabout at the A505 and Royston Road Junction. At peak times Bygrave and Ashwell will be joining the new estate traffic (from 3000 dwellings) to enter the new road. In addition to go to Baldock down the Royston Road will mean that we will encounter all the HGVs and vans servicing the expanded industrial area. • It is also proposed that under the railway bridge there will be single line traffic both ways to allow sufficient room to install a cycle track. This single lane will be operated from another set of traffic lights aligned with the ones at the junction of Whitehouse Street. These two sets of lights may cause holdups if not aligned properly • It is not intended to increase car parking at the station. If one lives 2miles or less one is expected to cycle or walk • It is proposed that there will be no left turn at the filter from Whitehorse Street into the A507 Great North Road preventing vehicles to get to the station or return from Tesco's from town. Instead, the route will be via South Road up to the Buntingford Road and then straight across at the Whitehorse Street traffic lights.

• There is a possibility that the Surgery may be moved to another location so parking may become an issue if parking is not allowed.

20mph speed limit requested and designated green spaces. To keep Bygrave village separate strongly requested.

Public meeting will be arranged and the date and time will be advertised.

6. Update on Solar Farm

Planning Application has been heard by NHDC and they voted to for the Solar farm to go ahead. This is incredibly disappointing.

The Baldock Bygrave Action Group have made representations to the District council and will continue to escalate the matters of the lack of consistency with the full support of Bygrave Parish Council.

Bygrave Parish Council is in favour of a solar farm but not on the site put forward by PACE the developer on land immediately adjacent the upper village and encompassing the last dwellings.

PACE have offered £5,000 to the village to ease some of the burden which is a very small amount and not comparable to other sites, negotiations will continue.

A meeting has been requested with MP Chris Hinchcliffe

The Parish Council extended their thanks to James and Julie for all their hard work with the BAG.

7. Update on Bus shelter renovation

Thanks were given to Cllr Whittle and volunteers who have done an amazing job of renovating the bus shelter in the lower village. Work will commence on the top village bus shelter; it was noted that it was not in great repair and was sinking so when suitable grants become available a working group will be formed in order to apply to replace it. To paint and tidy in the meantime.

8. To look for funding options for Defibrillator for upper village

Thanks to Liz Whittle for all her hard work in obtaining donations and grants which has led to the installation of a Defibrillator in the lower village.

The BHF funding opens in October so an application will be made to see if can obtain funding for the top village to have this facility.

A reminder that Defib training is Friday 20th Sept 6pm to 8pm at Baldock community centre.

9. Meeting with Urban and Civic re roads

A meeting is being arranged.

10. Width restrictions in Ashwell Road

Cllr Hills met with Highways to look at options, chicanes were thought to be the best option, but the locations proposed were too close to peoples drives so have raised that with them for another draft.

11. Farris festival plans

These continue to be planned and residents are asked to feed any complaints to the number on the letter so they can be dealt with. The Parsh council is waiting for the licencing dept to speak to them regarding the granting of the licences and will be asking them to fully review the licence.

12. Local Footpaths

Cllr Whittle will report the overgrown footpaths to the Council for some maintenance.

13. Correspondence

Circulated via email.

14. To confirm date and time of next meeting at 8pm on

Tuesday 26th Nov 2024
Tuesday 25th February 2025
Tuesday 13th May 2025
Tuesday 25th Nov 2025.

Meeting closed at 9.30

Signature

Date