

PARISH OF BYGRAVE

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

A meeting of Bygrave Parish Council was held in the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch on Monday 18th September 2023 commencing at 8pm.

Present: Cllr. P Hills (Chairman)
Cllr. C Phipps
Cllr. J Northern

Mrs K Clark (Clerk)

In Attendance: County Councillor Steve Jarvis
District Councillor Tom Tyson

1. Apologies for absence

None

2. To approve and sign the minutes of meeting of 11th May 2023

Approved and signed

3. To seek to co-opt Councillor vacancies

No prospective candidates have come forward

4. Finance – expenditure approval and accounts

Rent for use of church £200 for 2022
Solar farm leaflet reimbursement

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

Greenlead Bygrave – no objections

6. Updates on Baldock Expansion

Outcome from the last couple of meetings were proposals for roads are being considered, regular meetings are still happening, but no decisions have been made yet. BBC Planning Group of which BPC is a member are still meeting and closely monitoring

7. Update on Solar Farm

This is now waiting for the Secretary of State to review following a letter sent by a Parishioner. The SoS wrote to the Planning Committee -forbidding them to pass the application at that meeting but would be able to reject. NHDC discussed and decided to defer to recheck on some outstanding or not considered matters. At this time SoS would have 21 days to respond

The Parish Council has submitted numerous reports against this application and it was noted that the Planners are constantly talking to the Applicant-

The official decision notice on the deferral is on the North Herts website.

8. **Biogen**

As there has been an increase in smell from the site a letter has been sent by the Parish Council to their head office who will monitor the situation.

9. **Speed**

Cllr Jarvis advised that the traffic calming in the top village will be looked at next year by the County Council.

10. **Seat on the upper track**

The P track bench has been repaired and will be painted and situated back in position.

11. **Street sign Church Lane**

This sign will be examined and hopefully repaired

12. **Baldock area forum update**

Urban and Civic gave a presentation with an update. A public consultation drop-in session will be confirmed in October/November 2023.

13. **Weadon Way – highway and bushes**

The Parish Council will take a look at the report of highway damage and will monitor the situation. The Bush is a highways matter and residents will need to report their concerns.

14. **Correspondence and District and County Council updates**

Circulated

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

Monday 11th December 2023 at 8pm.

The precept and the next 4 meeting dates will be set at this meeting.