

BAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH MEETING

MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> August 2020 @ 5.00pm

VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM

Present: Cllr. Elaine Drayton – Chairman  
Cllr. Marie Whiteman - Clerk  
Cllr. Adrian Potter  
Cllr. Alan Rees  
Cllr. Peter Moran  
Cllr. John Milner  
Cllr. Nigel Robbins – County Councillor

1. **Apologies:** Cllr. Jenny Forde – Ward Member

2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

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

3. **Matters Arising**

**The Bus Shelter** – the bus shelter is looking very dirty and untidy and in need of some attention. It was agreed that we would ask a window cleaner if they would clean it for us and Cllr. Milner will rub it down and varnish or oil the seat.

**Action: Cllr. Milner and Cllr. Whiteman**

4. **Planning**

Planning Ref: **20/1100/FUL** - Single storey extension at Staddlestones, Baunton Lane - **Permit**

5. **Pot holes, drain clearing and verges**

A discussion took place about pot holes in the village, some have been filled in but there are still several that need attention. There is a drain north of The Paddocks that has silted up and needs clearing. Cllr. Rees raised the issue of hedges along Westlake Hill that need cutting back.

It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Gloucestershire Highways

**Action: Cllr. Whiteman**

6. **Parish Plan Action Sheet**

**Church meeting place project – update from Cllr. Milner**

The Parochial Church Council, supported by Cllr John Milner is happy to say that the heating upgrade has been completed. The heating can be controlled by an app on the phone. The purchase of the first tranche of chairs has started and they are looking to sell the surplus pews.

It is planned to send an update and request for contributions to the village in the coming week, as the biggest spend and complexity will be the toilet and the kitchenette which they hope to get done in the spring of 2021.

### **Flooding/Riparian group**

There have been no problems with flooding in the last year. Although February was very wet the water level in the River Churn remains low. Reports of a fallen tree in the River have been reported. Cllr. Potter will investigate.

Riparian owners are encouraged to maintain the river banks and keep the river clean. Further information is found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/owning-a-watercourse>

### **A417/419 Action Group (NAG)**

As you have probably heard the A417 missing link is going to be delayed so the Highways Agency can take into account the feedback from the consultation last Autumn. It is now expected construction won't start until 2023 with the road opening in 2025.

The issue of the concrete section between Latton and Daglingworth which local parishes, including Baunton, have for many years been campaigning to have replaced, due to the excessive noise of the concrete section was included in a letter to Cllr. Paul Hodgkinson, from Mike Goddard, Senior Project Manager on the A417 missing link, it says:

"We are aware of the views of residents and we continue to pass on their concerns to the operational teams that look after this section of the road. From feedback received from the team, it indicates that mitigation measures are being researched but it is unlikely that this section of the road will be surfaced or reconstructed using low noise surfacing for a number of years. This is because part of the road is constructed from concrete which has a 40 year design life." At the outset we were told that the concrete section had a design life of 30 years. The Parish Council will discuss this at their meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> August.

The Parish Council expressed their disappointment at the news and will continue to be represented on the Noise Action Group. Robin Leathart is Baunton's representative on the Group.

### **7. Any Other Business**

Peter Davies has kindly agreed to be co-opted onto the Parish Council. Thank you very much Peter.

### **8 Dates of meetings 2020/21**

The dates of the meetings for 2020/21 are: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021 and Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

The meeting closed at 6.00p.m.