

**BAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**ORDINARY PARISH MEETING**

MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> August 2025  
In Baunton Church/Community Centre

Present:

Cllr. Peter Davies - Chairman  
Cllr. Alan Rees - Vice-Chair  
Cllr. Adrian Potter  
Cllr. Dave Walton  
Cllr. John Milner  
Cllr. Marie Whiteman - Clerk

**1. Apologies:**

Cllr. Peter Moran

**2. Minutes of the Annual General meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

The minutes of the meeting were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr. Dave Walton and seconded by Cllr. Adrian Potter.

**3 Matters Arising**

**Local Government Reorganisation** - Cotswold District Council held a meeting for Town and Parish Councils to discuss their role after the reorganisation of the County. Cllrs. Peter Davies, Adrian Potter and Marie Whiteman attended the meeting.

The options being put forward to the Government are:

1. One Unitary Council covering the entire County
2. Two Councils divided East (Cheltenham, Tewkesbury and Cotswolds) and West (Gloucester, Forest of Dean and Stroud).
3. Two Councils, one to be enlarged Gloucester City (referred to as Greater Gloucester) and one for the rest of the County.

Gloucestershire Councils are working with each other and partners to prepare final Local Government proposals ahead of the 28<sup>th</sup> November deadline.

**Bus shelter** – Unfortunately we are unable to proceed with the installation of a bus shelter on the Cheltenham Road. Apparently correspondence from the clerk went into Cllr. Joe Harris' junk folder!

The fund we applied to for a grant has now been exhausted. We will look to see what grants are available from the new administration.

**4. Minutes of the Ordinary meeting on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

The minutes of the meeting were agreed as true record. Proposed by Cllr. Alan Rees approved by Cllr. John Milner.

**5. Matters Arising - None**

**6 & 7 Cllr Hodgkinson and Cllr Mark Harris – no reports**

**8. Responsible Finance Officer**

The Parish Council have received 75% of our annual precept (£1,350), the balance will be received in September.

We have also received the third of four payments from Cirencester Town Council related to the loss of precept following the removal of the north side of Baunton Lane as part of the Village (£753.75).

The payments so far are for Insurance (£247.98), Domain name continued registration (£143.71) and Bank Charges (£12.75).

The meeting approved the grant of £1,000 towards the upkeep of the Churchyard, this the Council agreed would be paid annually throughout the term of this Council.

Confirmation that our Chair, Peter Davies, has full online access to the Council's bank account and that Alan Rees remains a signatory to the account.

Alan Rees will be retained as a signatory, as his signature was instrumental in getting Peter Davies approved by the bank because we needed two Councillors to gain that approval.

**9. Planning - there were no planning applications this quarter.**

**10 Parish Action sheet**

**Flooding/Riparian Group – meeting with Farming and Wildlife Group**

Cllr. Hodgkinson arranged for the parish councils along the Churn valley to meet to discuss the effects the heavy rainfall and flooding at the beginning of the year.

A meeting was held on the 1<sup>st</sup> July at Rendcomb chaired by Jenny Phelps from the Farming and Wildlife Group. Cllrs John Milner and Marie Whiteman attended the meeting along with Mr Amin whose land was affected by the floods for many months.

Although the meeting was interesting it didn't come up with any solutions for the immediate problems along the valley.

The next meeting will be the Cirencester and Churn Waterways and Environmental Partnership, the date of which has yet to be announced.

## **11. Any Other Business**

### **Defibrillator**

The old telephone box where the Defibrillator is housed is badly in need of some TLC.

Before we get quotes for a painter to spruce it up, it needs rubbing down and repainting, is there anyone in the village or several people who would like to take it on as a project? The Parish Council would pay for all materials.

## **12. Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025.