

BAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINARY PARISH MEETING

MONDAY 19th May 2025
In Baunton Church/Community Centre

Present:

Cllr. Peter Davies - Chairman
Cllr. Alan Rees - Vice-Chair
Cllr. Adrian Potter
Cllr. Dave Walton
Cllr. Peter Moran
Cllr. John Milner
Cllr. Marie Whiteman - Clerk
Cllr. Mark Harris – GCC Councillor

1. **Apologies:** Cllr. Paul Hodgkinson – CDC Councillor
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17th February 2025**

The minutes of the meeting were agreed as a true record. Approved by Cllr. Dave Walton and seconded by Cllr. Alan Rees.

3 Matters Arising

None

4. Planning

Planning ref: 24/03453/FUL – School House, Baunton. Proposed work to repair property to pre-subsidence condition – **Permitted**

Planning Ref: 24/0364/FUL - Baunton Rise, Cheltenham Rd. Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings. Erection of self-build dwelling, garage and workshop – **Permitted**

Planning Ref: 25/01012/TCONR – Mill Cottage, Baunton. Box Tree – Fell to ground level – **Permitted**

5. Cirencester and Churn Waterways and environmental partnership - feedback

Cllr. Dave Walton attended the inaugural meeting of the Cirencester and Churn Valley Partnership and Environmental meeting. Paul Amin who owns Baunton Fields also attended. Below is feedback from Cllr. Walton.

I went to the inaugural meeting of the Cirencester and Churn Waterways and Environment Partnership on Wednesday 30th April. It was attended by about 30 people with a very diverse range of interests, ranging from

individual flood victims to landowners (including our own Paul Amin) and representatives from environmental charities and Councils etc. and even the MP for Cirencester.

The main purpose of the meeting was to get the group started and to hear what projects are already underway in the area that the Partnership covers. Paul and I both raised the issue of Baunton fields being flooded for several months each winter but it didn't seem likely that the group would be addressing the matter any time soon, and there was some slight tension with flood victims from Siddington who are desperate to not have any more water come their way when the river is high.

Cirencester Town Council has put £25K in the pot to help with future projects, and their Chief Exec asked Parish Councils to consider raising their precept to add to that sum! We should probably add this to the agenda of our November meeting when we consider the budget.

The Partnership will meet every 3 months, and their next meeting will be in September.

6. Potential Bus shelter

The Parish Council was made aware of a Gloucestershire County Council fund for Parishes to apply for to fund local projects to improve life for local residents. The Parish Council considered whether the provision of a bus shelter on the Cheltenham Road (in the direction of Cirencester) might be of benefit to residents and carried out a consultation of residents. There were 11 responses in favour and two objections. The Parish Council decided to apply for funding, which may or may not be forthcoming. If funding is offered we will then make a decision as to whether to proceed. However, we have yet to hear back as to whether the application has been successful.

7. Parish Action Plan

Nothing to report

8. Any Other Business

Twenty five copies of Paul Collins book Baunton War Memorials WW1 and WW2 have sold. Paul has kindly donated the money to the Church. Copies are still available and can be found in the Church.

12. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 18th August followed by meetings on 17th November, 16th February 2026 and the AGM on 18th May 20206.