

Baldons Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held on Monday 8th September 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present:	Cllr Dawn McGiveron (Chair DMcG), Cllr Andy Speight (AS), Cllr Adam White (AW), Cllr Anne Visintin (AV), Tom James (locum Clerk, TJ),
Members of the public	There were 5 members of the public in attendance

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030/25	Welcome from Chairman	The Chairman welcomed all present and explained that, for personal reasons, the Clerk was unable to attend the meeting. Due to the late notice, it was agreed that the Council meeting would proceed with a reduced agenda.	
031/25	Apologies for absence	Cllr Sally-Anne Williams (SW), Cllr John Clark (JC), Joanne Garvey (Clerk, JG), Sam Casey-Rerhaye (SODC), Robin Jones (OCC RJ)	
032/25	Declarations of Interests	None	
033/25	Minutes of the Previous Meetings	The minutes of the meeting held on 14 th July 2025 were approved as an accurate record. Proposed: AS Seconded: AW	
034/25	Matters Arising	There were no matters arising from the previous minutes	
035/25	Open Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A request was made for the agenda to be published in the monthly village newsletter. It was explained that this would not be possible as the deadline for publication was 16th of each month and the agenda is not finalised until 7 days before the meeting. However, the agenda is always posted on the village noticeboards, the website and usually circulated by Baldons Info. • It was reported that the Council would not be progressing with its plans for a playground. • The village gates will be discussed at the next meeting. • The fence along the school pond was discussed at the previous meeting. AS has contacted OCC over ownership but has not received a reply. • The PC continues to press for the flooding in Toot Baldon to be resolved. Gulleys should have been cleared by the end of August, but this does not seem to have taken place. Apparently, the drainage on the corner in Toot Baldon is on a list to be completed by Spring. 	

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036/25	Village Matters	<p>i.) Discuss and approve action required in regard to the reorganization/merger of Toot Baldon and Marsh Baldon Parish Councils The Chairman explained that a merger of Toot Baldon and Marsh Baldon Parish Councils would lead to more efficient communication, planning as well as financial savings. The Council voted unanimously to request a review of the status as one Parish Council.</p> <p>ii.) Take an update and approve action required with regard to the pond clearance project The Council has still not received the report from Adam Bows. This will be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>iii.) Report action taken in pollarding the large willows around pond (as resolved: 022/25) The Council has commissioned Elm Park to pollard the willows by the pond on the southside of the Green.</p> <p>iv.) Take an update with regard to fallen trees by the school pond, and survey of trees on the Green The fallen willow tree and its neighbour have been removed from the school pond. Action will be needed to ensure the willow does not grow back. DMcG and AS had met with Savills to discuss the trees on the Green. Savills have commissioned a full survey on all the trees on land owned by Queen's. The report will be shared with the Council who will have the opportunity to add further, aesthetic work, to the programme of safety work commissioned by Savills.</p> <p>v.) Take suggestions from Councillors for Grant applications A grant application will be made for grant towards the cost of installing a generator at the Village Hall. If a 'cricket champion' can be found, a community grant will be made to replace the cricket pavilion. The grant application needs to be submitted by January 2026.</p>	Action: DMcG to write to OCC by 12 th September to request review
037/25	Report from OCC	Written report received	
038/25	Report from SODC	Written report received	
039/25	Planning Matters	<p>To consider and agree response on new planning applications</p> <p>P25/S2391/FUL - Demolition of barn and construction of dwelling with garage and associated works.</p> <p>DMcG has requested comments from the Heritage Officer; once received a Council response will be circulated to councillors for approval. DMcG had received concerns from local residents about the potential impact of construction traffic on the road leading to the construction site.</p> <p>The planning decisions were noted.</p>	
040/25	Finance and Governance	<p>a. Receive Financial Report and approve Schedule of Payments</p> <p>The accounts for September 2025 were approved</p>	

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		<p>Proposed: AS Seconded: DMcG The schedule of payments was approved Proposed: DMcG Seconded AS</p> <p>b. To confirm scrutiny of accounts by Cllr McGiveron DMcG confirmed that accounts had been scrutinized and were a correct record</p> <p>c. Approve action required with regard to Banking DMcG confirmed that a new mandate form had been submitted to Barclays.</p>	
041/25	Item for the next Agenda	<p>Gates around the Green Update on flooding Consider report on trees around the Green Consider report on clearing the pond on the southside of the Green Consider creating a volunteer group to support villagers with IT issues.</p>	
042/25	Future dates	<p>10th November 12th January 2026 9th March 2026 11th May 2026 13th July 2026 14th September 2026 9th November 2026</p>	
	Meeting Closed	Meeting ended at 8.15pm	

Signed as a true record:

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