

BAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting of Bayton Parish Council held in Bayton Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8th July 2014

Present: Cllr Blount (Chairman), Cllr Salisbury,
Cllr Miles, Cllr Clarke.

In Attendance: Clerk, 6 Members of the Public and District Cllr Chris Dell.

1. **Apologies:** Received and accepted from Cllr Carver and Cllr Taylor.
2. **Declaration of Interest:**
 - a. **Register of Interests** – No changes declared.
 - b. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests** – All Cllrs - item 7(a) due to all Cllrs having a potential benefit from this expenditure.
 - c. **Other Disclosable Interests** – as above.
3. **Dispensations** –
 - a. To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) –
 - **Dispensations granted** – All Cllrs were granted a Dispensation in April 2014 until May 2015 for all matters in item 7(a).
4. **Public Question Time** – No matters were raised.
5. **Minutes** of Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 10th June 2014 were agreed by all and signed by Chairman.
6. **District Cllrs report** – Attended meeting, report at end of minutes.
County Cllrs report – Apologies sent, report at end of minutes.
7. **Progress reports for information:**
 - a. **Defibrillator Machines** – Due to the PC having the Power to buy Lifesaving equipment it is not necessary to use the Section 137 rule as agreed at April meeting. This means there is no restriction on amount spent in any year. Installation of Lifeboxes and painting of telephone boxes ongoing.
 - b. **School issues raised at APM** – Bayton School have been passed concerns/correspondence following May meeting. Concerns were regarding Telecottage/School numbers. School have passed details to WCC legal department. Letter from Governors and School Head read out and circulated tonight. No records for Telecottage held by Parish Council, old minutes to be obtained.
 - c. **Coronation Corner Notice Board** – One resident living in area had sent email raising concerns if noticeboard moved. After discussion it was agreed to leave board in present location. Clerk to inform resident and raise concerns regarding parking on pavement in that area.
8. **Reports on Meeting attended by Clerk or Councillors:**

CALC meeting/training dates for Cllrs/Clerk - Financial Training Day 19th June – Clerk attended – notes to be circulated, Clerk - Cilca training 25th June, 2nd July Networking/Effective Meetings, Clerk attended, notes circulated, 8th July - Neighbourhood Planning, no one attended.

Bayton Village Hall – No Cllr could attend last meeting, AGM has again been postponed, no new date given.
9. **Finances:**
 - a. **Payments made** – WCCALC Clerks training (2nd July/25th June) = £40.00, LM May 2014 = £195.00, Mrs S Burrows (Paint for BT Boxes) = £108.20, Mrs S Burrows (website fees 2014-15) = £36.00 (see item 16).
 - b. **To report receipts since last meeting** – Current Account – **Defib Donations Cash = £10.00 + Cheques = £120.00**, VAT refund = £627.68, WCC LM April 2014 = £162.50. Interest on Investment Acc June 2014 = £0.48.
 - c. **Bank Reconciliation** – Signed for June 2014. Balance agreed as Current Account = £9052.21, Investment Account = £5686.15.
 - d. **Budget to 30th June 2014** – budget circulated, no issues raised.

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10. Planning:

- a. **Plans circulated since last meeting** – None
- b. **Decisions received since last meeting** – None.
- c. **Plans for comment on tonight** – None.

11. Road report

- a. **Lengthsman** – Jetting lorry 18th June, all day, worst drains cleared, to book again for autumn.
- b. **Any problems to report** – Potholes have been reported.
- c. **Updates** –
Nineveh Road, Houghtons Pole Bridge repairs – no update.
Beach Hay Road repairs – no update.
Carton Farm water on B4202 – no update.

12. Assets of Community Value – Clerk explained PC may wish to list assets that the community would not wish to lose and process of forming a list. Some discussion took place.

Chairman agreed to suspend meeting at 8.20pm to enable members of public to speak.

Meeting reopened at 8.30pm.

After further discussion it was agreed to ask residents for their suggestions. Clerk to put insert on village email.

13. VAS Sign – To agree to fund cost of new batteries total £32.00 - After much discussion as to the effectiveness of the sign a vote was taken, no overall majority was reached. The Chairman had a casting vote and voted against the proposal.

14. Financial Regulations/Standing Orders – Cllr Salisbury and Cllr Carver to look at for next meeting with Clerk.

15. Correspondence for information –

A list of items will be available at the meeting.

CALC – Training - Cllrs/Clerk - 15th July – Insurance/Risk, Area Meeting 23rd July – details circulated.

Cleobury Mortimer Medical Centre opening 18th July – Cllrs invited.

Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust - Free Health Checks offered locally – Clerk to put on Village email, need at least five people to register an interest.

16. Clerks report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting –

Payment of Website fees 2014-15 – paid by Clerk, see item 9a.

17. Councillors' reports and items for the next agenda.

Agenda items – Defibrillator Machines.

18. Date of next meeting: **TUESDAY 9th September 2014 AT 7.30PM**

19. Meeting dates from January 2015 – all agreed to 2nd Tuesdays of month.

20. Meeting Closed 8.37pm.

Signed----- Date 9th September 2014

Chairman

Resident bought up concerns regarding the postponement of Bayton Village Hall AGM. Cllr and Clerk stated other residents had expressed concerns on openness of Village Hall matters. Clerk had requested accounts for PC records but still not received. Clerk to write to Chairman of Hall Committee to address concerns.

District Cllrs Report – SWDP regarding future housing still not agreed, should be finalised in Autumn. MHDC looking into sharing Chief Executive, possibly to be agreed in October. Website has changed. Changes to Tenburys main street delayed until next year. Tenbury waste site moved. Harriet Baldwin confirmed as attending Bayton Village Hall on 22nd August from 5 to 7pm for surgery.

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County Cllr Report – 8th July 2014

1. Worcestershire Local Enterprise Partnership (WLEP) – outcome of Strategic Economic Plan (SEP)

At the end of March the WLEP submitted a SEP to government as a competitive bid for part of a massive £2billion allocation to promote growth around the country. The WLEP projects amounted to some £280 million of projects from the Cyber Security centre in Malvern, to the Worcester Business Park and Agri-Tech support to all sorts of infrastructure developments including road improvements and the Worcester Parkway station at Norton.

The government announced the results of this fiercely competitive process to day and Worcestershire has gained £53 million, £13 million of that will be for the coming financial year. This will allow WCC to go ahead with its top priority items, including the Worcester Tech Park, Malvern Hills Science Park, The Southern Link Road, the Hoobrook Link road in Kidderminster and the Broadband extension to cover 95% of the county's residences by 2017. Plus we can expect the Worcester Parkway station to figure once the new franchises are fixed.

Given that Worcestershire normally receives about 1% of such allocated funds, it is very encouraging to see that the Worcestershire LEP has gained about 2.5% on this occasion, due in no small part to the efforts of the County Council Economic Development department.

2. Bus Subsidies

You will recall the report on reducing the subsidies for the 20% of routes that need support to keep going. It came to my Scrutiny Panel and we accepted it. It went to Cabinet and it was accepted. It was then subject to a call in, requested by a number of Labour councillors and this took place on the 17th. This was a somewhat bad tempered meeting as the call in claimed that, for instance, the LEP and the Chamber of Commerce had not been properly consulted, although these organisations had not been contacted. I did contact them and found them entirely content.

The other main contention was concerning the closure of the Park and Ride system, particularly in Perdiswell, which was thought likely greatly to increase the congestion in the city. This argument was undermined by the statistics that only 200 cars park there each day, that 23,000 cars use the northerly approach routes each day, and that one third of the public paid for car park spaces in the City are empty on any day.

The call in was rejected, with the concession that the Council should look hard for alternative operators or mechanisms for keeping them open. The Six Ways system will remain open as the Hospital will increase its contribution to cover the current costs.

3. Tenbury High School

Last Friday, the Mayor of Tenbury and other councillors were among the dignitaries that were present at the official opening of the new classroom block at Tenbury High School. Adrian Price, the new Head Teacher, introduced the speakers, starting with the WCC Cabinet Member Responsible for Children and Families, Liz Eyre. Liz pointed out that the bulk of the £1.8 million cost of the scheme was covered by the County Council, but she was particularly impressed by the £47,000 raised by the local community, and singled out this effort as worthy of high praise.

Harriett Baldwin, MP, was pleased to see that English and Maths were to be taught on the block, given their pivotal importance in everyone's education for later life.

Professor David Green, Vice Chancellor and Chief Executive of Worcester University performed the official opening after he has drawn attention to the vital importance of education for all walks of life, to suit all sorts of jobs. He emphasised the value of brain surgeons in saving the life of Mulallah, the Pakistani girl whom the Taleban had tried to murder because she advocated education for girls.

Professor Green also pointed out the importance of the engineers, maintenance men and all the others who contributed to the sophisticated society that was able to help that young girl, here in Birmingham and which we can easily take for-granted in our daily lives.

Cllr Ken Pollock

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