

BAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Bayton Parish Council held in Bayton Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11th February 2020

Present: Cllr Woodison, Cllr Miles, Cllr Lawrence

In Attendance: Clerk, six Members of the Public, Dist Cllr Douglas Godwin, County Cllr Ken Pollock

1. **To appoint Chairman for this meeting** – It was agreed by all Cllr Miles to Chair the meeting.
2. **Apologies:** Noted from Cllr Adams and Chairman.
3. **Co-option of a Cllr** – No applications received.
4. **Declaration of Interest:**
 - a. **Register of Interests** – Cllrs are reminded to keep their register up to date.
 - b. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests** – None.
 - c. **Other Disclosable Interests** – None.
5. **Dispensations** –
 - a. To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) – **Dispensations requested** – None
6. **Public Question Time** – See notes at end of minutes.
7. **County Cllr Report** – See notes at end of minutes.
District Cllr Report – See notes at end of minutes.
8. **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** held on 14th January 2020 were agreed by all and signed by Chairman.
9. **Progress reports for information** –
 - a. **Footpaths** – Work on paths continuing.
 - b. **Severne Green Hedge** – Clerk contacted Housing Association again but no date for work yet confirmed.
 - c. **WiFi Contract from January 2020** – There will be one further bill to pay up to 19th February. Clerk will pay the bill and reclaim at next meeting.
 - d. **Waste bins** – Waste bins ordered, six week delivery cost to be £839.90 plus VAT.
 - e. **Maintenance Contractor for Parish** – Advert was agreed as drafted, Clerk to put on noticeboards.
 - f. **Noticeboards for Parish** – to be discussed at next meeting.
 - g. **Seat for Clows Top** – to be discussed at next meeting.
 - h. **Tree survey** – Copy of insurance certificate from survey company now in files. It was agreed to survey yearly due to tree being in centre of village and having seats underneath it.
10. **Reports on Meeting attended by Clerk or Councillors:**

Envirosort Recycling visit 27th January – Cllr visited, Clerk to circulate slides from MHDC about site.

Clows Top Village Hall Meeting 30th January - Cllr representative and Clerk invited to meeting with developer who has submitted plans for land around hall. Developer is very willing to address local concerns.
11. **Finances** –
 - a. **Payments made** – WCC (Rock salt Ninevah) = £122.26.
 - b. **To report receipts since last meeting** – Dist Cllrs Grant (flower bulbs) = £100.00, WCC LM September/October 2019 = £390.00 and November 2019 = £195.00.
 - c. **Bank Reconciliation January 2019** (circulated) – It was agreed and signed. Balance in cash book £24179.47.
12. **Planning:**
 - a. Plans circulated since last meeting – **See item 20.**
 - b. **Decisions received since last meeting** –
19/01577/HP – Mill Cottage, Bayton DY14 9LF – Demolition of single storey extension and replacement with 2 storey extension. **Approved by MHDC.**
 - c. **Plans for comment on tonight** –
 - **WFDC-20/0013/FULL – Land adjacent to Victory Hall, Tenbury Road, Clows Top, Kidderminster DY14 9HG - Erection of five new dwellings and resurfacing and regularisation of adjacent car park.** It was agreed to support development on this site with comments on following, affordable housing, drainage, water and electric supply to be upgraded, access moved to B4202, traffic

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approaching crossroads from Worcester would have restricted view of Kidderminster traffic due to position of house, sufficient parking for new houses. Clerk to draft comments for approval.

- **20/00055/LB – Bayton Cottage, Bayton, Kidderminster DY14 9LW - Replacement of infill panels and repair of timbers to north and east elevations. Renovations and upgrade to porch.**

It was agreed by all to support this application.

13. Road report

- a. **Lengthsman** – Grips, gullies cleared regularly.
- b. **Problems to report** – None.
- c. **B4202 Beach Hay Crossroads safety** – WCC given no update.
- d. **B4202 water on Highway at Bayton Common** – STW say it is not their water, to monitor area.
B4202 Carton Farm corner – WCC have not yet replied to Clerks request for meeting onsite.

14. **Bench for Coronation Corner** – Clerk and Cllr have prices, details of to be circulated for next meeting.

15. **Verge Planting** – Clerk looking to plant wildflower and bulbs, seeking further advise.

16. **Village Gates** (circulated) – It was agreed to discuss this at next meeting.

17. **Litter signs for Highway** – It was agreed to put signs up in areas where residents have raised concerns.

18. **VE Commemoration events 8th May 2020** (circulated) – It was agreed to donate £600.00 to this event to be held at Clows Top Village Hall. Details in files. Organisers to be asked to approach other organisations to help with funding. MHDC may have some funds after April 2020.

19. **Correspondence for information** – Email correspondence circulated - CALC Training dates.

Worcestershire Dementia Meeting Centres meeting – 10th February

Statement of Licensing Policy Review - Consultation 2020 -2025, comments by 6th April 2020

Pride of Malvern Hills Community Award Scheme – 26th February 2020

Worcestershire Mineral Site Allocations Development Plan Document 5th Call for sites ends 13th March

MHDC Great British Spring Clean – 20th March – 13th April

20. **Clerks report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting –**

Plans discussed at close of meeting on 14th January 2020

19/01709/FUL Location: Church House, Bayton, Kidderminster, DY14 9LP Description of Proposal: Conversion of a Dutch Barn into a Live Work unit comprising commercial storage, business office and a one bedroom residential unit. It was agreed by all to support this application. Comments regarding Footpaths not being marked on maps to be made.

31st January 2020 - Scaffolding Clows Top crossroads – Clerk had reported to WCC and immediate action was taken by them to get the scaffolding removed.

21. **Councillors' reports and items for the next agenda.**

Agenda items – Vacancy on PC, Waste Bins, Seats/Noticeboards, Maintenance person, VE Day events, Tackling Loneliness

22. **Date of next Meeting – 10th MARCH 2020 at 7.30pm in BAYTON VILLAGE HALL**

23. **Meeting Closed 8.55pm.**

Signed----- Date 10th March 2020

Chairman

Public Question Time –

VE Day Celebrations – Members of British Legion and Clows Top Village Hall Committee attended. They had circulated ideas for the event to Cllrs before this meeting. They are keen to involve local organisations, Clerk to contact local WI and pass details on. Ideas are bring and share lunch, bar, local band, bouncy castle. A Church Service at Bayton Church is also being arranged.

WFDC-20/0013/FULL – Plans for Clows Top. Clows Top Hall have worked with the developer to ensure the hall retain a parking area for village and Hall. The initial building work will be inside fencing now up.

Chairman agreed to discuss the above agenda items at close of Public Question Time. All Members of the Public then left the meeting.

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Dist Cllrs Report

Tons of salt stored due to mild winter - COE of MHDC Jack Hegarty is leaving in summer - Climate Carbon reduction plans ongoing, to reduce by 50% for 2030, need better built houses - 100 plus acres of land for trees to be obtained - Malvern Splash to be upgraded - Boundary Commission review will be out for Consultation in Winter 2020 - funding for Apprenticeships available.

County Cllrs Report

Brexit - After 47 years as members of the European project, under various names, the UK left a week ago last Friday, the 31st of January. This enacted the result of the 2016 referendum, but the exact nature of our relationship with the EU is still to be determined during negotiations that will run for the rest of the year. Whatever one's position on Brexit, we must all hope that these negotiations are successful for the UK, and that our former partners in the EU will also be content with the arrangements. In this regard, it is worth restating that, while the EU is our biggest trading partner, they have a £95 billion annual surplus in their trading with the UK. Put another way that means they have a lot more to lose if trade is disrupted than we do, and that will no doubt be in their minds during the negotiations, no matter what public statements are made by the EU leaders. At County we have an officer designated to handle any local matters affected by our leaving the EU, and he will be seeking the most optimal arrangements for local businesses, to guarantee economic success under the new regime.

Local matters - I am aware that there are a number of concerns about drainage in the parish. You will not need reminding that we have had a very wet winter and there are a number of such problems that our crews are dealing with. You will know that your clerk is very effective getting attention to Bayton's problems and I am very happy to help her should it ever be necessary.

In the next month there will be some road closures on Penn Hall Drive and Worles Common for road repairs. I hope the inconvenience is kept to the minimum but some disruption is inevitable.

I recently had the pleasure of helping Caroline Palethorpe at Tenbury High Ormiston Academy in conducting dummy job interviews with pupils on the point of leaving the school. I was one of many, including your mayor, and I would like to put on record that this was a truly encouraging experience. The pupils were all highly motivated and clear on what they wanted to achieve, although by no means all heading for an academic future. It is very easy to criticise our schools and they are at times in need of such criticism. In this narrow area, however, THOA seems to be doing a very good job and I find that very gratifying.

County matters - Last Thursday week, the Council Cabinet met to approve the budget for the coming year. While income is restricted, meaning we need to adjust our expenditure in various areas, we still have a strong capital programme, and particular emphasis on improving roads and footways. These will attract substantial expenditure in the coming year, and we hope that their benefits will be noticed by all residents. The budget is set to be passed on Thursday at the next full council meeting. We hope this will still be correct and applicable after Sajid Javid has delivered his budget on March 11th.

At Cabinet, I had the opportunity of presenting a report on our application for further funding to test the potential of 5G. This is a combined project involving Herefordshire and Shropshire, while being led by Worcestershire. The area around Tenbury was chosen because of its rural nature and the topography which will be valuable in assessing the use of 5G, as the radiation used is of relatively short range. It has two particular benefits. Firstly, it should improve mobile coverage in areas where it is traditionally poor, excluding residents in rural areas of the connectivity that we tend to take for granted. Secondly, the improved connectivity is intended to allow remote monitoring of vulnerable and old people who might normally expect a visit from a social worker. If such technology allows a non-intrusive monitoring of such people, it might be able to reduce the amount and expense of social workers driving all over the county, often to find their visits were not needed. At a time when our ageing population is requiring more of such support, we are keen to see that the limited resources are deployed in the most efficient and effective fashion.

The experiment will last for two years and we should hear in the near future whether we have been successful. You may be aware that the new Worcestershire Parkway station did not open in December, as originally planned. We anticipate that it will open in the very near future, once approved by the Office of Road and Rail, and will then prove a useful access point to the rail network, particularly for residents in rural Worcestershire, who would prefer not to have to drive into the city to catch a train.

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