

BAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Bayton Parish Council held in Bayton Church at 7.30pm on Tuesday 14th March 2023

Present: Cllr Miles (Chair), Cllr Adams, Cllr Tonks, Cllr Burns

In Attendance: Clerk, CSO Debra Abbott, CSO Nathan Drew. No members of Public

1. **Apologies:** Noted from Cllr Kemp, Cllr George, Cllr Wakeford.
2. **Declaration of Interest:**
 - a. **Register of Interests** – Cllrs reminded to keep their registers up to date.
 - b. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests** – None declared.
 - c. **Other Disclosable Interests** – None declared.
 - d. **Cllrs own Computers/Tablets/Phones** – Cllrs confirmed own devices are password protected, have antivirus software installed and automatic updates set for their systems as per agreed policies.
3. **Dispensations** –
To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) –
 - a. **Dispensations requested** – None requested.
4. **Public Question Time** – No issues raised.
5. **County Cllr Report** – Apologies received, report below.
District Cllr Report – No apologies or report received.
6. **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** held on 14th February 2023 were agreed by all and signed by Chairman.
7. **Progress reports for information** –
 - a. **Coronation Corner Wall** – Waiting for Housing Association response. It was agreed by all to work with Housing Association to make area tidier with plants etc. The costs of extending Wall are unaffordable.
 - b. **Maintenance Contractor (circulated)** – No invoice submitted.
 - c. **Parking issues in Bayton and Clows Top** – Police Report below. It was agreed by all not to lobby WCC for double yellow lines in Bayton, it can only be enforced by MHDC and they are not likely to visit the Parish.
 - d. **May 2023 Elections (circulated)** – Clerk circulated details on village email, to continue to remind people to obtain ID so they can vote and to fill in papers if they wish to be elected onto Bayton PC.
8. **Reports on Meeting attended by Clerk or Councillors:** None.
9. **Finances** –
 - a. **Payments made** – Mr D Nunn (LM February 2023) = £107.25, Mrs S Burrows (see item 18) = £273.32.
 - b. **To report receipts since last meeting** – WCC LM November 2022 = £222.75, December 2022 = £247.50.
 - c. **Bank Reconciliation February** (circulated) – Balance agreed as £21943.85.
Bank Reconciliation January 2023 – Due to clerical error balance shown as £22383.13 on February draft minutes, balance should be £22321.22, corrected on signed minutes.
 - d. **Mandate** – Bank processed the mandate; Clerk gave letters to Cllrs to obtain access to account.
10. **Planning:**
 - a. Plans circulated since last meeting – **None.**
 - b. **Decisions received since last meeting** –
 - c. **Plans for comment on tonight** –
M/23/00126/HP - Tansy Fields, Clows Top, Kidderminster DY14 9NN – Side and rear single storey extensions. It was agreed by all to make no comment or objections.
Tree work in Conservation area - M/23/00286/CAN 1 Clows Top Road Bayton Kidderminster DY14 9NB – Undertake tree works, as detailed on application form and in any accompanying information. For information only.
 - d. **Breach of Planning Permissions in Parish** – MHDC are continuing to look at ongoing issues.
11. **Road report**
 - a. **Lengthsman** – Work to clear footway on side of B4202 Clows Top ongoing. LM has been thanked by residents. Parish Council would also like to note a thank you in the minutes, the footway is much safer for all users.
 - b. **Problems to report** – Blocked drains in parish to be reported if they do not clear after heavy rain.

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12. **Litter signs for Parish – request from Bayton resident** – After much discussion it was agreed by all to encourage residents to pick up litter as it was felt signs would have little impact.
13. **BT Boxes maintenance** (costs circulated) - It was agreed by all to ask Maintenance Contractor to paint Clows Top and Bayton Boxes at a cost of £340.00 to come out of 2022-2023 maintenance budget. Bayton Common Box to be painted at a cost of £310.00 to come out of 2023-2024 maintenance budget. All costs include materials.
14. **Coronation of King Charles III –**
It was agreed by all that the Council, in accordance with its powers under sections 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.
- a. It was agreed by all to purchase 108 personalized King Charles III Coronation Mugs as circulated by email for Bayton Parish children aged 16 and under. Design agreed by all as Crown and Bunting from Impact China, total cost = £564.84 (+ vat).
- b. It was agreed by all to purchase 108 plain boxes at a cost of £43.20 (+ vat).
15. **Correspondence for information –**
CALC, NALC, WCC, MHDC, Police, South Worcestershire Development Plan, Police and Crime Commissioner.
Community First online AGM -Tuesday 4th April – 10.30 -11.45
16. **Clerks report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting –**
Payments made – 7th March – Mrs S Burrows (Clerks Salary) = £273.32.
17. **Councillors’ reports and items for the next agenda.**
Agenda items – Coronation Corner, Speed signs, Mobile Phone for PC.
18. **Date of next Meeting – – TUESDAY 11th April 2023 – 7.30pm – Bayton Church**
19. **Meeting Closed 8.07pm.**

Signed----- Date 11th April 2023
Chair

Public Question Time –

Police Report on issues raised by residents in the Parish -

Coronation Corner parking – Police have advised residents not to park on the junction.

Yellow Lines at Coronation Corner - Police advised Parish Council could lobby WCC to put double yellow lines on the Corner. It would be up to MHDC to come out to issue tickets, Police cannot do this.

School Parking – Police have been to Bayton at peak times, advice given to some parents. School do put notice in weekly newsletter about considerate parking. Parents are parking on the Corner at peak times due to other parking areas being full.

Speeding issues in Parish – Police to ask Community Safety Partnership why speed van not been to Clows Top since 2019. There is a new handheld device which Police can use to detect speed, criteria for use not so stringent as device now used. Police awaiting training.

Clows Top Parking – Up to MHDC to issue tickets, Police cannot do this.

School Bus Stopping points on A456/B4202 – Police have passed concerns to Community Safety Partnership; they have a staffing issue but will look at in due course.

Police were thanked for attending and left the meeting.

County Cllrs Report

New Special School for Children with Autism - A new special school that caters for the needs of pupils with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is to be built in Malvern. The successful bid from Worcestershire County Council was announced this week by the Department for Education. The new special free school will provide 120 full time places for pupils aged 5-19 with autism, who are able to engage with mainstream curriculum with extra support and who would also benefit from a specific environment and staff dedicated to a holistic approach. The capital funding for the new school will be provided from the Government’s Free School Programme.

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County Council Budget 2023/24 - At the Budget meeting of the Council, Council approved the following recommendations:

- a. A budget of £400.813 million be set (as detailed in the report before Councillors).
- b. A Capital programme of £432.720 million be set (as detailed in the report before Councillors).
- c. An increase in Council Tax Precept of 4.94%, broken into two parts:
 - i. 2.94% to provide financial support for the delivery of outcomes in line with the Corporate Plan.
 - ii. 2.00% Adult Social Care Precept, ring-fenced for Adult Social Care services, in order to contribute to existing cost pressures due to Worcestershire's ageing population.

At the Budget meeting there was a proposal by the Opposition to reduce the Highways Capital programme by £2million. I spoke against this amendment (which was similar to an amendment submitted one year ago), because it is my view that if you were do this, then over a relatively short period of time, Worcestershire roads would become similar to those we experience in Herefordshire. Whilst Worcestershire roads are not perfect, they are considerably better than those in neighbouring counties. I am pleased that the amendment was defeated.

Herefordshire & Worcestershire Fire & Rescue Service

I attended a meeting of the Fire Authority (Monday 13th February). The Chief Fire Officer reported that a pay offer of 7% for this year and 5% for next year had been offered to the unions. He is hopeful that the pay offer will be accepted, following consultations ending in early March, which will hopefully mean that there will be no further strikes within our area.

David Chambers - County Councillor, Tenbury Division.

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