

BAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Bayton Parish Council held in Victory Hall Clows Top at 7.30pm on Tuesday 30th July 2019

Present: Cllr Clarke (Chairman), Cllr Sharp, Cllr Woodison, Cllr Adams

In Attendance: Clerk, No Members of the Public

1. **Apologies:** None.
2. **Co-option of Cllr** – no applications received
3. **Declaration of Interest:**
 - a. **Register of Interests** – Cllrs are reminded to keep their register up to date.
 - b. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests** – Cllr Woodison declared an interest in item 22 planning application 19/00863/FUL.
 - c. **Other Disclosable Interests** – None declared
4. **Dispensations** –
 - a. To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) – **Dispensations requested** – None
5. **Public Question Time** – See notes at end of minutes.
6. **County Cllr Report** – Apologies given see notes at end of minutes.
District Cllr Report – Apologies given.
7. **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** held on 11th June 2019 were agreed by all and signed by Chairman.
8. **Progress reports for information** –
 - a. **Milk lorry parking on B4202 Bayton Common** – Clerk now has direct contact with the Transport Manager for this area. The drivers have been instructed not to park in this layby for safety reasons.
 - b. **Police Smartwater initiative** – It was agreed this had been discussed in the past and residents responses was not very high. Clerk to email information to residents, if interest shown by residents PC will discuss again.
9. **Reports on Meeting attended by Clerk or Councillors:**

MHDC Planning Training Session – 4th July 2019 – Clerk attended; email circulated.
CALC Training Session -16th July 2019 – Clerk and Cllr attended, notes to be circulated.
Bayton Village Hall Committee Meeting 16th July 2019 - Cllr Representative attended and gave a brief report to this meeting. The Hall Committee have suggested the Recreation Ground be made into a Wildlife Meadow; no firm details known. The Chairman advised PC would consider the project when full details are known, Cllr representative was advised to refer Committee to website for Grant Application form or to send them the form for completion.
10. **Finances** –
 - a. **Payments made** – Plusnet (WiFi DD) = £34.20, Tenbury Town Council (Cllr training 18/07/2019) = £20.00, Hollands Coaches (minibus 13 weeks) = £180.00, MHDC (Election 02/05/2019) = £36.00.
 - b. **To report receipts since last meeting** – WCC LM March 2019 = £154.50.
 - c. **Bank Reconciliation April/May 2019** (circulated)– Clerical error regarding one payment was amended, revised reconciliation was agreed and signed. Balance in cash book at 31st May 2019 agreed as £24353.09.
 - d. **Bank Reconciliation June 2019** (circulated) – It was agreed and signed. Balance in cash book £24177.55.
 - e. **Budget to 30th June 2019** – It was agreed Clerk to set up reserved funds for Computer, Website and Maintenance person. Clerk to circulate figures and to be agreed at next meeting.
 - f. **Bank Mandate** – Forms now complete, to be forwarded to Lloyds Bank for action.
11. **Planning:**
 - a. Plans circulated since last meeting – **See item 22.**
 - b. **Decisions received since last meeting** -
19/00560/CLE – Church House, Bayton DY14 9LP – The assembly/manufacture of motor vehicles and associated sale from a former barn/stables. **Approved by MHDC.**
19/00641/HP- 3 The Leasowes, Bayton DY14 9NA – Erection of a conservatory. **Approved by MHDC.**
19/00461/FUL – The Work Shop, Beach Hay, Bayton, Kidderminster DY14 9NF – External alterations to

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building, including new and replacement windows and doors, replacement cladding and replacement roof covering to facilitate change of use approved under 19/00033/GPDP. **Approved by MHDC.**

19/00238/CLPU -Perry Cottage, Bayton – Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a detached garage/store/workshop. **Approved by MHDC.**

19/00750/CAN – Land at (os 6936 7324) – Severne Green, Bayton – Undertake tree works as detailed on application form and in accompanying documentation. **Approved by MHDC.**

c. Plans for comment on tonight – None.

d. Planning query - 17/01663/AGR – Larches Wood At (Os 7015 7431) Clows Top – Prior notification for track improvements to supply access to the whole site for the purposes of agricultural and forestry. An appeal has now been received. It was agreed to consult Dist Cllr on any further comments to be sent in regarding the appeal.

12. Road report

a. Lengthsman – Grips, gullies to be cleared. B4202 Clows Top end needs clearing.

b. Problems to report – Potholes Nineveh Road.

c. Clows Top crossroads white lines – this issue has now been corrected; visibility much improved.

d. B4202 approaching Beach Hay crossroads – residents request for double white lines – WCC did not read the report correctly and responded to road approaching Clows Top. Clerk has reported again.

e. B4202 Signs – Signs have been looked at by WCC. WCC have advised Landowner needs to cut hedge around sign, Landowner has disputed this and is in direct contact with WCC.

13. Waste bins in Parish – It was agreed to discuss further at August meeting when WiFi can be used to look at options.

14. Seats in Parish – It was agreed to discuss further at August meeting with WiFi use as item 13.

15. Paper free meetings for Cllrs – It was agreed to look at ways of reducing waste by reducing amount of printing.

16. Website (circulated) – Details of costs from one company circulated. No Cllr wished to take the project forward. It was agreed to take matter off agenda at present but Clerk to seek advice from PC advisors.

17. WhatsApp – PC would need own mobile phone and a policy to clearly state usage. It was agreed to set up a PC group and see how it goes. Clerk to set this up and seek advice from PC advisors.

18. Ninevah Ridge Care Farm – The applicant had withdrawn the grant application as funding has been donated from another source. It was agreed by all the PC would like to support this project. Cllr Woodison proposed that a donation of £200.00 be made to help the project. This was seconded by Cllr Adams and agreed by all. It was agreed the money should be used for a specific item, Clerk to contact Care Farm.

19. Clows Top Village Hall Grant request – Clerk has requested further information and has spoken to Chair of Hall. Cllr Woodison has not yet been invited to attend a meeting as PC representative, Clerk to try to move matters forward.

20. Clows Top Amateur Productions – It was agreed to grant £150.00 toward the Pantomime for 2019.

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

19/00993/AGR – Clay Farm, Clows Top DY14 9NN – Prior notification of agricultural or forestry development – for the erection of 2 buildings and extensions to existing hay store. To note details of this application.

22. Clerks report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting –

Plans circulated by email on 9th July 2019 - (Cllr Woodison declared an interest in this application). - **19/00863/FUL – Common Farm, Clows Top, Kidderminster DY14 9NY** – Erection of polytunnel 21.3m (70ft) x 9.1m (30ft) which will be used as a general purpose store, accommodate livestock in conjunction with the existing agricultural holding. It was agreed to comment on visibility of polytunnel from B4202 and to inform MHDC a footpath has not been shown on application.

Payments made 24th July 2019 - Mr I Mapp (LM June) = £234.00,

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

Agenda items – Waste Bins, Vacancy on PC, Seats, Tree Survey, Footpaths, Maintenance person.

24. Date of next Meeting – 27th AUGUST 2019 at 7.30pm in BAYTON VILLAGE HALL.

25. Cllrs agreed to close meeting to the Public due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

26. Tree survey Coronation Corner – It was agreed by all to instruct Adrian Hope Tree Services to give a visual

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check for £95.00+VAT. Clerk to check with insurers regarding period between surveys/type of survey needed to satisfy insurers.

27. Meeting Closed 9.33pm.

Signed-----
Chairman

Date 27th August 2019

Footpath Officer Report - Some issues had arisen after a footpath had been cleared. The matter had been reported to WCC who will contact the Landowner. Clerk will add Footpaths to agenda for future meetings so regular updates can be given to PC.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Council Members - As I said to the new Tenbury Town Council meeting three weeks ago, it was good to see so many new faces on the Council. I wished them, as I wish all of you, a very enjoyable and productive period representing the views of your local residents. As I wrote in a recent column in the Tenbury Advertiser, the community is very dependent on people coming forward to offer their time and expertise on civic matters. The contribution of councillors like ourselves is vital to see that the very best decisions are made concerning the provision of services in the area. It is not widely acknowledged that people such as yourselves do not receive any remuneration, but you can be the subject of complaint when matters don't turn out the way some people might like. I am very aware of the selfless devotion to duty expressed by the service of councillors in all the 18 town and parish councils in my division, and I trust the service you all give is recognised by your communities.

County Council Affairs - There was a full Council meeting last Thursday week, and there were six notices of motion, only three of which were debated, but one paid tribute to the efforts of people like yourselves, working in Parish Councils for the benefit of the community. There were many supportive comments from across the chamber and the political spectrum, in response to some unwise words of a Labour councillor, who appeared to discount your worth. He was not present, but his group leader, Cllr Robin Lunn, spoke warmly of the contribution made by volunteers, such as yourselves. I presented a report on our minerals policy. There are many mineral deposits in the County, of various types, and these are grouped into corridors. We have had four calls for sites for development, as the intention is that this county, like all others, should seek to provide essential minerals from their own resources. These corridors are all published, so anyone can see where they occur, and where, at some time in the future, they may be exploited. At Full Council, we had a delegation of residents from the Lea Castle area, near Kidderminster, concerned about the possibility of a new quarry being excavated near them. This will need to go through the full planning process, and I sought to reassure them that the County would be vigorous in ensuring any conditions applied were fully observed. One overriding principle is that we will not allow District Council to permit building over areas where valuable minerals are to be found, even if there is no demand for them at present. Germany has fallen foul of this principle, and various villages and old churches are in the process of being demolished to liberate lignite found beneath them. This should never happen in this county. In Cabinet the previous week, we approved the development of Adult Social Care, a burgeoning area of concern and expenditure, and one where we are all keenly awaiting the much delayed publication of a new adult social care policy from central government. In recent years we have been dependent on one-off grants to cover the increases in costs and we would all appreciate a long term solution to the problem. We will also heard the report on the results of the extensive consultation on the future of our libraries. For reasons that are not worth rehearsing, there was a prevailing feeling that some libraries were in danger of closing. This report to cabinet demonstrated that the required savings have been achieved without any such closures, as had always been the policy.

South Worcestershire Development Plan revisions - The SWDP covers the three southerly districts of the county and is undergoing a thorough revision to reflect expected increases in population numbers in the light of the National Planning Policy Framework, the NPPF. This will require the provision of more houses in the county and the plan is intended to indicate the preferred areas for such new housing. Villages in the Tenbury division have seen a lot of new building in the last few years and there are plans for more such estates. Bayton residents may be aware of the controversy that surrounds such developments, when they appear to change the character of the village, as with the proposals for 175 houses in the centre of Great Witley. A common complaint is that there are no jobs for new people in this rural area, but I have been keen to see the plan is not predicated on the minimising of distances to travel to work. Pursuing such principles, for whatever reasons, would lead to the impoverishment of rural areas. At present, some 26% of county residents live in "rural areas", while only 13% of new building takes place in rural areas. Current plans seem to indicate that the latter balance of only 13% of build being in rural areas should continue to 2040. I am not sure that is sensible.

Cllr Ken Pollock, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL50 2BZ