

BAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Bayton Parish Council held in Bayton Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 3rd December 2019

Present: Cllr Clarke (Chairman), Cllr Woodison, Cllr Miles,

In Attendance: Clerk, one Member of the Public, Dist Cllr Douglas Godwin

1. **Apologies:** Noted from Cllr Adams.
2. **Co-option of a 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** –
Clerk item 11c – Planning - 19/01577/HP - Mill Cottage, Bayton - a family member owns the property.
Cllr Woodison item 19 – Water running onto road at end of Bayton Common Lane - Cllr is responsible for ditches in this area.
 - c. **Other Disclosable Interests** – See above.
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 – See notes at end of minutes.
7. **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** held on 8th October 2019 were agreed by all and signed by Chairman.
8. **Progress reports for information** –
 - a. **Footpaths** – It was reported work is ongoing to clear paths and improve signage.
 - b. **Severne Green Hedge** – Clerk is working with Housing Association to get hedge cut this winter.
 - c. **WiFi Contract from January 2020** – Bayton Village Hall have agreed to renew the contract from 31st January 2020. Clerk to contact Treasurer in due course.
 - d. **Speeding A456 Clows Top** – WCC looking into this issue. Chairman suggested Village Gates to match Rock PC Gates installed on A456. It was agreed Clerk to obtain details of costs.
 - e. **Complaint regarding untidy front garden Bayton Common** – MHDC Planning Enforcement are investigating.
9. **Reports on Meeting attended by Clerk or Councillors:**
Clerk attended – MHDC Conference – 21st October and WCC Conference – 17th October, details of both meetings circulated.
10. **Finances** –
 - a. **Payments made** – Plusnet (WiFi DD) = £34.20, Mr I Mapp (LM September/October 2019) = £468.00, Mrs S Burrows (Microsoft Office 365) = £59.99, Holland Coaches (minibus 13 weeks) = £180.00, Mr S Burrows (Clerks Expenses 2018-19) = £173.22, Mrs S Burrows (Defib battery Clows Top) = £186.00.
 - b. **To report receipts since last meeting** – MHDC Precept £4175.00, WCC LM July/August 2019 = £390.00.
 - c. **Bank Reconciliation September/October 2019** (circulated) – It was agreed and signed. Balance in cash book £26033.80
 - d. **Bank Mandate** – Bank have confirmed new mandate has been accepted, letter in files.
 - e. **Clerk Expenses 2018-2019 (circulated)** – It was agreed by all to pay expenses totalling £173.22.
 - f. **Internal Auditor** – It was agreed by all to appoint D M Payroll Services Ltd at a fee of £75.00.
 - g. **Precept 2020-2021** (circulated) – It was agreed to approve the budget. A provisional precept figure of £8350.00 was agreed. The final precept figure to be agreed at January meeting or by email if that meeting is cancelled due to bad weather.
11. **Planning:**
 - a. Plans circulated since last meeting – **See item 19.**
 - b. **Decisions received since last meeting** –
19/01227/FUL – Clay Farm, Clows Top, Kidderminster DY14 9NN – Erection of agricultural storage building.
Approved by MHDC.

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19/01181/FUL – The Work Shop, Beach Hay, Bayton, Kidderminster DY14 9NF – Demolition of existing storage building and erection of a single dwelling house. Refused by MHDC.

19/01443/CAN Parsonage Farm, C2096 Bayton DY14 9LQ – Undertake various tree works, as detailed on application form in accompanying information. Approved by MHDC.

APPEAL - APP/J1860/W/19/3233184 - 18/01682/FUL – Land at (Os 7042 7416), Clows Top – Access track (Retrospective). Appeal Allowed by Planning Inspector.

c. Plans for comment on tonight –

19/01502/HP – Hopton Cottage, Bayton DY14 9LY – Single storey side extension and outbuilding to provide home office, gym and wc. It was agreed by all to object to this application due to scale and position of extension and outbuilding, effect on neighbours property this being a listed building, effect on character of area, privacy to adjoining neighbours and potential drainage issues. Clerk to draft response for circulation.

Clerk offered to leave meeting for next item but Cllrs agreed for her to remain.

19/01577/HP – Mill Cottage, Bayton DY14 9LF – Demolition of single storey extension and replacement with 2 storey extension. It was agreed by all to support this application.

d. South Worcestershire Development Plan – Some boundary changes have been made; building land has defined in from last consultation. It was agreed no comments to be made.

12. Road report

a. Lengthsman – Grips, gullies to be cleared.

b. Problems to report – None.

c. B4202 approaching Beach Hay crossroads safety issue – No response from WCC. Clerk has offered to meet WCC onsite, awaiting a response.

13. Waste bins in Parish – It was agreed to buy two bins at a cost of £415.00 each to be sited at Beach Hay layby and layby top of Holly Well Lane. Clerk to check MHDC will empty prior to ordering.

14. Seats in Parish – It was agreed to defer this until Spring. Ownership of land at Clows Top still not confirmed, that needs to be established before we purchase seat.

15. VE Day Celebrations May 2020 – Large planters have been price by Nineveh Care Farm at £40.00 each. Clerk thought at least 10 would be needed for Parish. It was agreed by all not to pursue this due to cost. It was agreed bulbs to be planted in verges during 2020 as this would be better value for the money involved. If residents wish to organise events on the day the PC have set aside funds to support them.

16. Maintenance Contractor for Parish – It was agreed to advertise this position over winter.

17. Training Defibrillator – Clerk felt a training Defib would be of benefit to residents. It was agreed by all if a grant can be obtained then the Clerk could move forward with this project.

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

CALC Updates/Training Dates, Community First updates

MHDC Protect your Business, Protect your Staff – 28th November 4-7pm at Sixways, Worcester

MHDC Planning Training Dates - Invitation to training. Presentations given to meetings for information

CALC AGM – County Hall – 30th November – Market Place 5pm – AGM 6.30pm

Community First AGM – 14th November – 4.30-6.45pm - Bishops Frome

Came & Company – Insurance Matters Autumn Newsletter

Worcestershire Community Rail Partnership – 8th November – 10.30am – Guild Hall, Worcester

Police Commissioner – Consultations and Visit to Tenbury – 11th November 4-6pm

NALC – Guide to Tackle Loneliness

WCC Houghtons Pole Bridge – weight restriction of 7.5 tonne from 21st November 2019

Letter from local youth requesting funding

19. Clerks report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting –

27th October - Overgrown hedges in Bayton village – Reported to WCC

27th October – Stone on verges in Bayton village – Reported to WCC

1st November – Water running onto road at end of Bayton Common Lane – Reported to landowner

28th November – Water running over B4202 – Reported to landowner

Clerk would like to thank landowners who have been approached to help with the water issues. They have all been very willing to try to help sort the issues out.

Plans emailed 26th November for comments -

19/01618/HP – The Sheafhouse, Bayton DY14 9LW – Creating annexe within existing outbuilding.

Comments made to support this application.

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

Agenda items – Waste Bins, Vacancy on PC, Seats, Maintenance person, Noticeboard.

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21. Date of next Meeting – 14th JANUARY 2020 at 7.30pm in BAYTON VILLAGE HALL

22. Meeting Closed 9.20pm.

Signed----- Date 14th January 2020
Chairman

Public Question Time –

A resident came about his concerns regarding Planning Application 19/01502/HP - Hopton Cottage, Bayton. The outbuilding and extension would have an impact on Garden Cottage which is a listed building. It would impact on the view through to open fields. The resident was advised to send his concerns to MHDC. The planning process was explained to the resident and he left the meeting.

Dist Cllr Report

5 Year Plan has been reviewed and no changes made. Housing for homeless is being looked at but it must be acknowledged some homeless do not want a proper home. Waiting list for Social Housing has been reviewed and some changes made.

County Cllrs Report

Local matters - There has been some unfortunate speculation about bus services in the Tenbury area. As I understand the situation, the contract for the 291 service from Tenbury to Kidderminster and back may well change as R&B appear to want to relinquish the contract. I am assured by our officers that there will be continuity of service, and they are working with the commissioner to ensure that a decent service is maintained. It may be that improvements may be made for everyone's benefit. We have just been through a long process of analysis and consultation on passenger transport and the officers will be working through the whole county to seek the best compromise on commercial delivery and local authority funded services. It should be remembered that the County Council provides a home to school service for children and services for SEND children, the two amounting to several tens of millions of pounds. There is some speculation about the need for private cars in the country as a whole. They are essential in rural areas, like Bayton, and you can read more of my thoughts on the subject in the latest Teme Valley Times.

County Matters - At County, we are in the process of redesigning our departments with a view to increasing efficiency and effectiveness. At present, this has meant a small reduction in senior management posts, but a more wholesale redesign is in process with those clear objectives. To inform such a discussion, it is always valuable to listen to those who receive the services, particularly from those who are aware of failings, either in the nature of delivery or the extent of help offered. Please feel free to communicate with the County, either directly to the appropriate department or through me as your county councillor. It is a foolish man who believes that by being involved in delivery of services, they know all there is to know about organising them. Too often an outsider can see obvious ways of improvement that appear to have been ignored or overlooked. May I also point out that in the two tier system, there is a divided responsibility for services, and matters such as planning fall to the District Council to resolve? The fractious disputes I read about in the Bayton area fall within the purview of Malvern, rather than Worcester, I think. I will do what I can to assist in getting matters concerning potholes and the like, plus hedge trimming sorted, if you can let me know the details. Bear in mind that the County runs a computer based recording system that should be used in the first instance. There was a full council meeting in early November, where the Hereford and Worcestershire Fire and Rescue Authority reported on their year. I have been pleased to be a member of FRA for the last two years, and it was good to see the Tenbury appliance deployed on two occasions on the Saturday afternoon when I was in the town, to assist with mitigating the effects of the flooding. You may know that there is a plan to put the Fire and Rescue Authority under the management of the Police and Crime Commissioner. While this makes good sense, in combining such blue light services, we have voted against it, partly on the grounds that cooperation works very well at present. We await the outcome of an appeal against a judicial review that approved the amalgamation. Among the several other reports on the agenda, there was a detailed account of the capital projects to be undertaken or continued in the coming months. Among these are the various town centre improvements, along the lines of the Public Realm work in Tenbury. Then there are the developments of the rail stations, including the rebuilding of Kidderminster and the new Parkway station at Norton.

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As part of the commitment to encourage walking and cycling, there is provision for work in refurbishing the Sabrina Bridge in Worcester, as well as providing a further walking and cycling bridge to the north at Keepax, leading to Gheluvelt Park. I reported on the latter in Cabinet the following week.

Extinction Rebellion - Many of you will have read the two page spread in the Tenbury Advertiser recently, recording the demonstration in London by over 100 Shropshire residents, as part of the Extinction Rebellion protest. While the report illustrates very effectively how the event caused a deal of disruption and could have left no-one doubting the sincerity and passion of the protesters, the report was short on actual policies that they wish to see followed.

The current meeting in Madrid is seeking to see the whole world aligning itself to face what is widely regarded as an emergency, while a few people like myself, feel the worries are exaggerated and emergency action should not be implemented. In that regard, I will attach to this report a short exposition by Paul Homewood, who writes a blog entitled "Not a lot of people know that", criticising the recent BBC TV programme "Climate Change – the Facts". He and others protested that the programme did not live up to its title.

From the information in the supplementary report, you may also come to believe that the problem is exaggerated, at least in terms of how urgent it is for us to take action. Indeed, I wrote a 10 page critique of the programme myself, and I would be happy to send that to anyone who may be interested.

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