

# BAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Bayton Parish Council held in Bayton Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020

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

**In Attendance:** Clerk, Martin Carter (Royal British Legion)

1. **Apologies:** Noted from Cllr Adams.
2. **Co-option of a Cllr** – Application presented to meeting by Bob Lawrence. It was agreed by all to co-opt Mr Lawrence onto the Parish Council. Cllr Lawrence signed his Declaration of Office.
3. **Declaration of Interest:**
  - a. **Register of Interests** – Cllrs are reminded to keep their register up to date, new Cllr to fill in his form.
  - b. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests** – None.
  - c. **Other Disclosable Interests** – None.
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 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 were agreed by all and signed by Chairman.
8. **Progress reports for information** –
  - a. **Footpaths** – Volunteers continuing work on paths
  - b. **Severne Green Hedge** – Housing Association not been in contact with Clerk. Clerk to action.
  - c. **WiFi Contract from January 2020** – Letter to cancel DD signed tonight, last payment about 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Plusnet advised account password needs to be given to Bayton Village Hall Committee so contract can be transferred. It was agreed to cancel the contract as it was not felt correct procedure for the password to be given to another body due to personal details held on the account. Clerk to cancel contract by telephone and inform Bayton Village Hall Committee.
  - d. **Speeding A456 Clows Top** – No update from WCC. Clerk to obtain costs of white-gates for verges on entry to Clows Top.
  - e. **Complaint regarding untidy front garden Bayton Common** – A Cllr has received a further complaint; this matter is being dealt with by MHDC Enforcement Officer.
  - f. **Waste bins** – MHDC have confirmed they will empty the bins. It was agreed to order two bins at cost of £424.00 each to include fittings plus VAT and delivery. It was agreed to look at bins before deciding on what base they should be fixed to.
  - g. **Seats in Parish** – It was agreed to set a budget of £500.00 to £1000.00 for bench at Clows Top, to look at a VE Day Commemorative Seat. WCC own the land and want to know full details of seat before it is purchased. Bench for Bayton to be priced.
  - h. **Maintenance Contractor for Parish** – Clerk to circulate draft advert to go on noticeboards.
  - i. **Training Defibrillator** – County Cllr has agreed to grant £400.00 for Defib Training. It was agreed by all the grant to be used to purchase a Training Machine and further training for residents.
9. **Reports on Meeting attended by Clerk or Councillors:**

Cllr who represents the PC at Clows Top Village Hall Meetings gave a brief report of the meeting attended on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020. VE event was discussed, he will continue to update PC.
10. **Finances** –
  - a. **Payments made** – Plusnet (WiFi DD) = £34.20, Bayton Village Hall and Recreation Ground (rent for whole of 2020) = £135.00, Mr I Mapp (LM December 2019) = £234.00.
  - b. **To report receipts since last meeting** – None.
  - c. **Bank Reconciliation November/December 2019** (circulated) – It was agreed and signed. Balance in cash book £24176.51.
  - d. **Precept 2020-2021** – It was agreed to approve the budget as circulated. A precept figure of £8350.00 was agreed.

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## 11. Planning:

- a. Plans circulated since last meeting – **None.**
- b. **Decisions received since last meeting –**
  - **19/01618/HP – The Sheafhouse, Bayton DY14 9LW** – Creating annexe within existing outbuilding. **Approved by MHDC.**
  - **19/01502/HP – Hopton Cottage, Bayton DY14 9LY** – Single storey side extension and outbuilding to provide home office, gym and wc. **Withdrawn by applicant.**
- c. **Plans for comment on tonight –**
  - **19/01909/HP – Hopton Cottage, Bayton DY14 9LY – Erection of single storey side extension** - It was agreed by all to object to this application due to scale and position of extension, the 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.
  - **APPEAL - 19/01181/FUL - APP/J1860/W/19/3241761 – The Work Shop, Beach Hay, Bayton, Kidderminster DY14 9NF - Demolition of existing storage building and erection of a single dwellinghouse.** It was agreed not to comment on the appeal.

## 12. 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** – Landowner has dug out ditch which has improved the minor road but water still running onto B4202.. Clerk to look at water meter as that may be leaking.  
**B4202 Carton Farm corner** – WCC have advised it is land drains, this is incorrect, Clerk to pass to County Cllr
13. **Noticeboard for Bayton Common** – Prices are over £1000.00 for recycled or oak. Clerk to look for grant funding and enquire with other Parishes about supplier.
14. **Noticeboard Clows Top** – It was agreed to look at replacing if grants can be obtained rather than repair.
15. **Bulbs for Parish** – Cllr advised Wildlife Trust may advise on planting in verges. Clerk to contact them.
16. **Beech Tree Coronation Corner** – It was agreed to ask contractor to provide costs for long-term management of the tree with checks every 18 months.
17. **Correspondence for information** – Email correspondence circulated - CALC Training dates.  
**Worcestershire Wildlife Trust** – Natural Networks Workshop – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019  
**Envirosort Recycling visit** – dates circulated  
**Community First AGM/Ticket to Ride Event** – 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – 10.15am – Bishops Frome  
**WCC Budget Meeting** – 29<sup>th</sup> January – 6.30pm County Hall

## 18. Clerks report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting –

- 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 – Meeting dates and venue 2020 discussed at close of December meeting** - It was agreed to accept the offer made by Bayton Village Hall Committee. A block booking of 10 meetings through 2020 to cost £135.00, it was agreed by Hall Committee meeting dates could be changed and would not involve further charges.
- Payment 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019** – Mr I Mapp LM November 2019 = £234.00.
- 18<sup>th</sup> December – Complaint regarding dog fouling in Bayton** – Clerk had spoken to one dog owner, School to be given signs to put up.
- 18<sup>th</sup> December – Complaint regarding foul water running onto Recreation Ground, Bayton** – Clerk had approached adjoining landowners who were aware of the issue. Bayton Village Hall Committee Manage the land so Clerk emailed the Chairman outlining Clerks actions and asking Hall Committee to address the problem as soon as possible due to health issues. **13<sup>th</sup> January 2020** - A Bayton School Parent made a complaint to Clerk regarding this issue, the complaint was passed to Bayton Village Hall Committee.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> January** – Fly-tipping Beach Hay layby – MHDC have now collected.

## 19. Councillors' reports and items for the next agenda.

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

## 20. Date of next Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020 at 7.30pm in BAYTON VILLAGE HALL

## 21. Meeting Closed 8.25pm.

Signed-----

Date 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020

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## Chairman

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**Public Question Time** – Martin Carter from Local Branch of British Legion came as he was interested in helping organise events to commemorate VE Day on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020. Clows Top Village Hall wish to put on an event and it is thought Bayton Church will hold a service. Martin was informed the PC have funds set aside for this day and local organisations will be supported subject to approval at a PC meeting. Cllr is attending Clows Top Village Hall meetings and will liaise with Martin and Clerk. It was suggested a Bayton Church Service followed by Bring and Share Lunch in Clows Top Hall. To be put on February agenda for discussion and update.

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## County Cllrs Report

**The New Year** - A lot has happened since I last reported to your Parish Council back in November. The General election result should mean a stable government for around five years, during which time we will leave the European Union, and institute a new relationship with them, covering a variety of matters that affect us all. We are expecting a new Budget from the Chancellor, Sajid Javid, the MP for Bromsgrove, in February and the signs are that there will be more money for a variety of causes. We hope to see Adult Social Care properly financed, rather than on an *ad hoc* basis year by year. We would like to think rural authorities would receive a better settlement, relative to our urban/metropolitan cousins, to ease funding pressures for County Councils that are reflected in council tax settlements. Agriculture will be watching closely to see how it might be supported when the CAP is no longer relevant. I hope the farmers' representatives will do a good job in ensuring the sort of support that has effectively funded our cheap food policy since WWII. While this may move to an environmentally beneficial system, it will need to be feasible, capable of repetition year on year, and to command general support. We know that the government has pledged to bring forward ultrafast broadband coverage, especially in rural areas, with a view to helping social workers monitor their charges remotely, as well as helping farmers and school children use the internet for their needs. Needless to say, we will be monitoring these matters closely at County Hall, and we are very keen to hear of any concerns by other councils that might reflect problems that are being overlooked or ignored. So with that cautious assessment of where we are at present, may I wish you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year!

**Local matters** - At this time of year, it is common to have problems with localised flooding, and I will do what I can with the assistance of your clerk and the highways liaison engineer to sort out the problems before they recur. Likewise, we are very aware of visibility problems in places, and I trust you will all make sure such problems are reported in the appropriate fashion, so they can be dealt with.

**County Matters** - The first full council of the New Year will be held on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> January. A number of decisions already made will be reported on by the leader, Simon Geraghty, including the Passenger Transport Strategy, the Kepax Bridge, various aspects of the education system and child care, as well as preparation for Brexit. In addition, the leader will be summarising the year in his annual report, covering all aspects of the Council's work. Of particular relevance to your parish council is a Notice of Motion drawing attention to the significance of roadside hedges, especially where they may overhang footways and obstruct progress by walkers and those using mobility scooters and buggies. Often the hedges are owned by the adjacent landowner and they can sometimes be slow or reluctant to trim back the hedges. Procedures for county officers to affect such trimming and receive reimbursement are slow and can be ineffective. The motion calls for a better scheme, maybe involving parish councils, to ensure the footways are kept open properly to the benefit of all. You may be aware that the new Worcestershire Parkway station did not open in December, as originally planned. We anticipate that it will open later this month, 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.

**Cllr Ken Pollock, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL50 2BZ**