

BAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Bayton Parish Council held in Bayton Church at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th October 2021

Present: Cllr Lawrence (Chairman), Cllr Miles, Cllr Tonks, Cllr Wakeford

In Attendance: Clerk, County Cllr David Chambers.

1. **Apologies:** Noted from Cllr Kemp and Cllr Adams. CSO Vanessa Snape sent apologies.
2. **Co-option of Cllr** – no applications received.
3. **Declaration of Interest:**
 - a. **Register of Interests** – Cllrs reminded to keep their registers up to date.
 - b. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests** – None.
 - c. **Other Disclosable Interests** – None.
 - 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.
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** – No public attended.
6. **County Cllr Report** – Report at end of minutes.
District Cllr Report – Apologies received, no report.
7. **Minutes of Annual Parish Council Meeting** held on 14th September 2021 were agreed by all and signed by Chairman.
8. **Progress reports for information** –
 - a. **Maintenance Contract work** – Work on Memorial, noticeboards to be installed.
 - b. **Seat Clows Top/Bayton** – Clows Top seat installed. Clerk making enquiries regarding siting of Bayton seat.
 - c. **Noticeboards** – Bayton to be installed this month. Bayton Common awaiting approval from WCC.
 - d. **Flower Boxes** – Cllr Kemp approached local company for prices.
 - e. **Litter Bin Beach Hay/Bayton Common** – MHDC not emptying on regular basis, Dist Cllr been asked to look into the problem.
9. **Reports on Meeting attended by Clerk or Councillors:**
Clerk – CALC Training 21st September. **Chairman** – Police meeting by zoom brief details given.
10. **Finances** –
 - a. **Payments made** – Mrs J Kemp (see item 15) = £116.77, Worcestershire CALC (Clerks training 21/09/2021) = £36.00, Forest & Garden Machinery (2nd payment) = £420.00, Mr D Nunn (LM September 2021) = 140.25, Royal British Legion (see item 13a) = £50.00.
 - b. **To report receipts since last meeting** – WCC LM July 2021 = £66.00, MHDC Precept = £4275.00.
 - c. **Bank Reconciliation September 2021 (circulated)** – Balance agreed as £22533.16.
 - d. **Budget to 30th September** – it was agreed by all no changes needed.
11. **Planning:**
 - a. Plans circulated since last meeting – **None.**
 - b. **Decisions received since last meeting** –
 - 21/00736/LB - Audoll Cottage, Bayton, Kidderminster, DY14 9LL** - Replacement of Windows and the replacement of a Redundant Exterior Door with a window. **Approved by MHDC.**
 - 21/01342/HP - Ivy House Clows Top Kidderminster DY14 9HW** - Erection of Ground floor extension to form a utility room and first floor extension. **Approved by MHDC.**
 - 21/01416/GPDQ - Glebe House Bayton Kidderminster DY14 9LS** - Notification for Prior Approval for the proposed change of use of an Agricultural Building to a dwellinghouse. **Refused by MHDC.**
 - 21/01230/AGR – Glebe Farm, Bayton, Kidderminster DY14 9LX** – Proposed new livestock building. **Approved by MHDC.**
 - c. **Plans for comment on tonight** –
 - 21/01724/FUL The Work Shop, Beach Hay, Bayton, Kidderminster, DY14 9NF** - Demolition of existing work shop that has current planning permission for conversion to a single 2 bed dwelling and

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- replacement with a 2 bed single dwelling. It was agreed by all to support this application.
- d. **Enforcement updates -**
ENF/21/0238 – Bayton Common – No update received from Enforcement Officer.
12. **Road report**
- a. **Lengthsman** – Working through list of jobs.
 - b. **Problems to report** – None.
 - c. **Beach Hay crossroads visibility** – WCC have advised they will repaint white lines and look at signage. Cllr to ask landowner about tree and clearing of vegetation from metal railings.
 - d. **B4202** – Request for concealed access signs from WCC – WCC have installed tractor signs.
 - e. **Ninevah Rd** – signs requested due to concerns regarding safety of pedestrians – awaiting update from WCC.
 - f. **Winter Grit Order 2021-2022** – Half a bag of salt is held so no more needed.
13. **Memorial** – Installation work started, will be finished in time for service. Wording for cairns still to be agreed.
- a. **Short service planned for 5th November including Risk Assessment** – Cllr is working on service with Rev Butcher. Invites been sent out, insurance company informed, Risk Assessment to be circulated.
14. **Risk Assessment** (circulated) – It was agreed by all Chair to sign as all risks are covered.
15. **Bulbs/flowers for Recreation Ground** – Cllr purchased bulbs, payment of £116.77 agreed. Planting to take place on Sunday 7th November at 11am, Recreation Ground.
16. **Footpath Gate, Bayton** – It was agreed to pay £200.00 for repairs to the gate.
17. **Coronation Corner Wall** – After much discussion it was agreed by majority for Clerk to obtain advise from Conservation Officer and WCC. Two estimates have been obtained by Chair.
18. **Confidential Complaint** –
Working Party Meetings – no meetings held. Legal person is working with PC and other party to resolve the complaint, Cllrs to be updated as the matter progresses.
19. **Correspondence for information** – Updates from CALC, NALC, WCC, MHDC, Police
South Worcestershire Development Plan –
MHDC - Invitation to a Planning Peer Review – 6th October 3.45pm at Malvern
MHDC - Housing Needs Survey Workshop for Parish Councils – 16th October 6-7pm by zoom
MHDC - Have your say on Future of Tenbury Town Centre and other Centres - consultation
MHDC - Connected Communities Consultation
Revised Statement of Principles Under the Gambling Act 2005 – Consultation – comments by 25th October
20. **Clerks report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting** – None.
21. **Councillors' reports and items for the next agenda.**
Agenda items – Memorial Service, Flower boxes, Bulbs, Wildflowers.
22. **Date of next Meeting** – 9th NOVEMBER 2021 at 7.30pm - BAYTON CHURCH
23. **Cllrs to agree to close the meeting to Public and Press due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.**
24. **Staffing Matters** – No matters to discuss.
25. **Meeting Closed 8.50pm.**
- Signed----- Date 9th November 2021
Chairman

COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Latest Covid Figures as of 12th October are:

Worcestershire is showing an infection rate of 408 cases per 100,000.
The infection rate in the Malvern Hills District is 243 cases per 100,000.
The direction of travel varies from district to district in Worcestershire.
Worcester City has the lowest infection rate in Worcestershire at 223 with Redditch District the highest rate at 539 per 100,000.
The rate of infection in England as a whole is 348 cases per 100,000.

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Road “Surface Dressing” - continues to take place across the County. Structural repairs are completed first followed by an application of hot bituminous binder to the surface, followed by one or two layers of chippings. After about a week the road is then swept and road markings re-painted.

Schools - As schools have now returned following the summer holidays and the post Covid lock-downs, I intend to raise the question of “school nurses” with the Children & Families Overview & Scrutiny Panel of which I am a member. I understand that not all schools have the services of a school nurse and with the consequences of Covid, involving mental health and other issues, which young people may wish to receive advice in a safe and secure environment, I will be asking if this service can once again be available in all schools.

Children as Carers - More children, often as young as seven, are carers to family members. It is the responsibility of schools to support these young carers whilst at school and I understand this is not always the case. As above, I shall be raising this issue at the Children & Families Overview & Scrutiny Panel.

Beech Hay crossroads - Highways have considered the visibility spays at Beech Hay crossroads and confirm that visibility is suitable. No further action will be taken.

Ash Tree - We are awaiting a response from “the Green Team” following a site visit.

Traffic management are carrying out a review regarding the location of the warning signs at the junction and the double white lines.

Afghan Resettlement Scheme - These are being co-ordinated by WCC. WCC will work closely with the West Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership who are delivering this programme for the West Midlands, on behalf of the Government. WCC will consider wider support arrangements for Afghan arrivals, co-ordinate financial support from the Government and donations from communities. There are two schemes:

The Afghan Relocation and Assistance Policy (ARAP) - for Locally Employed Staff (LES) in Afghanistan. This scheme is designed to support those Afghan nationals who have worked with our forces, e.g. Interpreters. This scheme was launched in April 2021.

The Afghan Citizen Resettlement Scheme (ACRS) - This was the scheme that was announced in late August and which is designed to welcome 5,000 vulnerable Afghans into the UK in the first year of the scheme and 20,000 over the longer term.

David Chambers County Councillor, Tenbury Division