

BAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Bayton Parish Council held in Bayton Church at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9th November 2021

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

In Attendance: Clerk, Dist Cllr Douglas Godwin.

1. **Apologies:** None.
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** – Apologies received, report at end of minutes.
District Cllr Report – Report at end of minutes.
7. **Minutes of Annual Parish Council Meeting** held on 12th October 2021 were agreed by all and signed by Chairman.
8. **Progress reports for information** –
 - a. **Maintenance Contract work** – Invoice for work on Memorial and installation of Bench at Clows Top amounts to £560.00. It was agreed by all to pay. Thanks to the contractor for his input and hard work.
 - b. **Seat Bayton** – Clerk making enquiries regarding siting of Bayton seat.
 - c. **Noticeboards** – Bayton one to be put up, Clerk to chase. Bayton Common awaiting approval from WCC.
 - d. **Flower Boxes** – Cllr Kemp approached local company for prices, waiting for response.
 - e. **Litter Bin Beach Hay/Bayton Common** – MHDC seem to be emptying bins as needed.
 - f. **Bulbs/Flower planting 7th November on Recreation Ground** – PC purchased bulbs, some Cllrs attended and helped with the planting, CSO attended, refreshments served in Church.
 - g. **Footpath Gate, Bayton** – awaiting gate refurbishment.
9. **Reports on Meeting attended by Clerk or Councillors:**
Cllr – Bayton Village Hall AGM - 26th October – update given; information circulated.
10. **Finances** –
 - a. **Payments made** – Mr C Bunn (see item 8a) = £560.00, Mrs S Burrows (Defib pads x 4) = £172.80, Poppy Appeal (previous cheque cancelled see item 13a) = £50.00.
 - b. **To report receipts since last meeting** – Bank statement not received for October.
 - c. **Bank Reconciliation October 2021 (circulated)** – No Bank statement received.
 - d. **Precept 2022-2023** – Drafted budget circulated at meeting. Figures in reserves held was not correct for year-end 2022, Clerk to redraft. Clerk advised funds for future projects limited due to large expenditure this year.
11. **Planning:**
 - a. Plans circulated since last meeting – **See item 17.**
 - b. **Decisions received since last meeting** – None.
 - c. **Plans for comment on tonight** –
21/01831/FUL Woodside Farm, Beach Hay, Bayton, Kidderminster, DY14 9NE - Change of use/conversion of commercial unit and adjacent agricultural workshop to detached dwelling. Change of use of adjacent commercial unit to annex for proposed new dwelling.
It was agreed by all to support this application.
 - d. **Enforcement updates** -
ENF/21/0238 – Bayton Common – MHDC Enforcement Officer advised the **building' largely accords with**

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Permitted Development conditions but the roof height is not within these conditions. The building is being converted into a games/cinema room ancillary to the main house. The main house is let from time to time on Airbnb. On this basis there is no material change of use of the property'.

12. Road report

- a. **Lengthsman** – Working through list of jobs.
- b. **Problems to report** – Pothole Bayton near Church junction, pothole top end Clows Top Rd, A456 yellow lines to be restored in Clows Top after resurfacing.
- c. **Beach Hay crossroads visibility** – Landowner removed tree but Chair felt it was not low enough. Cllr to make further enquiries with landowner.
- d. **Ninevah Rd** – signs requested due to concerns regarding safety of pedestrians – awaiting update from WCC.

13. Memorial –

- a. **Service held 5th November** – It was agreed the service was very well received and all would like to repeat in future years. Date to be 4th November 2022. It was agreed to donate £50.00 to Poppy Appeal for wreath and wooden crosses.
- b. **Soldiers - fault on paintwork** – Company agreed to collect and respray after Remembrance. Clerk has asked for Soldiers to be replaced and installed by manufacturer. No reply yet given to this request.
- c. **Plaques for Cairns** – It was agreed by all to pay £209.94 for the plaques. It was agreed by all to withhold payment until the Soldiers are replaced.

14. **Coronation Corner Wall** – to discuss extending towards BT pole. Chair circulated one written quote. Clerk referred to Financial Regulations which state three quotes should be obtained. Further quotes to be obtained by Chair with details of what exactly the quote is for. Clerk to ask local landowner about stone that may be suitable. Clerk stated she is concerned the full funds for this project cannot be found in budget.

15. 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.

16. Correspondence for information – Updates from CALC, NALC, WCC, MHDC, Police

South Worcestershire Development Plan –

MHDC - Parish & Town Council Forum - Tackling the climate emergency – Zoom - Mon 15 Nov, 5 - 6.30pm

WCC - Decarbonising Heat in Worcestershire and the Marches – online - 20th October 10.00-11.00am

WCC - Act on Energy - Dementia Support Groups – Worcestershire - information

WCC - Worcestershire COVID-19 Impact Focus Groups – Community Grants information

17. Clerks report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting –

Plans circulated – 16th October -

21/01879/HP The Cottage, Beach Hay, Bayton, Kidderminster DY14 9NF - Proposed Single Storey Extension and Dormer. It was agreed by the majority to support this application.

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

Agenda items – Flower boxes, Coronation Corner Wall, Social/Affordable Housing, Police to be invited, Electric Vehicle Points.

19. Date of next Meeting – 11th JANUARY 2022 at 7.30pm - BAYTON CHURCH

20. Cllrs to agree to close the meeting to Public and Press due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

21. **Beech Tree, Coronation Corner** – Contractor not yet sent quote. It was agreed by all to agree by email.

22. **Staffing Matters** – No matters to discuss.

23. Meeting Closed 9.02pm

Signed-----
Chair

Date 11th January 2022

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County Cllr Report –

Service on 5th November – Cllr attended, well organised, good to see School Children.

MHDC meeting - Police updating priorities, Fire Service going to business fires or car incidents, Ambulance Service changes, Poverty, Energy Crisis and Enforcement matters discussed.

MHDC will have APC funding in Spring 2022.

Dist Cllr has Ward Budget and would be willing to contribute to Wall.

Social/Affordable Housing – Cllrs asked Dist Cllr how to start the process. He advised find landowner, obtain support of a Housing Association to write reports/sponsor.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Latest Covid Figures as at 8th November are:

- a. Worcestershire is showing an infection rate of 442 cases per 100,000.
- b. The infection rate in the Malvern Hills District is 428 cases per 100,000.
- c. The direction of travel varies within districts in Worcestershire, but Malvern Hills continues to rise.
- d. Redditch has the lowest infection rate in Worcestershire with Wyre Forest District the highest rate at 524 per 100,000.
- e. The rate of infection in England as a whole, is 400 cases per 100,000.

Vaccination of children aged 12 - now progressing in schools and other venues, with Booster jabs being offered to those over 50 and the otherwise vulnerable.

Please encourage everyone you know who is eligible, to take their Booster jab as soon as possible. At a meeting of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee last week, the Chief Executive of the Acute NHS Trust reported, that many of the new Covid patients are now double vaccinated but have not yet taken up their Booster jab.

Two wards are now occupied with Covid patients and a third may become necessary in the coming days, if numbers continue to rise.

MHDC Planning Committee Decision - With all the pressures the Acute NHS Trust currently finds itself in, with winter still approaching and attempting to bring forward delayed operations due to the pandemic, I personally was very disappointed that the Planning Committee at MHDC refused last week, to allocate the requested £1.8 million to the Acute Trust, as part of Section 106 monies coming forward from the South Worcestershire Urban Extension.

Visit to Tenbury - Leader and Chief Executive of Worcestershire County Council last month - I have arranged a meeting next week at County Hall with them both, and also the Cabinet Member and representatives from the Environment Agency, to receive updates of progress, regarding the Tenbury Flood Defences. With works due to start early next year, I would like to be assured that plans, timescales and funding are all in place, because as we all know, this project is time critical.

David Chambers County Councillor, Tenbury Division