

BAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Bayton Parish Council held in Bayton Church at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8th March 2022

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

In Attendance: Clerk, County Cllr David Chambers, Dist Cllr Douglas Godwin.

1. **Apologies:** None.
2. **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.
3. **Dispensations** –
 - a. To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) – **Dispensations requested** – None
4. **Public Question Time** – No public attended.
5. **County Cllr Report** – Report at end of minutes. County Cllr advised WCC are looking into safety issues at Beach Hay crossroads. Support for Ukraine refugees being worked on. Cllr left meeting.
District Cllr Report – Report at end of minutes.
6. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 8th February 2022 were agreed by all and signed by Chair.
7. **Progress reports for information** –
 - a. **Maintenance Contract work** – No invoice submitted for January.
 - b. **Noticeboard** – Bayton Common awaiting approval from WCC.
 - c. **Footpath Gate, Bayton** – Blacksmith to let Clerk know when he is coming to do the work.
 - d. **Soldiers collected by manufacturer due to fault** – Soldiers returned to Clerk, to be put up this week. It was agreed by all to pay outstanding invoice of £209.94.
 - e. **Affordable Housing** – Dist Cllr requested Housing Needs Survey for Parish. Awaiting update from MHDC.
 - f. **TemeWheels potential bus route to Cleobury** – Six residents in Parish interested in service to Cleobury. Teme Wheels hope to start service in April.
 - g. **Resignation of a Cllr** – MHDC informed of resignation, notice up until 9th March, if no election called by residents the PC can advertise to fill vacancy by co option.
 - h. **Waste bins** – Bins delivered, to be installed by Bayton Noticeboard and junction in Bayton. Old bin to replace bin at Summit Road, Clows Top. It was agreed by all to pay invoice of £272.34.
 - i. **Defibrillator pads** – due to supply problems the Clows Top defib only has one set of pads, it is ready for use.
8. **Reports on Meeting attended by Clerk or Councillors:**
Clerk - CALC Zoom Meeting - Protocol for National Mourning - 16th February
9. **Finances** –
 - a. **Payments made** – David Ogilvie Engineering (see item 8d) = £209.94, Earth Anchors Ltd (see item 8h) = £272.34, Mr D Nunn (LM February 2022) = £198.00.
 - b. **To report receipts since last meeting** – No bank statement received.
 - c. **Bank Reconciliation** – No bank statement received.
10. **Planning:**
 - a. Plans circulated since last meeting – **None**.
 - b. **Decisions received since last meeting** –
21/00644/HP - Church Cottage, Bayton, Kidderminster DY14 9LP - Rear extension to provide additional double bedroom and garden room. **Withdrawn by applicant.**
 - c. **Plans for information (circulated)** –
M22/00274/AGR – Clay Farm DY14 9NN – Two agricultural sheds to provide shelter for livestock handling equipment, livestock fodder and machinery. It was agreed by all to make no comments.
M/22/00194/CAN - Hopton Cottage, Bayton, Kidderminster DY14 9LY - Undertake tree works as detailed on application form and in accompanying information. It was agreed by all to make no comments.

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11. Road report

- a. **Lengthsman** – Working through list of jobs.
- b. **Problems to report** – Potholes in Bayton/top of Shakenhurst Road reported to WCC.
- c. **Ninevah Rd** – signs requested due to concerns regarding safety of pedestrians – awaiting update from WCC.

12. To agree the following policies as circulated –

- a. **Equality and Diversity Policy** – It was agreed by all to adopt as drafted.
- b. **Disciplinary Policy** – It was agreed by all to adopt as drafted.
- c. **Grievance Policy** – It was agreed by all to adopt as drafted.

13. Coronation Corner Wall – Working Party Report – Due to work commitments no meetings held.

14. Seat Bayton – Bayton Church have yet to confirm siting of seat. Wood carving of seat may not be possible but a Jubilee Plaque could be purchased. It was agreed by all to see what Church agreed and discuss plaque at next meeting.

15. Osmo Wood Oil for Seats – It was agreed by all to order at cost of £71.04 for 3litres (on offer).

16. Queens Platinum Jubilee – Clerk had circulated details of grants available to both Halls. Bayton Hall are planning events. The Hall are meeting on 15th March, Cllr representative to report back to PC after that meeting. Church may do a bring and share lunch. It was agreed to work with groups.

17. Annual Parish Meeting – It was agreed to invite usual representatives to give reports.

18. Confidential Complaint –

Working Party Meetings – no meetings held. Legal person is still waiting for other party to respond to enquiries made.

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

South Worcestershire Development Plan –

MHDC - Destination Zero Crowdfund information

MHDC - Parish and Town Councillor Conference - 17 May - 6-8pm

WCC - As-One Community Project information

WCC - Natural Networks Webinar- 30th March 2022, 6.30pm-8.30pm

Local Government Boundary Commission Consultation – comments by 21st March 2022.

20. Clerks report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting –

23rd February - Resident reported hedge B4202 causing danger to large traffic – now cut back.

24th February - Footpath issues report to WCC.

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

Agenda items – Coronation Corner Wall, Housing Needs Survey, Queens 70th Jubilee, Seat, Vacancy.

22. Date of next Meeting – ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 10th MAY 2022 at 7.30pm - BAYTON CHURCH

To be followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7.45pm or at close of Parish Meeting if later.

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 8.18pm

Signed-----

Date 12th April 2022

Chair

District Cllrs Report

MHDC raising Council Tax by 2.98%, reserves will be used to keep increase low.

Table of increase to be sent to Clerk for Cllrs information.

Boundary Review will not affect this Parish, Lindridge Ward will be larger taking in Pensax Parish.

South Worcestershire Development Plan nearing completion.

New grants will be announced in Spring for Community Projects.

Cllr left meeting.

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Covid Figures as at 6th March 2022 are:

- a. Worcestershire is showing an infection rate of 348 cases per 100,000.
- b. The infection rate in the Malvern Hills District is 427 cases per 100,000.
- c. The direction of travel is down in all Worcestershire Districts.
- d. Malvern Hills District has the highest infection rate in Worcestershire with 427 cases per 100,000. Redditch has the lowest infection rate with 263 cases per 100,000. The rate of infection in England as a whole is 296 cases per 100,000.

Worcestershire County Council's Budget for 2022/23 was approved on Thursday 17th February.

- a. There will be the following increase in Council Tax: the Precept will increase by 0.94%; in addition, there will be a 1% Adult Social Care Levy; in addition, there will be a 2% Adult Social Care Levy that was carried forward from 2021/22.
- b. This additional funding for Adult Social Care will ensure the most vulnerable in society are protected.
- c. The above increases in Council Tax will give an additional £11.3million in Council Tax revenue for 2022/23.
- d. This will result in an increase of £52.95 per annum on a Band D property.

It has been agreed that Local Members' Highway Fund of £22,000 and Councillor's Divisional Fund of £10,000 will be extended to the next financial year. If there are any community projects that you believe would benefit from financial support, then please let me know from April onwards.

Lengthsman Scheme - WCC has agreed that grants to Town and Parish Councils will be increased by 15%.

Worcestershire Health and Wellbeing strategy consultation 2022 – 2032, has been launched. Formal consultation will run until 2nd May 2022. Good mental health and wellbeing may mean different things to different people. Your thoughts and feelings are welcomed, to help WCC shape the future of health and wellbeing over the next ten years. The consultation survey is open to everyone and will help build up a picture of what Wellbeing means to people of all ages across the county. More details can be found at: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/HWBStrategy2022

Careers Events - For those aged 15 to 24 and would like advice on careers, apprenticeships, 6th Forms, full-time college courses, university and more, a number of Careers events are being held throughout Worcestershire between 2nd March and 7th April, each between 4pm and 8pm. There is no need to book, just drop into any of the events at any time to suit you. **Further details can be obtained from:** careersworcs@worcestershire.gov.uk

David Chambers

County Councillor, Tenbury Division.