

# BAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Bayton Parish Council held in Bayton Church at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**Present:** Cllr Miles (Chair), Cllr Tonks, Cllr Wakeford, Cllr Adams, Cllr Burns, Cllr Kemp, Cllr George

**In Attendance:** Clerk, three Members of Public.

1. **Apologies:** Received from Cllr Kemp.
2. **Chairman** – It was agreed by all for Cllr Miles to continue as Chair.
3. **Vacancy** – One application (circulated) received from Tom George, it was agreed by all to Co-opt Mr George onto the Council, a Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed..
4. **Declaration of Interest:**
  - a. **Register of Interests** – Cllrs reminded to keep their registers up to date, Cllr George to complete a form.
  - b. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests** – Cllr Adams, Cllr George – Item 17 – Bayton School Age Range Consultation due to their children using the Nursery.
  - c. **Other Disclosable Interests** – See above.
  - 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.
5. **Dispensations** –
  - a. To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) – **Dispensations requested** – Cllr Adams and Cllr George Item 17 – Bayton School Age Range Consultation – It was agreed by all both Cllrs could speak and vote on this matter until May 2023.
6. **Public Question Time** – See notes at end of minutes.
7. **County Cllr Report** – Apologies received, report at end of minutes.  
**District Cllr Report** – Apologies received.
8. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 were agreed by all and signed by Chair.
9. **Progress reports for information** –
  - a. **Noticeboard** – Bayton Common waiting for WCC to install.
  - b. **Footpath Gate, Bayton** – Blacksmith to do the work before Easter.
  - c. **Affordable Housing** – Dist Cllr awaiting update from MHDC.
  - d. **TemeWheels potential bus route to Cleobury** – Awaiting update.
  - e. **Waste bins** – Agreed to site bin by Bayton junction, Meadow Farm Road.
  - f. **Local Policing Team Parish Contact Contract** – Contract agreed and will be updated as required.
10. **Reports on Meeting attended by Clerk or Councillors:** Clerk - See item 17.
11. **Finances** –
  - a. **Payments made** – Mrs S Burrows (Defib pads) = £47.94, Mr C Bunn (see item 11e) = £47.00, Mr D Nunn (LM March 2022) = £222.75, Mrs S Burrows (see item 11d) = £75.24.
  - b. **To report receipts since last meeting** – WCC LM November = £99.00, September = £140.25, December £189.75.
  - c. **Bank Reconciliation** – February/March agreed, balance agreed as £18601.27 on 23rd March 2022.
  - d. **Clerks Salary increase from April 2021 (circulated)** – It was agreed backpay was £75.24, Standing Order letter signed and agreed as £255.12 per month.
  - e. **Maintenance Contractor March invoice (circulated)** – It was agreed to pay £47.00.
12. **Planning:**
  - a. Plans circulated since last meeting – **None.**
  - b. **Decisions received since last meeting** –  
**21/0801/FUL Land Adjacent To Victory Hall, Clows Top - Approved by WFDC.**  
**M/22/00274/AGR - Clay Farm - B4202 Clows Top DY14 9NN - Approved by MHDC.**  
**M/22/00194/CAN - Hopton Cottage, Bayton, Kidderminster DY14 9LY - Approved by MHDC.**
  - c. **Plans for information** –  
**21/01930/FUL Highbrae, Mamble Road, Clows Top, Kidderminster DY14 9HX** - Planning Officer confirmed revised plans had been received but they need to be revised again so no consultation with PC/Public needed.

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## 13. Road report

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

14. **West Mercia Police We Don't Buy Crime Initiative (circulated)** – It was agreed by all to see if Mable PC are interested in working with Bayton PC with a view to asking the Police to come and speak on the initiative.

15. **Coronation Corner Wall – Working Party Report** – No meetings held but details of suggested ideas circulated to all Cllrs. Working Party to meet to discuss and report back at May meeting.

16. **Seat Bayton** – Church do not have space for seat. It was agreed by all to ask WCC if it can be sited on side of B4202 near to Bayton junction.

17. **Bayton School Age Range Consultation (circulated)** – Clerk attended meeting held in School on 5<sup>th</sup> April, notes circulated. It was agreed by all to send comments concerning the potential detrimental effect the change could have on the Nursery. Clerk to draft comments for approval by Cllrs.

## 18. Queens Platinum Jubilee –

- a. **To discuss request for donation towards event** – It was agreed a grant application would be considered, Cllrs have agreed not to make donations. No Grant applications have been received from any organisations.
- b. **To discuss purchase of Jubilee Mugs** – It was agreed by all to ask Jubilee Committee to choose the personalised mug to compliment the mugs purchased in 2012 for the Diamond Jubilee.  
It was agreed by all to order 104 mugs with boxes to be given to children sixteen and under living in Parish. It was agreed by all to budget £600.00 excluding VAT. Final choice made to be confirmed by Cllrs by email. It was agreed by all spare mugs to be sold by Jubilee Committee and proceeds to go the Jubilee Event.

## 19. Confidential Complaint –

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

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

**South Worcestershire Development Plan –**

**MHDC – Public Space Protection Order**

**Community First Online AGM 2022** – 7<sup>th</sup> April - 10.30am – 11.45pm

**WCC - National Flood Forum Community Support Trailer dates for March 2022**

**WCC - Special Engineering Difficulty - Statutory Consultation Documentation** – comments by 20<sup>th</sup> April

**WCC - LGA Webinar - Personal safety for Councillors** - 4:00 – 5:30pm on 21 March

**Industrial-scale Solar Farms-** information.

**Wyre Forest District Council Local Plan** - Inspector's Report

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

**29<sup>th</sup> March** – Traffic safety A456 Clows Top due to construction traffic and reduced parking spaces – the matter has been reported to the Police and Rock Parish Council.

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

**Agenda items** – Coronation Corner Wall, Housing Needs Survey, Queens 70<sup>th</sup> Jubilee, Seat.

## 23. Date of next Meeting – ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 24. Meeting Closed 8.36pm

Signed----- Date 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Chair

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## Public Question Time - Agenda item 17 - Bayton School Age Range Consultation –

Clerk had invited Manager of Nursery and a Bayton School Representative to meeting.

The School stated no one was available due to the Easter holidays.

**The Manager of Little Learners addressed the meeting** - Nursery set up 25 years ago at request of School, expanded due to good reputation and further request from School for before and after School care (wrap around care). Children being taken away from Nursery could result in Nursery closing, loss of Nursery jobs, detrimental to School due to loss of wraparound care, Nursery work with School. Nursery helps to feed children into School, Nursery Ofsted Reports always been Good.

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Nursery already providing what School are suggesting in this consultation, if the present system is working why change it with the potential detrimental effect to both parties.

Staff - 9, one trained in Primary teaching

Children – 9 aged 2+, 9 aged 3+, 11 aged 4+, 26 School age children registered for wraparound care.

Registered for 24 children per session, 29 children on books. Children come from about 10 mile radius

The Manager was thanked for coming.

Members of the Public present also had concerns that this change could affect Nursery.

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### COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

**Latest Covid Figures as at 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022 are:**

- a. Worcestershire is showing an infection rate of 540 cases per 100,000.
- b. The infection rate in the Malvern Hills District is 584 cases per 100,000.
- c. The direction of travel is down in all of the Worcestershire Districts.
- d. Malvern Hills District has the highest infection rate in Worcestershire with 584 cases per 100,000. Redditch has the lowest infection rate with 480 cases per 100,000.
- e. The rate of infection in England as a whole is 484 cases per 100,000.

**Ukraine Refugee Crisis** - WCC is working closely with the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, and with local partners, to co-ordinate actions regarding our response to the Ukraine refugee crisis. WCC has agreed with the six Worcestershire District Councils, to co-ordinate our response as “One Worcestershire”, to ensure a joint approach is undertaken.

At the moment the best way to provide humanitarian help for the people of Ukraine is through financial donations to organisations with a presence in the region. This is considered a more effective way to support those in need, rather than physical donations, given the complexities and time it can take to physically transport supplies. Together with this Report, I am forwarding a list of agencies supporting Ukraine, should anyone wish to contact them.

**The Worcestershire Health and Wellbeing strategy consultation 2022 – 2032** has been launched. Formal consultation will run until 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/HWBStrategy2022)

Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) - WCC have been unsuccessful in their submission to the government. It is also extremely disappointing to hear that First Bus have announced they intend to significantly cut services in Worcestershire. The details are yet to be finalised but this will have a detrimental impact on residents. WCC will now have to consider its future policy with regards to bus services in Worcestershire,

**David Chambers**

**County Councillor, Tenbury Division.**