

# BAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Bayton Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 10th May 2022 at 7.30pm in Bayton Church

**Present** – Chair - Cllr Miles, Cllr Kemp, Cllr Adams, Cllr Wakeford, Cllr Tonks, Cllr Burns, Cllr George, Clerk to Bayton Parish Council, one Member of the Public.

1. **Apologies** – District Cllr Douglas Godwin, County Cllr David Chambers, Chair of Victory Hall Clows Top, Community Support Officer.
2. **Minutes** - Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 11th May 2021 were circulated and all agreed for them to be signed by Chairman.
3. **County Cllr** – Apologies received; report circulated.
4. **District Cllr** – Apologies received.
5. **Police Report** – Report circulated, to be added to end of minutes, Apologies received.
6. **Bayton School Report** – No report received.
7. **Bayton Village Hall Report** – Chair did not send report due to being on vacation.
8. **Clows Top Victory Hall Report** – Chair sent apologies, AGM Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7.30pm.
9. **Chairman's Report** – Report circulated and is attached to these minutes.
10. **Ideas for improvements to Parish** – no matters raised by those present.
11. **Issues raised by residents**: - It was suggested as few residents attend the Parish Meeting there may be no need for it. To be discussed at Parish Council Meeting. Chair of PC calls the meeting, any six residents or any two Cllrs can call a meeting if the need arises.
12. The Chair thanked the Church Warden for opening the Church for the meeting tonight. The Chair also thanked everyone for coming and the meeting closed at 7.35 pm.

**Chair** **Date** **May 2023**

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### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT MAY 2022

**Memorial** – Following consultation with residents the Memorial was sited at Coronation Corner. Thanks go to those who helped in any way with this project. A service was held on the Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Bayton School children took part in the service along with Reverend Sallie Butcher, Harriet Baldwin MP, Royal British Legion and representatives from other services. It was well supported by residents and it is hoped we can keep this service going into the future, save the **date Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 10.45am.**

**Planning** – Highbrae, Mamble Road, Clows Top is ongoing, updates will be sent out by email.

**Local Library:** Bayton Parish Council with WCC Library Services support this project in Bayton Church. You do not have to hold a library card to borrow a book. The Church is open 9-4 daily.

**Library Van** – Is still providing a monthly service, details on website.

**Finances** – During 2021 the Memorial, new noticeboards, wooden seats, litterbins and flower boxes have been purchased along with wildflowers for the verges.

The Precept for 2021-2022 was £8550.00, the Precept for 2022-2023 is £8800.00, this is the money residents pay in their Council Tax to MHDC who then pay it back to BPC. The Accounts have been audited by our Independent Internal Auditor. A balance of £18601.27 is carried forward to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022. The full Accounts for 2021-2022 will be published on the website during June, this is a legal requirement and will include the Auditors report.

**Lengthsman (LM)** – We thank David Nunn for his first years' work in the Parish keeping drains etc clear, his contract has been renewed for 2022-2023.

**Maintenance Contractor** – We also thank Chris Bunn who has been contracted again to do those jobs that

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improve the Parish for all.

**Severne Green** – The PC are responsible for mowing the Green which is contracted to Forest & Garden Machinery. Please ensure items are not left on the Green at the end of the day.

**Teme Wheels Minibus** -A new bus service is being planned to run from Tenbury to Mamble, Clows Top, Bayton Common, Bayton and on to Cleobury. Details are now on the noticeboards.

**Bayton Village Hall and Recreation Ground (BVH)** – The Church Car Park was originally part of the Recreation Ground gifted to Bayton Village in 1947 by Mrs Gurney who lived at Shakenhurst Hall. BVH manage all the land, the PC have no responsibility for this area.

Any groups that that may like to discuss improvements to the Parish please contact the Clerk.

There are no vacancies on the Parish Council at the moment.

I would like to thank fellow Cllrs past and present for their work and also to thank the Clerk, Sue Burrows.

**Lester Miles - Chair of Bayton Parish Council**

**Your Parish Council** - Cllrs Richard Adams, Jane Kemp, Richard Wakeford, Paul Tonks, David Burns, Tom George. **CLERK** - Sue Burrows, 5 Summit Road, Clows Top DY14 9HN – T 01299 832722

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**The point of contact for the PC is the Clerks email on this report.**

**Malvern Hills District Councillor** - Douglas Godwin

**Worcestershire County Councillor** - David Chambers

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### Police Report Bayton Parish 2022

It has been another busy year for the team. Martley and Tenbury SNT are still waging war against rural crime, thefts and speeding, and road traffic offences which sadly isn't going away. There are a number of measures that can be taken to deter thefts, and promote safer speeds on our roads, links to useful information can be found on the West Mercia Police website which includes security advice.

The PCSO's in the team are able to give general security advice, but for more specialist advice we can signpost to, Mike Simpson, Business and Crime Prevention Officer, P C Nigel Bolton, We don't Buy Crime Officer and Residential Security and Crime Prevention Officer, Jacqueline Godfrey Hunt.

Turning to the Parish Contract Contact Charter, Bayton gave three highlighted issues of speeding, thefts in outbuildings and theft on farms.

**Speeding** : Further information has been requested as to where the issue of speeding is taking place, once we have this information then we will be in a position to see if it is possible to gather data in this area or employ speed enforcement.

**Thefts of outbuildings:** patrols in the area have increased to provide a visible presence in the area and properties in the village were canvassed recently to sign residents up to Neighbourhood Matters so that they could be informed when suspicious activity was reported in the area.

**Thefts farms:** I refer again to the increased in patrols however this is a difficult issue to deal with as it often takes place in the early hours of the morning and on land that is not visible to the road, Smartwater has been promoted as a deterrent and land owners can be referred to the Business and Crime Prevention team to discuss improved security measures.

Whilst the numbers for crime in this area remain relatively low, no crime is acceptable and we will continue to work to reduce numbers further.

In the wider community there have been a number of farms that have been targets for theft on several occasions, we continue to work with P C Nigel Bolton and John Meek who are tasked with Rural Crime reductions and the SNT continue to collate intelligence regarding rural crimes.

There has been a concentration of ASB reports from Bayton village, whilst this is an ongoing issue this is not something that I can give feedback on however I must stress that this is both complicated and a priority that we are looking to resolve. Where the reports relate to civil matters West Mercia Police will not be involved.

We remain committed to engagement with the community with visits to the local coffee mornings, and Parish Meetings; Martley and Tenbury SNT are always available by email for questions, queries, etc.

We are available to give talks to groups or residents, advising on what scams are currently doing the rounds, and how to keep safe and avoid being taken in by the ever increasing and sophisticated measure criminal gangs are using against the unsuspecting and vulnerable people in our communities.

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We have now officially relocated to Tenbury Fire Station located in Burford Tenbury Wells.

**At the moment the team are:**

**PC Jack Sykes 07890 390717**

**PCSO Ness Snape 07814 040307**

**PCSO Deb Abbott 07890 535960**

**PCSO Teresa Howells Brown 07814 041496**

We are available via email: [mt.snt@qwestmercia.police.uk](mailto:mt.snt@qwestmercia.police.uk)

You can also reach us via Tenbury Cops on Face book

We are increasingly using Neighbourhood Matters to send out alerts and messages etc., so if you haven't yet signed up, please head to either West Mercia Website to do so, or Neighbourhood Matters directly online. Please contact us if you need any help or information with any of the above.

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