

# BAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Bayton Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 25th April 2023 at 7.30pm in Bayton Church

**Present** – Chair - Cllr Miles, Cllr Adams, Cllr Wakeford, Cllr Tonks, Cllr George,  
Clerk to Bayton Parish Council, no Members of the Public.

- 1. Apologies** – District Cllr Douglas Godwin, County Cllr David Chambers, Cllr Kemp, Cllr Burns, Community Support Officer Deb Abbott.
- 2. Minutes** - Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 10th May 2022 were circulated and all agreed for them to be signed by Chairman.
- 3. County Cllr** – Apologies received, report on minutes of Parish Council Meeting.
- 4. District Cllr** – Apologies received, no report due to upcoming election.
- 5. Reports for circulation** –  
**Chairmans Report** – see below.  
**Police Report** – see below.  
No other reports received.
- 6. Issues raised by residents:** - None.
- 7.** The Chair thanked Cllrs for coming and the meeting closed at 7.35 pm.

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### CHAIRS REPORT APRIL 2023

**Elections May 2023** – Two Cllrs have stood for Election and will be classed as elected on the PC as from 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023. To enable the PC to hold meetings a minimum of three Cllrs is a legal requirement. MHDC will be calling another election in due course. Details will be sent out on the Parish email.

**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** –

The Precept for 2022-2023 was £8800.00, the Precept for 2023-2024 is £9100.00, 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 £21075.38 is carried forward to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. The full Accounts for 2022-2023 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 keeping drains etc clear, his contract has been renewed for 2023-2024.

**Maintenance Contractor** – We also thank Chris Bunn who has been contracted again to do those jobs that improve/tidy the Parish for all. He will be doing work on the BT Boxes this year.

**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.

**Coronation Corner** – The PC are hoping to work with the Housing Association to improve land they own bordering this area. The extension of the Wall is not possible due to the high costs involved.

**Teme Wheels Minibus** - Unfortunately the service was not supported by residents and ceased operating in December 2022.

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**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. It was agreed to sell part of the ground to WCC so Bayton School could extend the School play area. The money was paid to the PC and used to make the Church Car Park. BVH manage all the Charity Land, the PC have no responsibility for this land.

**Police** – The PC have signed up to the Police Charter and will work with PCSO on issues raised. MHDC are responsible for Parking Enforcement, Police will advise drivers of inconsiderate parking but cannot issue tickets. Speeding issues are being looked into within the Parish. Any residents that that may like to discuss improvements to the Parish please contact the Clerk. 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 from 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023** - Cllrs Richard Adams, Cllr David Burns.

**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** – Election being held 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

**Worcestershire County Councillor** - David Chambers

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### BAYTON PARISH POLICE REPORT BAYTON PARISH APRIL 2023

There has been some significant changes to the Martley and Tenbury SNT and the leadership team in recent months. Inspector Alex Warner has left West Mercia Police, PCSO Ness Snape has taken retirement, PC Jack Sykes has secured his promotion to Sergeant and is now based in Worcester and Sergeant Sarah Kent has retired.

**The new team consists of Inspector Dave Wise, Sergeant Jason Maiden, PC Paul Lawman, PCSO Teresa Howells-Brown, PCSO Nathan Drew and PCSO Deb Abbott.**

Martley and Tenbury SNT are committed to addressing rural crime, thefts, speeding, and road traffic offences. Advice on how to protect your business or home can be found on the West Mercia Police website. 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:** As yet there is nothing available to report back on the speeding on the A456/B4202 Clows Top road. We have not received any further feedback from the Road Safety Team so await their response and have requested that they return to carry out enforcement. If this fails we will be looking to carry out enforcement via the SNT.

**Thefts of outbuildings:** patrols in the area did increase and thefts in the parish remained very low. I understand concern was more to do with thefts in surrounding parishes but this was not something that we could address as a Bayton priority.

**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.

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**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.**

Priorities for the coming quarter have been changed to speeding as referred to above and parking. Having carried out patrols in Bayton village it is clear that there is a parking issue. Advisory leaflets have been placed on windscreens but this appears to have had little or no impact. There appears to be very few alternatives for parking other than the car park next to the church. Double yellow lines were not a favourable option and it would be unlikely that a traffic enforcement officer from MHDC would attend – but this can be explored if that is a route you would wish. A meeting with a council representative can be arranged in office hours if you would like me to arrange.

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.

**We are available via email: [mt.snt@qwestmercia.police.uk](mailto:mt.snt@qwestmercia.police.uk), or mobile phones**

***PC Paul Lawman 07967 302038***

***PCSO Nathan Drew 0777 3054306***

***PCSO Deb Abbott 07890 535960***

***Teresa Howells Brown 07814 041496***

**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**