

BAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting of Bayton Parish Council held in Bayton Village Hall at 7.00pm on Tuesday 15th March 2011

Present: Cllr Gray (Chairman), Cllr Clarke, Cllr Carver, Cllr Taylor.

In Attendance: Clerk, County Cllr Ken Pollock, CSO Vanessa Snape and 3 Members of the Public.

1. Apologies: None.

2. Declaration of Interest:

a. Register of Interests – No forms were requested.

b. Personal Interests –

Chairman - item 9(a) Plowstall Cottage, Bayton – felling of field maple due to owning tree and 9(c) OLD Plowstall Farm House, Bayton due to being neighbour.

Cllr Taylor – Item 18 due to knowing one contractor as a friend.

c. Prejudicial Interests – Chairman as above.

3. Public Question Time – see notes at end of minutes.

4. Minutes of Meeting held on 15th February 2011 were agreed by all and signed by Chairman.

5. District Cllrs report – None received.

County Cllrs report – Bus Service/School Bus Service changes out for Consultation until end of this month. No services to this area affected. Improvements to be made to main street in Tenbury, including Teme Bridge. Cllr Pollock left meeting.

6. Progress reports for information:

- **Election** – Papers were given to interested Cllrs.

7. Reports on Meeting attended by Clerk or Councillors:

- **Village Hall** – Cllr not able to attend February meeting. Next meeting 25th March.

8. Finances –

a. Payments made – Bayton Village Hall = £20.00 (rent Jan-March 11), WCALC = £7.25 (Clerks Training), LM Feb 11 = £120.00, CPRE Subs 11/12 = £29.00 (after discussion it was agreed by all to continue supporting this cause), Mrs S Burrows Clerks Expenses = £332.80 (see item 19 below)

b. Payments received – WCC LM Sept + Dec = £168.00, Interest Feb 2011 = £0.48.

c. Bank Reconciliation – Signed for February 2011. Balance agreed as Current Account = £4039.61, Investment Account £5667.25.

9. Planning:

a. Plans for comment tonight –

11/00272/HOU – 1 The Terrace, Clows Top – Replacement boundary fence.

It was agreed to support this application.

11/00248/TCN – Plowstall Cottage, Bayton – Fell one field Maple. No comments made.

b. Decisions received since last meeting- None.

c. Planning Queries raised by Electors:-

d. OLD Plowstall Farmhouse, Bayton –MHDC received complaint from Member of Public.

Building work had been stopped by MHDC. Approved plans were for two dwellings but applicant has decided to leave as one dwelling. New plans to be discussed at close of this meeting.

10. Road report

a. Lengthsman – General clearing to be maintained.

b. Problems to report – potholes still require filling. B4202 – Cllr requested white lines to be put in centre of road and slow signs in both directions. Clerk to action.

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c. Update on outstanding queries –

Missing drain covers – matter reported to WCC by Clerk. Slow response raised with County Cllr at this meeting.

Grass verge opposite school – Resident of School Barn asked if verge by their gate could be protected from traffic. Clerk to ask WCC what can be put on verge and who can do the work. Clerk to discuss with resident when advice received.

11. Coronation Corner – Volunteers had raised £156.00 towards improvements. Local residents had offered to donate money for plants. A quote had been obtained to improve area by putting in railway sleepers. All agreed to support this idea. Clerk to obtain further quotes with view to agreeing to work before next meeting.

12. Mile Stone B4202 Bayton Common – Stone had been removed by Milestone Society and needed repair. Costs not yet known.

13. Correspondence for information –

Email correspondence circulated - list in minutes folder.

14. Clerks report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting.

Complaints regarding parked cars reported to CSO. Discussed by CSO in item 3.

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

Election, Coronation Corner, LM Contract renewal, Tree Maintenance, Bayton Village Hall request for funding, Annual Parish Meeting. Conservation Officer and Planning Officer to be asked to talk about restrictions of living in a Conservation Area.

16. Date of next meeting: TUESDAY 19TH APRIL 2011-

PLANNING OFFICER AND CONSERVATION OFFICER TO ATTEND

17. It was agreed by all to exclude members of the Press and Public from the meeting due to the nature of the business about to be transacted. Matters for Confidential discussion are Staffing and awarding of Contracts.

18. Tree maintenance –

Oak Tree, Church Car Park and Beech Tree Coronation Corner – Four contractors had viewed trees. Three written quotes were obtained from Steve Wheeler, Tim Kelly and WSN Arboriculture. After discussion it was agreed to offer the contract to WSN subject to details on quote being clarified in writing. Revised quote to be forwarded to Cllrs for confirmation. Price quoted £180.00 total.

19. Clerks Review – review held on 9th March with Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk. Review had been circulated to all Cllrs. No queries were raised, salary to be reviewed in Nov 2011, revised annual leave details to be filed with contract.

It was asked to be minuted that Cllrs appreciate the work Clerk does for Parish.

Clerks Expenses (10-11 circulated) – it was agreed to pay £332.80 as requested. Details in files.

20. Lengthsman Contract – LM is willing to renew contract as from 1st April 2011 at present rate (£12.00 per hour). It was agreed to offer him the contract subject to WCC signing contract with Parish Council to release funding.

21. Meeting Closed 8.17pm.

Signed----- Date 19th April 2011

Chairman

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CSO Vanessa Snape attended. Queries as follows-

Parking in Bayton - Coronation Corner – due to being rural area Police not willing to take action on parking on pavement. Cars parked at junction should not block sightline for road users.

Hopton Cottage and Wheatsheaf Cottage – cars not deemed to be causing an obstruction.

Dog mess is not a Police issue.

Mud on roads is not a Police issue. (WCC have issued letter to local farmer recently following accidents on B4202).

School Parking – Police had sent a letter via school in January 2011.

Residents need to be aware of scrap metal thefts. Suspicious vehicles should be reported to Police.

Clifton has experienced a lot of house burglaries recently, residents need to be mindful of home security. The recent interrupted oil theft in the area has resulted in DNA being found, a suspect named and a warrant is now out for his arrest. Not a local person.

CSO pointed out we live in a very low crime area and it is a lovely part of the County.

CSO left the meeting.

Resident of School Barn wished PC to consider putting some form of bollard on grass verge near gateway to stop cars driving onto grass verge. Resident would be willing to do the work herself if allowed. Item 10(b) on agenda.

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