

BAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting of Bayton Parish Council held in Bayton Village Hall at 7.00pm on Wednesday 14th November 2012

Present: Cllr Miles (Chairman), Cllr Blount (Vice-Chairman),
Cllr Taylor, Cllr Carver, Cllr Salisbury, Cllr Rochelle

In Attendance: Clerk, County Cllr Ken Pollock, District Cllr Will Redman
7 Members of the Public.

1. **Apologies:** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Clarke. Chairman advised he would be late so Vice Chairman took the meeting. Cllr Miles arrived at 7.30pm but did not take the Chair.
2. **Declaration of Interest:**
 - a. **Register of Interests** – No changes declared.
 - b. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests** – All Cllrs declared interest in item 10 (d) Precept 2013-14.
 - c. **Other Disclosable Interests** – None.
3. **Standing Orders** – To discuss and agree amendment to Standing Orders (circulated).
All agreed to attach amendment to Standing Orders as circulated and advised by WCALC.
4. **Dispensations** – to agree that Dispensations received from Cllrs be discussed and agreed by the full Council at start of meetings - all agreed to inform Clerk of any Dispensation requests before final agenda circulated and for full Parish Council to agree any requests received at that meeting.
 - a. To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011)
Dispensations requested from all Cllrs for item 10 (d) Precept 2013-14 –
It was agreed by all Dispensation be Allowed for all Cllrs for this item and for precepts up to 2015.
5. **Public Question Time** – See below.
6. Minutes of Monthly Parish Council Meeting held on 10th October 2012 were agreed by all and signed by Chairman.
7. **District Cllrs report** – Bin collections will remain weekly unit 2015, doorstep glass collection being looked into.
County Cllrs report – Energy from Waste Incinerator at Hartlebury – best option at present, recycling will continue as now, finances to be finalised in 2013.
New Worcester Business Centre to be set up with dedicated telephone line for advice to attract businesses to County.
Street lighting to be dimmed and switched off in some areas.
Outdoor Education Centres have been leased to outside companies.
Powers to be devolved to local community to save money and to have better services.
Both Cllrs left meeting.
8. **Progress reports for information:**
 - a. **Broadband** – Airband are the preferred supplier and are surveying area prior to signing contract with County Council. Project still awaiting release of funds from government.
 - b. **Parish Plan** – Cllr had looked into this. Parishes which had produced plans seemed to have gained little for a lot of work. All agreed not to take the matter further.
9. **Reports on Meeting attended by Clerk or Councillors:**
CALC AGM – 10th October and Worcestershire County Council Conference 31st October –
Clerk attended both meetings and found them very informative.
Bayton Village Hall Meeting – 8th November – Cllr to update on agenda item 18.

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10. Finances –

- a. **Payments made** – Hollands Coaches (13wks) = £180.00, LM Oct = £172.80.
- b. **To report receipts since last meeting** – WCC LM Sept = £144.00. Interest on Investments Acc = £0.47.
- c. **Bank Reconciliation** – Signed for October 2012. Balance agreed as Current Account = £6444.55, Investment Account £5676.68.
- d. To set precept for 2013-2014 (circulated) – after discussion it was agreed not to increase precept for this year subject to Government legislation to be announced in December 2012. (Clerk will update when details known). Precept agreed as £6650.00 subject to changes as stated.

11. Planning:

- a. Plans circulated since last meeting – **None**.
- b. Decisions received since last meeting – **None**.
- c. Plans for comment on tonight – **None**.

12. Road report

- a. **Lengthsman** – Nineveh Road, Norsgroves End Road, Clows Top pavements.
- b. **Any problems to report** – Bayton Common road dipping end of bridleway.
- c. **Nineveh + Houghtons Pole Bridge** – Clerk has reminded County of urgent repairs needed.
- d. **Blocked drains Nineveh/Clows Top Road** – County have been working on drains.
- e. **Meadow Farm Road water problem** – road has been closed this week but unsure whether it is to sort this problem. Clerk to check.

13. Complaints received from Electors – to discuss areas of concern listed below.

- a. **Dog Fouling** – dog mess and known offenders can be reported to MHDC on hub or by telephone. Street Team will come out and clear up. Signs have been put up by residents and Clerk. Notices have been put on boards. Fouling of the Recreation Ground has been seen recently and was a Health concern. Cllr Salisbury to report to Hall Committee.
- b. **Parking at School/Church** – School has been advised of concerns and letter from school was sent out at beginning of term. Parking of cars at Church could improve with lines but that would need tarmac. Cllr suggested parking area at bottom of Recreation Ground be used.

Chairman suspended meeting whilst resident spoke.

Resident had applied for the grants for Recreation Ground and it was a condition of grant that it was not to be used for car parking on a regular basis.

Meeting resumed.

Clerk advised enquiries had been made in past to obtain area for parking but was unsuccessful.

- c. **Standard of driving on Parish Roads** – Emails had been received prior to meeting and a letter had been given to Clerk tonight. Concerns mainly on Bayton roads but residents of Clows Top are experiencing same problems. Issues were speeding, mobile phone use whilst driving, inconsiderate driving. Clerk has advised Police of complaints and they advise residents to report drivers to them, with registration number, as incidents occur.

Speed humps not an option as we would need street lights.

Extending speed limit not advised by County Council.

Sides of Clows Top Road have been reported but County have not filled in. Clerk to put in another request. Cllr Salisbury to contact School to see if children can help produce posters to put up alerting drivers to cut their speed. School/Police to educate children on speeding/mobile phone use when driving. Posters to be put up all around Parish as it is a Parish problem. After much discussion it was felt there is no easy solution. Item to be put in November Newsletter and Parish Council to work with School and Police on this issue as we have done in the past.

14. Benches within Parish – All agree Clerk to purchase oil so residents can treat benches.

15. **Community Emergency Plan** – Officer at County Council keen for plan to be kept live. Clerk had asked for flood signs and this may be agreed by Highways. Clerk to look at plan to get updated telephone numbers from District/County Council and to ensure resident contact details in files are correct.

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16. Grit bins for Nineveh Road –

- a. Bins had been requested by resident. County Council will not provide yellow bins. After much discussion it was agreed to purchase two green gritbins filled with rock salt at cost of £150.00 each for road below Holly Cottage and at Norgroves End junction.
- b. It was agreed not to purchase further supplies of rock salt at this time.

17. Vehicle Activated Signs for B4202 (circulated) – to agree to fund this project at £60.00 total for 2013-14. Rota shows signs at B4202. It was suggested the sign be used on entry to Bayton. Clerk to confirm whether this is possible and whether it could be for 2 weeks rather than 4 weeks.

18. Baytoneu website – As this website is used mainly by Bayton Village Hall it was discussed at their meeting last week. Cllr Salisbury stated the Hall has set up a free site and were testing it. No decision yet made by Hall regarding funding of old site. Parish Council agreed not to support the old website with funding but links to local sites can be put on existing free Parish Council website if details are passed to Clerk.

19. Noticeboards – to discuss replacement and funding of Parish Council Noticeboards – Clerk to find out prices locally for next meeting.

20. Newsletter – Draft to be circulated. It was agreed complaints received should be addressed fully in Newsletter. Police advice and County advice to be included. To be delivered in late November.

21. Correspondence for information –

Email correspondence circulated - list in minute's folder.

Plans –

12/01366/TCN – 10 The Leasowes, Bayton – felling of one cherry tree.

12/01373/TCN – 7 The Leasowes, Bayton – felling of one willow tree.

Both these applications are to **notify** the felling of trees within a conservation area. Work is needed due to subsidence in neighbouring properties. A full survey has been made and is on District Council website. A letter had been received at this meeting from concerned resident. Clerk will contact that person with details.

22. Clerks report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting –

Ivy House, Clows Top – Permitted development query – Clerk informed District Council regarding shed erected on boundary in garden. It was confirmed this was not permitted development. Shed has been moved away from boundary and Enforcement Team to revisit to ensure it now falls within permitted development.

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

Agenda items – Vehicle Activated Signs, Noticeboards.

24. Date of next meeting: TUESDAY 8th January 2013 AT 7.30PM

25. Meeting Closed 8.45pm.

Signed----- Date 8th January 2013
Chairman

Residents present had come to support complaints made at item 13