

# BAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting of Bayton Parish Council held in Bayton Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014

**Present:** Cllr Blount (Chairman), Cllr Taylor,  
Cllr Carver, Cllr Rochelle

**In Attendance:** Clerk, 3 Members of the Public, County Cllr Ken Pollock.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Salisbury, Cllr Clarke, Cllr Miles apologies received and accepted.
2. **Declaration of Interest:**
  - a. **Register of Interests** – No changes declared.
  - b. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests** – Cllr Rochelle Item 10c - Plans at Glebe House due to knowing applicant.
  - c. **Other Disclosable Interests** – None.
3. **Dispensations** –
  - a. To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011)  
No Dispensations requested.
4. **Public Question Time** – See notes at end of minutes.
5. **Minutes** of Monthly Parish Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2013 were agreed by all and signed by Chairman.
6. **District Cllrs report** – None given.  
**County Cllrs report** – Written report at end of minutes. Concerns were raised by Cllrs regarding gritting of road on morning of Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014. County Cllr to make enquiries.
7. **Progress reports for information:**
  - a. **Coronation Corner Wall improvements** – Due to other commitments this year it was agreed to put small amount in budget with a view to work being done at a later date when funds allow.
  - b. **Defibrillator for Parish** – Christmas Lunch Team have donated £200.00 cash. A Pie and Mash lunch is being organised for 16<sup>th</sup> February in Bayton Village Hall. Bayton Village Hall Committee have agreed to support this cause by providing the Hall rent free once a month for fundraising events if needed. Location of Defib. see item 12 below.
8. **Reports on Meeting attended by Clerk or Councillors:**

CALC Insurance and Protecting your money 18<sup>th</sup> November- Insurers advise trees should be inspected every 3 years by a qualified person. Clerk to obtain quotes.  
Bayton Village Hall representative missed last hall meeting due to illness.
9. **Finances** –
  - a. **Payments made** – ICO (Data Protection) = £35.00, Hollands Coaches = £130.00 (13 weeks)
  - b. **To report receipts since last meeting** – Current Account – WCC Divisional Fund Grant for Defib. Machine = £500.00, WCC LM August/November 2013 = £312.00.  
Interest on Investment Acc = November/December 2013 = £0.95.
  - c. **Bank Reconciliation** – Signed for November/December 2013. Balance agreed as Current Account = £7549.29, Investment Account = £5683.32.
  - d. **To discuss precept for 2014-15** - A budget was presented to the meeting. After much discussion it was proposed to increase the precept to £7000.00. A vote was taken and the proposal was agreed with the Chairman making a casting vote. This decision is subject to Government Legislation on capping not being applied to Parish Councils. Clerk to advise MHDC by end of January.
10. **Planning:**
  - a. Plans circulated since last meeting – **None**
  - b. Decisions received since last meeting –  
**13/01060/FUL** – Fortunes Green, Clows Top – Retention of brick building (Retrospective) – this was **Approved** by MHDC.  
**Cllr Rochelle left room.**
  - c. Plans for comment on tonight –  
**13/01501/FUL + 13/01586 - Former Coach House at Glebe House, Bayton DY14 9LS** Conversion of former Coach House to dwelling, proposed open fronted timber double garage and the provision of new

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vehicular access. – It was agreed to support this application. It was felt the conversion would preserve this building for the future and would not be detrimental to the main house.

**Cllr Rochelle returned to room**

## 11. Road report

- a. **Lengthsman** – drain Norgroves End road blocked.
- b. **Any problems to report** – potholes on many roads to be reported.
- c. **Updates** –  
Nineveh Road, Houghtons Pole Bridge repairs.  
Beach Hay road repairs at top end of road by Teddon Farm to Beach Hay cross roads  
B4202 repairs from Beach Hay crossroads to corners past Carton Farm.  
Water running onto road at Carton Farm.  
All of these issues are still not resolved. Clerk to contact WCC.

12. **BT Boxes** – Residents have asked PC to look into purchasing the BT Boxes as a suitable location for the Defib. Machines. It was agreed by all to support this idea. Clerk to action.

13. **Litter bin on Beach Hay Road** – It was agreed to replace bin as it was well used. Clerk to circulate details of replacement.

14. **Worcestershire County Council Consultation on review of Bus Services** – Clerk had contacted two residents who use bus. One had sent comments to WCC, she wished for the morning and late afternoon service to continue. It was agreed Clerk send comments in requesting service continue in a reduced form. Residents wishes also to be in comments.

15. **Clerks Review** – Chairman signed review, copy in files.

## 16. Correspondence for information –

A list of items will be available at the meeting.

### **Forth coming meetings/dates** –

WCC Budget Consultation – 22<sup>nd</sup> January – County Hall. No Cllrs could attend.

Age Concern Energy Event at Worcester – 17<sup>th</sup> January. No Cllrs could attend.

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

- **Payments** – 19<sup>th</sup> December 2013 – LM October/November = £374.40, Staples photocopying = £50.00.
- **Complaints** -  
**December** - Regarding R&B bus driver. Resident has complained directly to company and informed Clerk of incident. Chairman spoke to owner of company but he stated he had no record of complaint . Clerk also passed complaint to WCC. Response will be sent to resident when received.  
**December** - An anonymous letter of complaint regarding advertising signs on land at Clows Top crossroads was received. Clerk advised persons who put up signs to place them further back.  
**Planning - December** – 09/01446/FUL – Redlands, Clows Top – query on closure of original entry – Enforcement Officer has sent a letter reminding resident old entry should be blocked up.  
**Roads** - Gritting – Morning of 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> December – WCC confirmed the roads were not gritted on 18<sup>th</sup> but were gritted on 19<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Agenda items** – Defibrillator for Parish, BT Box purchase, waste bin at Beach Hay, Lengthsman Contract renewal.

19. **Date of next meeting: TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2014 AT 7.30PM**

20. **Meeting Closed 8.45pm.**

Signed----- Date 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014

**Chairman**

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Member of the Public who had made complaint about R&B Bus driver attended. She gave an account of the incident and stated how upset she was by the attitude of the bus driver. See agenda item 17 at this meeting.

## COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 214

### 1. BUDGET PROBLEMS

Later this week, on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January the Full Council will, in all likelihood, approve the budget for the coming year. For the first time for several years, an increase in the County Council precept will be approved.

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Following extensive consultation through road shows around the county, the increase of 1.94% will be devoted to the children's department budget to help pay for the increasing number of children taken in to care.

This Friday sees the end of the consultation about the reduction or elimination of the £3million subsidy for 80 or so bus routes. This is only 20% of the total number of routes but could have a great effect on certain rural communities. The responses are being analysed as they come in and I would urge anyone who uses the bus services, under threat or not, to fill in the consultation on line or by post, so that decisions can be made with the best possible information.

In addition, there is consultation on the reduction of the supporting people budget that is set to be reduced from £15 million to £6 million. All of this money is spent on discretionary services that are not a statutory requirement of the Council. Nevertheless, the money is valuable to all who receive it and I would be grateful if you would take part in this consultation as well. It ends on the 21<sup>st</sup> January.

## **2. PLANNING MATTERS AND CLIFTON**

You will probably be aware of the bizarre decisions of the Northern Area Development Management Committee concerning housing developments in Clifton. I am surprised and disappointed that Sir Anthony Winnington's application for Steps Farm was turned down, when the previous month the same committee approved the Hope Lane development. The former was strongly supported by the village, the latter was equally unpopular with the village, while the logic of approval to save the cost of an appeal applied to both sets of plans. You may also have noted that the Walshes Farm development in Abberley was approved at the same time, despite strong opposition from the Parish Council.

On one point I am clear. We need developments in villages to ensure the prosperity of rural communities, the maintenance of rural schools, shops and public houses. It is not a sensible argument to say that, because a school is full, no more houses should be built. Numbers can easily fall away (especially if there is a demographic shift to older retired people like myself) if there is a lack of affordable houses for young people who may have children. Similarly, there is an argument that jobs will follow people, rather than the opposite that is often stated. As a commuter from Great Witley to the BBC for 20 years, I cannot criticise such a lifestyle. Equally, we see small rural businesses flourishing, despite the possible extra travel involved. It cannot be sensible to let planning be determined by minimising travel distances to work.

## **3. HIGHWAYS FUND.**

Despite having allocated most of my allowance from this fund, I would be keen to know of any small highway maintenance problems that could be eligible for this support.

## **4. ENERGY FROM WASTE**

The final decision approving the Energy from Waste plant for Hartlebury should be taken at the Full Council meeting this Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. I am entirely satisfied that this is the right decision for the two counties and it is distressing to see so much false and misleading information peddled in the press. There is no proven cost effective alternative. WCC is dedicated to reducing waste, to reusing it, to recycling it and then recovering energy from the residue. I would be very happy to bore any resident for hours with more detail if they wish to know it.

**Cllr Ken Pollock**