

# BAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting of Bayton Parish Council held in Bayton Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014

**Present:** Cllr Blount (Chairman),  
Cllr Clarke, Cllr Miles

**In Attendance:** Clerk, 1 Member of the Public.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Salisbury, Cllr Carver, Cllr Rochelle, Cllr Taylor apologies received and accepted.
2. **Declaration of Interest:**
  - a. **Register of Interests** – No changes declared.
  - b. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests** – Chairman Item 10c – Plans - 14/00120/FUL - Glebe Farm, Bayton due to knowing applicant and living down this lane.
  - c. **Other Disclosable Interests** – as above.
3. **Dispensations** –
  - a. To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011)  
Dispensation requested from Chairman to speak and vote on Item 10c 14/00120/FUL – Glebe Farm, Bayton. It was agreed by all to grant this request until May 2015.
4. **Public Question Time** – See notes at end of minutes.
5. **Minutes** of Monthly Parish Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014 were agreed by all and signed by Chairman.
6. **District Cllrs report** – None given.  
**County Cllrs report** – Apologies received. Written report at end of minutes including concerns raised at last meeting regarding gritting of road on morning of Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014.
7. **Progress reports for information:**
  - a. **Defibrillator for Parish** – Grant from British Heart Foundation applied for. Local fundraising has started, Rock and Mamble PC have been asked for help with funding Clows Top machine.
  - b. **BT Box possible purchase** – BT have stated the boxes are still for sale and can be bought with approval from MHDC. Clerk awaiting response from MHDC.
  - c. **Complaint regarding R&B bus driver** – WCC had response from owner of Bus Company who stated they had received no other complaints regarding this driver. Response sent to resident making complaint with advice to contact Bus Company directly if further enquiries required.
8. **Reports on Meeting attended by Clerk or Councillors: None**
9. **Finances** –
  - a. **Payments made** – Staples (Printer ink) = £9.99, Mrs S Burrows = £41.52 (Clerks Salary increase agreed 12<sup>th</sup> November 2013, details in files).
  - b. **To report receipts since last meeting** – Current Account – WCC LM October/November = £312.00. Interest on Investment Acc January 2014 = £0.48.
  - c. **Bank Reconciliation** – Signed for January 2014. Balance agreed as Current Account = £7299.16, Investment Account = £5683.80.
  - d. To agree for Clerk to register for online banking with HSBC - **to view account only** – it was agreed to discuss this at next meeting. Clerk to pass paperwork to Cllr Taylor to read.
10. **Planning:**
  - a. Plans circulated since last meeting – **None**
  - b. Decisions received since last meeting –  
**13/01483/HOU (Revised plans) - Garden Cottage, Bayton, DY14 9LY** – Erection of a domestic outbuilding to be used as additional studio space. **Approved** by MHDC.
  - c. Plans for comment on tonight –

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**14/00120/FUL - Glebe Farm, Bayton, DY14 9LX – Replacement of existing dilapidated livestock building, for new livestock building with same sqm area.** Planning required due to being close to other properties. All agreed to support this application as the present building is not fit for purpose.

### 11. Road report

- a. **Lengthsman** – Cllrs had received positive comments regarding work carried out over this winter. Clerk to write letter of thanks. Some drains need jetting, to be arranged.
- 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.

12. **Litter bin on Beach Hay Road** – Details of bins available were circulated. It was suggested we build wooden frame for plastic bin, Clerk to make enquiries.

### 13. Correspondence for information –

A list of items will be available at the meeting.

**13/01122/FUL – Mole End, Clows Top, DY14 9HR** – Erection of Eco-Holiday let following demolition of existing buildings. Notification of application going to Planning Committee Meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> February. Awaiting outcome of this meeting.

**Forth coming meetings/dates** –

**WCC Conference – 30<sup>th</sup> April 7pm – CALC Area Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm.**

14. **Clerks report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting** – None

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

B4202 Fortunes Green corner - Chairman in contact with Highways – landowner concerned regarding damage created by cars going into hedge, cannot put stock on land.

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

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

17. **Cllrs agreed to close the meeting to the Public due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.**

18. **Lengthsman Contract 2014-15** – it was agreed to offer contract to present person with a small increase in hourly rate (details in files). This is subject to WCC funding the scheme for 2014-15.

19. **Tree survey – to discuss quotes obtained.** Three quotes were presented to meeting. It was felt further quotes be obtained as prices vary.

20. **Meeting Closed 8.29pm.**

**Signed----- Date 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014**  
**Chairman**

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Member of the Public was concerned by mess created on verge opposite school from inconsiderate parking. Resident was advised to contact WCC to see what could be put there to help. This matter has been raised before and WCC stated they will not be able to provide funding but resident may pay for work.

## COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2014

### 1. BUS SERVICE PROBLEMS

At a meeting last Friday week of the Overview and Scrutiny panel that I chair, there was extensive discussion of the consultation on the removal of bus subsidies. No conclusions have been drawn at this stage, but, as I pointed

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out, the fact that the programme is not already confirmed means that there must be some flexibility on the level of subsidy that will be removed.

The final plans will be published on a route by route basis later in the Spring or early Summer, for implementation in September. I know no more on the status of the 291 Tenbury to Kidderminster route, but the petitions submitted by the Mayor of Tenbury, George Price and the Our Way Self Advocacy group were noted, as part of the 8,500 or so responses to the consultation.

## 2. FLOODING

We will all be pleased to note the relative absence of dangerous flooding in the area. One might note, however, that the reluctance of the Environment Agency to admit to the efficacy of dredging on the Somerset Levels might be related to the likely widespread demands for dredging elsewhere across the country, if it is accepted on the Levels. Arguments relevant to the Rivers Parrett and Tone also apply in Tenbury and Worcester.

Last Thursday, I represented the WCC Leader, Adrian Hardman, at a briefing with Brandon Lewis, MP of the Department of Communities and Local Government in London. That morning further announcements were made by Eric Pickles, extending the emergency relief schemes.

At the time, Worcestershire was much better off than the South West of England, but since then we are all aware of the disruption in Worcester City and on various major and minor routes throughout the area. The County has made a pre-application for assistance from central government and we should receive all the money available under the various schemes to help restore damaged property and roads.

## 3. A456 AT BROOMBANK

I have supported calls for extra work to be done on this stretch of road, including a 50mph limit, cutting back of hedges and the provisions of more signs warning of cyclists and the narrowing road as well as VAS that warn motorists to slow down. There has been a spate of accidents on this stretch and it seems the highways department should make some extra efforts to prevent any further accidents.

## 4. WINTER WEATHER

While we are experiencing wet and stormy weather at present, it should not be forgotten that the winter is far from over and we could get a lot of snow before Spring. I trust that all necessary grit bins have been supplied and filled with salt for use in bad weather should it return.

**The instance of un-gritted roads that was pointed out to me at the last meeting has been accepted by County as a mistake on their part, at least in terms of interpreting a weather forecast that may have been misleading. It is deeply regretted and the County is determined to see that it does not happen again.**

## 5. TENBURY HIGH SCHOOL

You will all have read about the Ofsted report that places Tenbury High School in Special Measures. For anyone who knows the school, it is difficult to reconcile that knowledge with the image of a failing school that is associated with the dread phrase "Special Measures". As a Governor of the school for about 6 years, I can only apologise to all parents and pupils, not to say the town itself, for this outcome but some background might be valuable.

Ofsted recognised that the school had many good qualities, including general behaviour and atmosphere. What the report highlighted, however, was the disparity between the results in English and maths and those in science.

While the former two were roughly around the national average, the results in science were in the top 5% in the country. The inspectors argued that if it was possible to achieve such exceptional performance in science, it should be possible to achieve it in English and maths as well.

Given this situation had been going on for a while, the inspectors held the Governors and the senior leadership team responsible for not addressing it sooner and hence they were critical of their performance as well.

What they also acknowledged was that the new Head teacher and restructured senior leadership team and governing body had recognised the problem some time ago and that plans were in place to improve the situation. Given that they make judgements based on the last 4 years or so, it was not possible for them to recognise this in their rating.

The most important matter to remember now is that Tenbury High School is still a first rate place to learn. It is improving across many subjects, partly due to changes in the staff. I am confident that it will get out of special measures in a few months and long before the two year deadline we have been set.

In consequence it is vital that the parents and children to retain faith in the school and throw their support behind the school community, to bring about this improvement in the shortest possible time. The new teaching block is just opened to universal praise. The staff are solidly behind the new Head teacher and we are recruiting new staff to important leadership positions to strengthen the standard of teaching.

I would ask you all to be as supportive as possible to the school, the parents and the pupils in this difficult period.

**Cllr Ken Pollock,  
11<sup>th</sup> February 2014**