

BAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting of Bayton Parish Council held in Bayton Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13th October 2015

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

In Attendance: Clerk, District Cllr and one Member of the Public.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Miles - Apologies received and accepted.
2. **Declaration of Interest:**
 - a. **Register of Interests** – No changes declared.
 - b. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests** – Cllr Taylor declared an interest in item 10 (c) Planning - 15/01255/FUL due to applicant being a friend.
 - c. **Other Disclosable Interests** – See above.
3. **Dispensations** –
 - a. To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) –
 - **Dispensations** – none requested.
4. **Public Question Time** – See notes at end of minutes.
5. **Minutes** of Monthly Parish Council Meeting held on 8th September 2015 were agreed and signed by Chairman.
6. **District Cllrs report** – Report given, summary at end of minutes.
County Cllrs report – Apologies received, a summary of his report at end of minutes.
7. **Progress reports for information:**
 - a. **Community Shop Steering Group** – It is still likely a resident will lease the old premises, confirmation not yet received.
8. **Reports on Meeting attended by Clerk or Councillors:**
MHDC Conference – Cllr Carver and Clerk – to be sent by email when MHDC send details.
9. **Finances:**
 - a. **Payments made** – Hollands Coaches (minibus) = £180.00, Mr I Mapp (LM June to September 2015) = £780.00, Forest & Garden Machinery (Mowing 2nd payment) = £390.00, Clows Top Amateur Productions (see item 12) = £50.00.
 - b. **To report receipts since last meeting** – MHDC Precept = £3675.00.
 - c. **Bank Reconciliation September 2015** – Signed by Cllr, balance agreed as £19466.05.
 - d. **Banking arrangements**– Cllr Taylor and Clerk to contact Lloyds Bank on Friday to open new account with them.
10. **Planning:**
 - a. **Plans circulated since last meeting** – None.
 - b. **Decisions received since last meeting** – None.
Cllr Taylor left the meeting room.
 - c. **Plans for comment on tonight** –
15/01255/FUL – Plowstall Farm, Bayton, DY14 9LY – Siting of static caravan adjacent to existing dwelling for residential purposes. After discussion it was agreed to support this application, the caravan is not visible to others and it seems a sensible request.
Cllr Taylor returned to the meeting room.

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11. Road report

- a. **Lengthsman** – B4202, Clows Top Road, Bayton – grips need attention.
- b. **Any problems to report** – Beach Hay Road has been patched but Clerk has asked County Cllr to look at standard of work.

12. **Clows Top Amateur Productions** – It was agreed to grant £50.00 as per last year to support this local Pantomime.

13. **Age UK** – Request for funding to support volunteers to visit people as befrienders. Clerk had made enquiries but the organisation could not give precise details on any users within the Parish. It was noted Doctors surgeries have such services. Clerk to inform Age UK that Cllrs do not feel they can support the service unless it is known residents within Parish are using the service.

14. **Waste bin Beach Hay** – To consider replacing or buying metal liner. After discussion it was agreed to see if lid could be made for present bin to secure rubbish. Clerk to action.

15. **Clerks Review** – Chairman and Vice Chairman to meet with Clerk at end of October, date to be confirmed.

16. **Meeting Dates 2016** – All confirmed Tuesday dates for 2016, Clerk to book hall and confirm dates.

17. Correspondence for information –

Items available at the meeting – list in folder.

Tree work - 15/01191/TCN – Sheaf House, Bayton, DY14 9LW – Felling of two hollies south east corner of garden to allow other trees to flourish. Notification received from MHDC, no comments made by PC.

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

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

Agenda items – Community Shop, Meeting dates 2016, Clerks Review, Precept/Budget.

20. **Date of next meeting: TUESDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2015 AT 7.30pm**

21. **Meeting Closed 8.25pm.**

Signed----- Date 10th November 2015

Chairman

Residents' concerns – Coronation Corner – the disposal of garden waste was an issue as the volunteers could not dispose of it. Clerk suggested volunteers ask Bayton Hall Committee if unused compost bins on Recreation Ground could be used. Resident to make enquiries.

School Barn Bollards – it was reported that bollards had been taken during first week of new school year. The matter had been reported to the Police by resident.

Hall Heating – Resident who attended is also on Hall Committee. Clerk pointed out heating not on for second month, heating was turned on and apologies given. Clerk will contact Booking Officer and Chairman of Committee to alert them to the issue and to confirm heating will be turned on in future.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

SWDP, should be adopted early next year – **Safe Places Scheme**, Partnerships within MHDC have established this for vulnerable people – **Planning Dept**, there is a staff shortage, decision making process is being delayed due to this – **Refugee Crisis**, MHDC have discussed this problem but no decisions yet made, funding will be an issue.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

1. **Verge cutting** - Your clerk has passed on to me a complaint that we are still cutting the verges too frequently, particularly late in the season when the grass will be dying back naturally. I agree with these sentiments and will be keen to hear an explanation. In other parishes, where some verges are designated as linear nature reserves, they are cut late in the season using special machines that allow the vegetation to be

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removed. This sort of “impoverishment” is valuable in encouraging the less vigorous plants that make the reserve special in competition with grasses bread for their high output.

2. **Road repairs** - I am sorry to read that the work done on Beach Hay Road is not regarded as satisfactory. I have not had a chance to inspect it myself, but will chase up a comment from Highways as to the nature of the repair and whether further work is planned. The comment came to me just after a Highways Forum meeting when such matters are debated fully. It may be that surface dressing will follow next summer, as is often the case after patching that seems in itself to be inadequate. I would expect the footway repairs for the Leasowes to be carried out in the near future, but I cannot offer a date at present.
3. **Finances** - The annual budget setting process is in train but it would be unrealistic to imagine that anything other than further cuts will be required. One area where the opposite is true is in positive activities for young people. In that case, all Council support for youth clubs and the like was to end next April but now it has been decided that the money will be tapered down over three years, to ease the transition to them becoming self-sufficient. In other areas, the process of commissioning services from outside the County continues but members are heavily involved in ensuring that such services live up to their contractual obligations as the accountable authority will always be the County itself. Any evidence of falling short in these services should be reported immediately and I would be pleased to pursue any such deficiencies.
4. **Divisional Fund** - May I remind councillors of the existence of this fund, topped up to £10,000 each year. Any activities of community benefit might be funded in this way, although I prefer to allocate small amounts to non-continuing requirements. The repair of the VAS machines was funded in this way for Pensax PC. Please pass the word around so that as many organisations as possible might benefit from this Council Tax payers’ money.
5. **Gill Farmer** - As Chris Dell will no doubt also tell you, Councillor Gill Farmer, formerly Gill Dunne, passed away recently. Her funeral will be at Stourport Crematorium on Thursday, 15th October at 12 noon. Gill was a stalwart representative of Teme Valley on Malvern Hills District Council for many years and will be sadly missed, not least by her husband, Reg Farmer, himself a district and county councillor of long standing. Better news of the Chairman of the County Council, Ian Hopwood, who suffered a heart attack last week but has been able to return home and will hope to resume his duties by the middle of November. I am sure we will all wish him a complete recovery.

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