

BAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Bayton Parish Council held in Bayton Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10th January 2017

Present: Cllr Blount (Chairman), Cllr Clarke,
Cllr Carver, Cllr Adams

In Attendance: Clerk, Dist Cllr Chris Dell, no Members of the Public.

1. **Apologies:** Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Taylor, Cllr Miles.
2. **Declaration of Interest:**
 - a. **Register of Interests** – Cllrs are reminded to keep their registers updated.
 - b. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests** – None declared.
 - c. **Other Disclosable Interests** – None declared.
3. **Dispensations** –
 - a. To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) – **None requested.**
4. **Public Question Time** – See notes at end of minutes.
5. **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** held on 8th November 2016 were agreed by all and signed by Chairman.
6. **County Cllr Report** – Apologies sent, report circulated and at end of minutes.
District Cllr Report – A brief verbal report was given, see notes at end of minutes.
7. **Progress reports for information:**
 - a. **Defibrillator for Bayton Common** – Cabinet has been fitted, Clerk waiting for electrics to be checked. New lights bulbs and signs for top to be fitted.
 - b. **Coronation Corner Wall extension** – 2 contractors have been asked. Other quotes to be obtained for next meeting with a view to agreeing for work to progress.
 - c. **Vacancy on Parish Council** – A resident had been given form for completion but did not attend this meeting or return the form. Clerk to follow up this matter.
 - d. **Community Speed Watch Scheme** – Clerk delayed asking for speed checks due to school holidays and winter weather. Clerk to arrange for checks to be made this year.
8. **Reports on Meeting attended by Clerk or Councillors:** None attended
9. **Finances** –
 - a. **Payments made** – Mr I Mapp (LM November 2016) = £195.00, Information Commissioner (data protection 2017-18) = £35.00. (See item 13)
 - b. **Payments received** – WCC LM July/August 2016 = £325.00, WCC Minibus Grant 2016 = £130.00.
 - c. **Bank Reconciliation** – October/November 2016 signed, Balance £18602.48.
 - d. **Precept 2017-18** – Draft budget circulated. After much discussion it was agreed by all to reduce grant budget to £800.00. It was agreed by all to increase precept by £400.00 to £8000.00. Clerk to circulate revised budget for 2017-18.
10. **Planning:**
 - a. Plans circulated since last meeting – **See item 13.**
 - b. Decisions received since last meeting-
16/01416/CPU – Perry Cottage, Bayton – Lawful Development Certificate for proposed use to erect a detached garage. **Approved by MHDC**
16/01683/HOU – Ripkins, Bayton DY14 9LS – Single storey side extension. **Approved by MHDC**
 - c. Plans for comment on tonight – **None.**
11. **Road report**
 - a. **Lengthsman** – Grips, gullies to be cleared.
 - b. **Problems to report** – Clows Top Road, Bayton – potholes bottom end, Church Lane potholes.
 - c. **WCC Road closures in Parish** – Beach Hay Road and Meadow Farm Road to be closed in February.

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12. Correspondence for information –

Email correspondence circulated - list in minute's folder. Following notices to be put on noticeboards.
WCC - Local Transport Plan out for Consultation January – mid March 2017
MHDC – Public Space Protection Order Consultation – closes 26th February 2017

13. Clerks report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting –

Payments - 25th October – Mr I Mapp (LM October 2016) = £195.00

The following planning applications were circulated by email and in paper form to Cllrs for comments -

24th November - 16/01582/HOU – 1 The Square, Bayton DY14 9LN – Erection of a timber cart shed style double garage (detached). Comments to support.

25th November - 16/01416/CPU – Perry Cottage, Bayton – Lawful Development Certificate for proposed use to erect a detached garage. Comments to support.

15th December - 16/01683/HOU – Ripkins, Bayton DY14 9LS – Single storey side extension. Comments to support.

30th December - 16/01729/TCN – Charlbury House, Bayton DY14 9LJ – Fell one alder tree. No comments made, no objects raised.

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

Concerns have been passed to Cllrs regarding the parking of cars on junction at Coronation Corner, they are causing an obstruction to large vehicles. Clerk to obtain Police advice and send letter to all residents in that area.

Agenda items – Vacancy, Community Speed Watch, Coronation Corner Wall, LM Contract 2017-18, Mowing Contract Severne Green, Annual Parish Meeting.

15. Date of next meeting: TUESDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2017 - 7.30pm

16. Meeting Closed 8.35pm.

Signed----- Date 7th February 2017
Chairman

Clerk as Resident of Clows Top updated meeting regarding sale of land at crossroads. The new owners have met with some residents. It is felt the owners wish to work with the community for the benefit of the village.

District Cllr Report –

Consultation regarding dog order for all residents to respond (Clerk to advertise). Waste collection to be sent out for tender as further savings need to be made by MHDC. Move of offices ongoing.

County Cllr Report

1. Happy New Year, 2017 - The year promises to bring some major changes both locally and nationally, there might be a General Election on May 4th, the day when all 57 county council seats will be contested.

WCC need to approve budget and seek endorsement for our plans to increase council tax by 0.94%. This will be in addition to the 2% rise in tax to provide money for adult social care, using a device arranged by the government for councils to raise the amount of money they think we need locally. We are keen to point out that only a third of the increase will actually go to the normal local services, while the rest seeks to cover the large demands of our aging population. Beyond that we are keenly awaiting news on further government funding for big projects like the second Carrington Bridge, improving the A38 through Bromsgrove. Some of this money has been promised, but the needs always seem to expand beyond the available cash. This year should see the start of the new Worcestershire Parkway rail station at the intersection of the London line with that serving Birmingham and the south west. This will bring huge benefits in terms of connectivity and shorter travel times, leading we hope to a 2 hour trip to and from London every hour.

2017 will also see the expansion of superfast broadband coverage into some of the more remote parts of the County. WCC are very conscious of the need to fill in the gaps as quickly as possible.

Meanwhile the Council is backing efforts to get better mobile coverage across the whole county, a campaign strongly supported by Harriett Baldwin our MP. This may mean higher phone masts and more of them.

2. Road works in the area - Works on the B4202 undertaken by Amey on behalf of Severn Trent. WCC to work on Beach Hay road on completion of this work.

3. Tesco's in Tenbury - Tesco store to be completed soon but before it can open, the Public Realm work that they are paying for will need to be completed. This will run from the bridge to the Regal, after which the County will complete the remaining section up to Crow Corner. All this work, plus that needed in Shropshire at the junction with the A4546, will undoubtedly cause some disruption and delay.

4. Eastham Bridge - Work on Eastham Bridge continues apace. The steel spans should be installed soon, leading to the construction of the carriageway and balustrades.

There has also been concern about gritting. On some occasions, the drop in temperature comes too soon after rain for normal gritting, leading to some roads being missed. It is better to grit before the temperature drops below freezing, but it is not useful if the surface is still wet from rain in the last two hours.

In addition, the brine making machine has been out of action over Christmas meaning dry grit has been spread recently. We entered the winter with 17,000 tonnes of salt in store. So far, we are confident that we can handle whatever the weather throws at us.

5. Divisional Fund - Money is available, let me know of any other projects that might deserve assistance.

Cllr Ken Pollock