

# BAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting of Bayton Parish Council held in Bayton Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017

**Present:** Cllr Blount (Chairman), Cllr Clarke (Vice Chairman),  
Cllr Miles, Cllr Adams, Cllr Williams

**In Attendance:** Clerk, Four Members of the Public, District Cllr Chris Dell

1. **Apologies:** Received and accepted from Cllr Taylor and Cllr Carver.
2. **Declaration of Interest:**
  - a. **Register of Interests** – Cllrs are reminded to keep their registers updated.
  - b. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests** – Chairman item 10b due to owning the property. Cllr Clarke item 7a due to being PC Representative on the Committee.
  - c. **Other Disclosable Interests** – See above. The items are for updates and not for decisions to be made.
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 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017 were agreed by all and signed by Chairman.
6. **County Cllr Report** – Report at end of minutes.  
**District Cllr Report** – Report at end of minutes.
7. **Progress reports for information** –
  - a. **Lease for Bayton Village Hall** – Clerk is seeking further clarification as PC legal advice and Hall advice is differing on ownership of Hall. It was agreed by all to accept Dist Cllrs help.
  - b. **WiFi Grant for Bayton Village Hall** – Grant papers signed by Chairman and Cllr, Clerk to send to WCC.
8. **Reports on Meetings attended by Clerk or Cllrs: None**
9. **Finances** –
  - a. **Payments made** – Grant Thornton (External Audit) = £120.00, Forest & Garden Machinery = £405.00.
  - b. **To report receipts since last meeting** – WCC LM June/July 2017 = £325.00, MHDC Precept = £4000.00.
  - c. **Bank Reconciliation September 2017**(circulated) – Signed by Cllr balance agreed as £21721.38 in cash book.
  - d. **Bank Mandate** – It was agreed by all Cllr Williams and Cllr Adams be added, forms issued for completion.
10. **Planning:**
  - a. Plans circulated since last meeting – **None.**
  - b. **Decisions received since last meeting-**
    - 17/01238/HP – **Wheatsheaf Cottage, Bayton DY14 9LY** – Forming of two patios to existing garden (retrospective). **Approved by MHDC.**
    - 17/00629/FUL – **Norgroves End Farm, Bayton DY14 9LX** – Change of use of traditional farm building to annex family accommodation. **Withdrawn by applicant.**
  - c. **Plans for comment on tonight** –
    - 17/01493/OUT – **Common Farm, Clows Top DY14 9NY** – **Outline application for an agricultural dwelling.** It was agreed by all to support this application, no other comments made.
11. **Road report**
  - a. **Lengthsman** – Grips, gullies to be cleared.
  - b. **Problems to report** – Water on Church Lane due to resurfacing.
  - c. **Clerks Meeting with Highways update** – No further updates have been given from WCC.
    - **Houghtons Pole Bridge** – WCC have advised the damage on the Shropshire side of the bridge has been repaired but extensive weakness has been found on Worcestershire side. WCC have asked PC if a 7.5 tonne restriction on bridge would be acceptable. (See County Cllrs Report below). It was agreed by all this is a sensible solution, the road is unsuitable for HGV as per signage put up at PC request.

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12. **'20 is Plenty' signs for Parish** – Cllr felt signs to say 'Please drive Slowly' may be better. Cllr Williams to ask School if they are interested in helping with design. WCC have agreed to signs being put up but need to know more detail before final agreement can be reached.
13. **Police Smartwater Initiative** – Smartwater is used to mark valuables in the house. If items are stolen they can be given back to householder if found. Smartwater is being offered to PCs at a discount. It was agreed to invite speaker to a meeting.
14. **Meeting Dates 2018** – It was agreed to keep meetings on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays of the month.
15. **Correspondence for information** –  
Email correspondence circulated - list in minute's folder.  
**CALC Training dates 2017-18 circulated.**  
**MHDC Forum 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017** – 6-8.30pm – Malvern  
**Bayton Village Hall AGM 24<sup>th</sup> October** – 7.00pm  
**CALC AGM 15<sup>th</sup> November** – 5pm Trade Fair – AGM 6.30pm - Worcester
15. **Clerks report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting**  
**1<sup>st</sup> October 2017** - Letters sent to residents regarding Parking at Coronation Corner.  
**1<sup>st</sup> October 2017** - Letter sent to Severne Green residents and Housing Association regarding children playing in road.  
**Velo Bike Ride** – comments sent to County Cllr.
16. **Councillors' reports and items for the next agenda.**  
**Agenda items** – WIFI, Lease for Bayton Village Hall.
17. **Date of next Meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017**
18. **Meeting Closed 8.52pm.**

Signed----- Date 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017  
Chairman

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**Residents queries** – Representatives from Bayton Village Hall (BVH) attended. Item 7a regarding a Lease for BVH was queried as advice obtained by Trustees differs to that given by PC advisers, Clerk is aware of the different advise. BVH said they will have to ask Charity Commission to look into the matter. This was felt to be a sensible suggestion. A further lengthy discussion was held. It was agreed both parties work to establish definitive ownership of BVH so the matter is resolved for future Committees and Cllrs. District Cllr offered to ask MHDC if they have any legal expert that can help. Dist Cllr to work with Clerk and Bayton Hall representative. Hall to confirm with their Committee who contact will be and whether they are agreeable to the help offered.

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**District Councillors Report** - Cllr has some grant funding but needs to have applications for end of October. MHDC have proposed Planning Committee be made smaller, this is still under discussion but is a cause of concern

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## County Councillors Report

**Houghtonspole Bridge** - Detailed examination of the bridge has revealed weaknesses in the support structure that would cost a disproportionate amount of money to remedy. As a result, it has been decided to impose a 7.5 tonne weight limit on the bridge, excluding the heavier lorries from using the route. We would be very pleased to hear from anyone on the wisdom of this course of action and your clerk has been formally consulted to ascertain whether this will involve excessive disruption to local people.

**Tenbury Public Realm** - The Public Realm work seems to be progressing well if slowly, CH2M are still confident of meeting the finishing deadline. After discussions between all parties decisions were made on the street furniture. The heritage style would be used around the Regal cinema, and include a black flagpole. Alongside the flag pole would be a black heritage cast iron bin. The heritage style finger post outside the library would be retained, but painted in situ. This would be in accordance with the other finger post signs already in the scheme, as in Market Street. Beyond that stainless steel would be used for the bollards and the waste bins. There would be four stainless steel planters. A stainless steel bench with wooden slats would also be installed. Some of these items will be paid for by Tesco's, as they should have been installed during their work this spring.

**Tenbury Applefest** - Applefest on Saturday went off very well, with large crowds, plenty of stalls doing a good trade and entertainment from all sorts. It was also good to see the overflow car park in use. I attended the Martley Applefest in the Chantry School on the same day. These two events exhibit the best of our county and the strength of support for local farmers and the businesses that depend on them.

**Velo Birmingham Bike Event** - The controversial bike event took place on the 24<sup>th</sup> September. There were large crowds out in all the villages applauding the riders, and in several places like Bewdley and Droitwich, special

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arrangements were made to offer food and drink to the spectators. In other places, there was serious opposition, some of which was regrettably expressed in oil, nails and tacks being strewn on the road and hedge clippings deliberately scattered on the route. Clearing up this material meant the cyclists were delayed and the road closures lifted late. County officers and relevant councillors will be deciding in the next couple of weeks whether to permit the event to go ahead in subsequent years and, if so, whether the route might be modified to minimise disruption and loss of business.

**Road and footway conditions** - I trust that any local concerns about carriageway and footway conditions are being reported on the WCC website and any outstanding problems will be referred to me for action. We are investing a lot of money in seeking to reach the upper quartile of road condition and in general, our county's roads are in good condition. Any defects need to be chased up as soon as possible.

**Cllr Ken Pollock Cheltenham, GL50 2B**