

BAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting of Bayton Parish Council held in Bayton Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th June 2018

Present: Cllr Clarke (Chairman), Cllr Williams (Vice Chairman),
Cllr Miles, Cllr Kemp

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

1. **Apologies:** Received and accepted from Cllr Adams.
2. **Co-option of a Cllr** – No applications received. Notices for the two vacancies to remain on noticeboards.
3. **Declaration of Interest:**
 - a. **Register of Interests** – Cllrs are reminded to keep their Registers updated.
 - b. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests** – Cllr Kemp item 19 plans circulated 18/00689/OL – Overhead Power Lines at (os 7064 7274) due to the work crossing his land.
 - c. **Other Disclosable Interests** – See above.
4. **Dispensations** –
 - a. To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) – **None requested.**
5. **Public Question Time** – See notes at end of minutes.
6. **Minutes of Annual Parish Council Meeting** held on 8th May 2018 were agreed by all and signed by Chairman.
7. **County Cllr Report** – Apologies received, report circulated, see end of minutes.
District Cllr Report – See notes at end of minutes.
8. **Progress reports for information** –
 - a. **Speeding awareness event** – Cllr Williams to confirm date with School/Police/Hall for September, perhaps 2 hours morning and evening. To be a Community information event to keep people safe.
 - b. **Centenary WW1 event 10th June** – Chairman, Clerk, Cllr Williams and Cllr Kemp helped with this event and agreed it was very successful. All to be thanked for their hard work before/during and after the event. Expenses to be paid at July meeting.
 - c. **Data Protection Law changes** – Clerk has emailed all residents on list to confirm they wish to continue receiving emails, most have replied. All files are being looked at and information that does not need to be held is being deleted/destroyed. Privacy policy to be drafted for July meeting.
 - d. **Leasowes, Bayton** – District Cllr advised MHDC not yet given him a response.
 - e. **WiFi Grant** – WCC have extended the time for feedback regarding the use of WiFi in Hall. Clerk has signed form to agree to this. Feedback form to be completed by Hall before end of June 2018.
9. **Reports on Meetings attended by Clerk or Cllrs** –
CALC Data Protection Training 23rd May – Clerk attended, meeting was interesting and information circulated to Cllrs. It is clear PC must continue to work towards compliance with the new law.
10. **Finances** –
 - a. **Payments made** – Mrs P Howell = £50.00, BT PlusNet (DD 9th April) = £41.40, Mrs S Burrows (printer ink 2017-18) = £77.86, Mrs S Burrows (McAfee computer security 2018-20) = £109.99, Mr I Mapp (LM May 2018) = £195.00.
 - b. **To report receipts since last meeting** – MHDC Precept £4125.00.
 - c. **Bank Reconciliation April 2018** (circulated) – Signed by Cllr balance agreed as £24421.60 in cash book.
 - d. **Certificate of Exemption from External Audit (circulated)** – It was agreed by all Council qualify to sign this document having income and expenditure below £25000.00 for 2017-18 and all other requirements being met.
 - e. **Annual Governance Statement (circulated)** – It was agreed by all Council are adhering to all the requirements.
 - f. **Internal Auditors Report** (circulated) – Clerical errors not affecting balances found, notes in files.

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- g. Annual Return/End of Year Accounts** (circulated) – It was agreed by all accounts are correct and it was agreed all relevant papers could be signed by Chairman. A balance of £24421.60 to be carried forward to 2018-19.
- 11. Planning:**
- a.** Plans circulated since last meeting – **See item 19.**
 - b.** Decisions received since last meeting –
 - c.** **18/00700/AGR – Plowstall Farm, Bayton DY14 9LY** – Prior notification of agricultural development for construction of roof over existing silage pit. **MHDC have advised Full Planning Permission required.**
18/00689/OL – Overhead Power Lines at (os 7064 7274) – Uprate approximately 495 metres of 2 wire 11,000 volt overhead line to 3 wire 11,000 volt overhead line. To uprate approximately 140 metres of low voltage overhead conductor from 2 wire to 4 wire. **Revised scheme approved by MHDC.**
18/00314/OUT – Land at (os 7117 7200) Erection of one detached dwelling house. **Refused by MHDC Planning Committee.**
 - c.** Plans for comment on tonight –
18/00728/FUL – Caravans 12 and 13 Badgers Walk, Pool Lane, Clows Top – Change of use of two caravans from holiday to residential use. It was agreed by all to support the application with comments that no further units be placed on the site in future. It was agreed by all to ask for the application to go to MHDC Planning Committee if the Planning Officer is minded to refuse the application.
18/00559/FUL – Wildacres Bungalow, Clows Top DY14 9HU – Improvement and alterations to existing domestic/commercial vehicle access to accommodate an agricultural access and formation of an agricultural track. It was agreed by all to support this application.
18/00669/FUL – Teddon Farm, Clows Top DY14 9NQ – Change of use of agricultural land for temporary residential use. Temporary siting and occupation of a static residential caravan for a period of 6 months during renovation and extension of dwelling. It was agreed by all to support this application.
18/00453/FUL – Teddon Farm, Clows Top DY14 9NQ – Creation of double garage built in to existing bank, erection of a stable block, including change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian. It was agreed by all to support all matters on this application with a comment regarding the Public Footpath near this site but not included on the application.
 - d.** **Planning query - 17/01663/AGR – Larches Wood At (Os 7015 7431) Clows Top – Prior notification for track improvements to supply access to the whole site for the purposes of agricultural and forestry.** Creation of new access onto B4202. MHDC are waiting for information from WCC. Landowner is in contact with MHDC.
- 12. Road report**
- a.** **Lengthsman** – Grips, gullies to be cleared.
 - b.** **Problems to report** – Clows Top Road, Church Lane, see notes at end of minutes.
- 13. Coronation Corner improvements** – Clerk explained the cost of extending the wall will be high as it will need to be in stone to match existing. MHDC Conservation need to know what PC plan to do.
Chairman agreed to suspend the meeting at 8.49pm for resident to speak.
See notes at end of meeting.
Chairman reopened meeting at 8.50pm.
After much discussion it was agreed by all not to take the extension of the wall forward until parking issues within the whole village have been looked into. It was felt the cost was too high. It was agreed to form a Working Party (Cllr Williams, Cllr Kemp, Chairman) to look into parking in Bayton Village.
- 14. Waste Bins Recreation Ground** – Cllr Williams to discuss with Hall Committee to see what is acceptable.
- 15. Bayton Village Hall grant application for mowing of Recreation Ground 2018-19** – Completed application form not yet received back from Hall.
- 16. Standing Orders** – to discuss at July meeting.
- 17. Financial Regulations** – to discuss at July meeting.
- 18. Correspondence for information** –
Email correspondence circulated - list in minute's folder.
CALC Training dates 2018 circulated.
WCC Conference 9th October 2018
- 19. Clerks report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting** –
Plans circulated by email 28th May 2018 –
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20. Councillors' reports and items for the next agenda.

Agenda items – WW1 Centenary Celebrations, Vacancy on PC, Data Protection changes, Parking in Bayton Village, Noticeboards, Waste Bins, Risk Assessment, Standing Orders, Financial Regulations.

21. Date of next Meeting – 10th JULY 2018

22. Meeting Closed 9.06pm.

Signed----- Date 10th July 2018
Chairman

Residents issue –

Clows Top Road – The drains did not cope well with the short heavy storm a few weeks ago. Clerk is aware that final jetting is yet to be done by WCC. The storm was short but very heavy. Clerk has photos of problem and will contact WCC.

Church Lane – Water puddling on road following resurfacing still to be solved. Clerk has a reference number and engineers are looking at the area. County Cllr to be asked to look into matter.

Parking in Village – Resident raised concerns regarding parking at Coronation Corner. Clerk stated a letter was sent to residents in that area in autumn 2017, Clerk spoke to some residents at that time. It was felt parking needs to be addressed in Bayton as a matter of road safety.

District Cllr – New refuse collection working well. If you wish to have a wheelie bin or a bigger bin you can now make a request. Residents still using bags are being reassessed for bins.

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Local matters - It is sometimes easy to forget the importance of local matters to most people, and I am aware of the problems faced in Bayton concerning road conditions, speeding and planning matters. While many of these fall to the District Council to resolve, I hope all residents will feel empowered to complain to the County Council and me, as your local County Councillor, if you feel the level of service you are receiving is not up to standard. In recent weeks, there have been a number of such matters and your clerk has kept me informed of what is necessary. At times, action can be achieved rapidly, in other circumstances, matters seem to drift on.

Some of you may be aware of the traffic lights on the A443 near the Elms. There appears to be a large cavity near the gully that will take some time to sort out. I am very grateful to a local resident who let me know about this and appropriate restrictions were imposed quickly to safeguard motorists. I hope all residents will feel able to report anything similar that needs attention, and I will do my utmost to see that action is taken quickly.

Tenbury's new litter campaign - I was very pleased to note that, when welcoming Sue Perry as the new mayor of Tenbury last week, one of her principal concerns is litter. A couple of weeks ago, I was walking my dog on Palmer's Meadow and made my way up the bank to the seat below the Rochford road. My enjoyment of the wonderful view was ruined by the scattering of numerous items of litter around the seat.

All of these items were related to food and drink taken there by some residents or visitors and then discarded when no longer required. Such behaviour is disgusting, and to be condemned by all of us. It is particularly disrespectful to the town road sweeper, Richard, who is one of the most conscientious workman I know.

I hope we will all feel able to intervene, if we see any such careless despoiling of our towns, villages and rural areas, so that they can be kept clean and attractive for visitors. I doubt many would be at any risk of harm if they spoke out when observing littering, however rarely that may be necessary. We need to put littering in the same category of anti-social behaviour as drink driving, so that it is universally condemned.

County Developments - In the last week or so, we have seen the installation of the new rail bridge on the Southern Link Road. This opens up the possibility of dualling the whole road from Whittington to Norton in the near future, once funding is secured. The building of the new Worcestershire Parkway station at Norton is progressing well prior to its planned opening in the spring next year. Its opening will allow cross country train to stop there, meaning that rail journeys to the north east and the south west can be achieved without needing to leave the county to board a train. It is part of our ambitious rail strategy, designed to offer a better service and relieve some of the pressure on our road network. At the same time, we are progressing with our roll out of superfast broadband to more of the county, and in particular those rural areas that have not benefited to the extent of most of our residents and businesses. I must also draw your attention to our success in being chosen as

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a test bed for 5G developments. This new technology holds out the hope of much faster mobile and broadband performance with fewer problems over inadequate capacity and delays. The 5G test bed is based at the Malvern Hills Science Park, and that is now also the new home of the Worcestershire Local Enterprise Partnership. The site is right next to QinetiQ, who are involved in the work, concentrating on security by design, while we also have two of our major manufacturers on board, looking at advance manufacturing, namely Mazak and Worcester Bosch. The Heart of Worcestershire College is also involved, developing new courses to take account of 5G.

Fire and Rescue - For the last year, I have been privileged to serve on the Fire and Rescue Authority, but it seems that the board will soon no longer exist. As you will be aware, the Home Office are keen to see an effective amalgamation of the fire and police services, meaning that our Police and Crime Commissioner would take overall control of the Fire Service. There has been a proper system of consultation on this and while the local services in Herefordshire and Worcestershire, and Shropshire and the Wrekin decided against the merger, the Home Office has indicated its approval. A meeting of the FRA two weeks ago was expected to be the last for the Authority, but it was decided to request a Judicial Review, in line with the equivalent organisations in Cambridge and Shropshire.

While there are clear grounds for such a review, it is in all likelihood to do no more than delay the amalgamation of the two bodies under the Police and Crime Commissioner, John Campion, for a few months.

Meanwhile you will be pleased to know that the latest annual review of the Fire and Rescue Service made very favourable comments on the speed and efficiency of the service.

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