

# BAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting of Bayton Parish Council held in VICTORY HALL, CLOWS TOP 8.00pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019

**Present:** Cllr Clarke (Chairman), Cllr Miles (Vice Chairman),  
Cllr Adams, Cllr Sharp, Cllr Kemp

**In Attendance:** Clerk, five Members of the Public, County Cllr K Pollock, Dist Cllr C Dell

1. **Apologies:** None.
2. **Co-option of a Cllr** – No applications received.
3. **Vice Chairman** – It was agreed by all Cllrs Miles be elected.
4. **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.  
Clerk declared an interested in item 22 - 18/01580/HP, see below.
5. **Dispensations** –
  - a. To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) – **None requested.**
6. **Public Question Time** – See notes at end of minutes.  
Chairman agreed to discuss item 12d 18/01682/FUL at close of Public Question Time. After this matter was discussed by Cllrs two residents left the meeting. Chairman thanked residents for their help in clarifying the planning issue.
7. **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018 were agreed by all and signed by Chairman.
8. **County Cllr Report** – Report circulated see notes below. Verbal report given on train services.  
**District Cllr Report** – See notes below.
9. **Progress reports for information** –
  - a. **Parking in Bayton** – Cllr to take this forward.
  - b. **Waste bins for Parish** – It was agreed to purchase two galvanised metal bins at total cost of £40.00. Siting to be agreed with Bayton Village Hall Committee.
  - c. **Bayton Village Hall-** Change of Custodian Trustee – No further information obtained. It was agreed to remove the matter from the agenda.
  - d. **Bayton Village Hall booking conditions/fee** – The conditions offered are a fixed fee per meeting of £10.00, if meeting dates changed no further fee to be incurred. This matches Clows Top conditions. It was agreed to pay £50.00 for 2019.
  - e. **Resignation of a Councillor** – Cllr Williams has resigned, MHDC have been informed. Clerk has sent a letter of thanks.
  - f. **Leasowes, Bayton** – MHDC have now responded to resident, a new hedge to be planted.
  - g. **SWDP Consultation** – Comments were made on this and circulated to Cllrs, copy in files.
10. **Reports on Meetings attended by Clerk or Cllrs** –  
**CALC AGM 14<sup>th</sup> November** – The EO and Training Officer are leaving in March. One person to replace both positions, office hours may change, not many grants available but finances are manageable at present. Details circulated.
11. **Finances** –
  - a. **Payments made** – Bayton Village Hall & Recreation Ground (rent 2019) = £50.00, (DD) Plusnet (Wifi) = £34.20.
  - b. **To report receipts since last meeting** – WCC LM June/July/August = £487.50, WCC LM September = £162.50.
  - c. **Bank Reconciliation November 2018** (circulated) – Signed by Cllr balance agreed as £22997.94 in cash book.
  - d. **Internal Audit Review** (circulated) – It was agreed all matters are being adhered to, no issues to discuss.
  - e. **Budget review/Precept for 2019-20** (circulated) – Budget was explained to Cllrs. After much discussion it was proposed the precept increase by £100.00 to £8350.00, this motion was seconded and agreed by all.
  - f. **Data Protection Registration** – It was agreed to pay fee to Information Commissioners Office by Direct Debit, form was signed for bank, present fee is £35.00 (cheque payments would be £40.00).
12. **Planning:**
  - a. **Plans circulated since last meeting** – See item 22.
  - b. **Decisions received since last meeting** –

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**18/01188/HP – Tanners Bungalow, Beach Hay DY14 9NF** – Conversion of existing bungalow to two storey and two storey side extension. Alterations to fenestration. **Approved by MHDC.**

**18/01189/HP – Parsonage Barn, Bayton DY14 9LQ** – Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of three bay traditional timber carport and store to be used as a utility. **Approved by MHDC.**

**18/01269/HP – Bali Hai, Hollywell Lane, Clows Top DY14 9NR** – Raising ridge of bungalow to provide accommodation at first floor with dormer windows and porch to front elevations together with two storey rear gable extension with Juliette balcony, single storey rear extension and raised terrace. **Approved by MHDC.**

**Appeal Decision - APP/J1860/W/18/3207709 – 18/00314/OUT – Land adjoining Shrub Villa, Clows Top DY14 9HR** – Erection of one detached dwelling house. **Refused by the Planning Inspector.**

**c. Plans for comment on tonight –**

**18/01682/FUL – Land at (Os 7042 7416), Clows Top – Access track (retrospective)** – It was agreed by the majority to object to this application due to highway safety issues, information in application conflicting with local knowledge and conflicting with information held by PC. Clerk to draft comments for circulation. Dist Cllr to be sent final comments, PC to ask for the application to go to Planning Committee if the Planning Officer is minded to approve the application.

**13. Road Report:**

- a. **Lengthsman** – List of jobs given in December, Clerk to check they have been done.
- b. **Problems to report** – Drain by Pump Cottage, Bayton blocked.
- c. **Drain by Church** – WCC have been asked to clear the drain.

**14. Publication Scheme** (circulated) – All agreed to adopt the document, Clerk to update as needed and report to meetings.

**15. Recording Policy** – Clerk has a Communication Policy to be circulated for next meeting.

**16. Complaints Procedure** (circulated) – Agreed to adopt the document as drafted.

**17. Nineveh Ridge Care Farm** – Grant of £300.00 requested for tables. PC advisors have stated PC can grant funds to a Social Enterprise under the General Power of Competence which the PC adopted on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Further information has been requested. Request to go on next agenda.

**18. Bayton Village Hall Representative** – No Cllrs could commit to being on the Committee. Clerk to inform Hall Committee.

**19. Training for Councillors** – Chairman felt informal sessions regarding Policies and Procedures may be helpful to Cllrs. It was agreed Cllrs stay for a session after the next PC Meeting.

**20. Clerks Review** – It was agreed Chairman, Vice Chairman to meeting with Clerk on 25<sup>th</sup> January at 3.30pm.

**21. Correspondence for information –**

Email correspondence circulated - list in minute's folder.

**WCC Budget Consultation Meeting** – 23<sup>rd</sup> January – 6pm

**WCC Minerals Local Plan 4th Stage Consultation** – comments by 8<sup>th</sup> February

**MHDC Planning Enforcement Summit at Pershore** – 31<sup>st</sup> January – 6.15pm

**MHDC Great British Spring Clean** – 22<sup>nd</sup> March to 23<sup>rd</sup> April

**22. Clerks report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting –**

**Plans circulated by email – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**18/01580/HP - Mill Cottage, Bayton DY14 9LF – Extension & Alterations to an existing dwelling including a two storey rear extension.** Clerk declared an interest in this application. (Comments from Cllrs were emailed to Chairman, final comments made by Chairman and forwarded to MHDC by Clerk). It was agreed to support the application.

**Plans circulated by email 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**18/01598/FUL – Teddon Manor Farm, Clows Top DY14 9NQ – Change of use from agricultural to equestrian use and a proposed manege.** It was agreed to support the application.

**23. Councillors' reports and items for the next agenda. Agenda items** – Vacancy on PC, Parking in Bayton Village, Communications Policy, Clerks Review, Lengthsman Contract 2019-20, Severne Green Mowing Contract 2019-20.

**24. Date of next meeting: - TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2019 – 8.00pm BAYTON VILLAGE HALL**

**25. Meeting closed 9.45pm.**

Signed----- Date 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Chairman

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**Residents issues raised –**

**Item 12c on agenda - 18/01682/FUL – Land at (Os 7042 7416), Clows Top – Access track (retrospective).**

Residents expressed serious concerns regarding the creation of this new access onto B4202.

Residents have information which conflicts with statements received with application, google map dated March 2009 shows

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only one gate at that date, application states the gate was installed in 2003.

An approach was made to adjacent landowner in May 2017 regarding access to the site, the new gate was installed before a response was given and hardcore was laid on verge, the land was sold within a month of new gate being installed.

Danger to vehicles exiting the new gate onto B4202 due to limited visibility, 20 accidents over 20 years on corner, no fatalities but some very serious injuries, Shropshire sign hit three times (not replaced), oak tree hit 5 times. Air Ambulance has been in attendance to some of the accidents they were so serious.

Resident at Fortunes Green opposite the new gateway is concerned for his families safety, it is dangerous exiting his driveway now, this new gateway would create further safety issues. When contractors used the gateway for laying the track he had four near misses due to large vehicles being stopped on B4202 awaiting access to site, cars coming down had to swerve towards the Fortunes Green driveway to avoid hitting a stationary vehicle.

To exit the original gateway a vehicle needs to be out towards centre of B4202 to ensure they have safe passage, the speed of traffic using the B4202 means the time to react to avoid collisions is limited. The original gate is rarely used for this reason alone. The new gateway is nearer the corner so creating further visibility issues.

There was no track in the field prior to the agricultural application received in 2017. The woodland is being advertised for sale as parcels of land, a car parking area has been created in the field. Agricultural permission was given for the removal of wood but this does not now seem to be the intention.

Top surface of road worn, needs attention on Worcestershire side, Shropshire have resurfaced. Camber of road incorrect, it pulls cars towards verge. Residents have sent in comments and objections to the application.

No other matters were raised by residents.

**Dist Cllr Report** – A verbal report was given on various planning issues. Due to the concerns expressed by residents regarding item 12c of the agenda a copy of PC comments will be forwarded to him for information.

### COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

**Happy New Year** - May I wish all parish Cllrs and the residents that you represent a very Happy New Year, and I trust it will be prosperous and enjoyable as well? We face some turbulent times in the next few months and it would be a fool who professed to know how it would all turn out. What I would assert, however, is that this country is highly capable and well able to succeed in a huge variety of circumstances. In all the discussion of the various forms of Brexit that may be before us, what I find most disturbing is the feeling expressed by some politicians, business people and journalists that we are in danger of economic collapse or of some moral decline, because we may not have the protection and guidance of the EU. Leaving may be the worst move we make as a nation, but it would be foolish to believe that our prosperity is indissolubly tied to membership of the EU. I worry when I read that our environmental standards might be lowered or our workers' rights might be damaged by leaving. It would be a huge mistake to believe that we are dependent on Brussels for guidance in these matters. More often than not, we have shown the way, not least with the sort of environmental research that I undertook, on a Government grant in the early 70s, before we joined the EEC as it was then. So whatever lies ahead, I am sure we can succeed, especially if we respect others' viewpoints and seek to understand their basis. I am disturbed by the rhetoric and rudeness I have encountered in social media, where the remoteness of the writers seems to give them freedom to be rude, supercilious and scornful in a way that would not be acceptable face to face.

**Economic development** - I am responsible within the Cabinet, for the economy and infrastructure in the County. 2019 promises great things, we must seek to encourage the good developments, no matter what. W6, the business park just by J6 of the M5 is filling up with companies keen to take advantage of its excellent position. Kimal, Kohler Mira, Siemens (in the form of Material Solutions), Spire Healthcare and others are all expanding or transferring their operations to the park. The Redditch Eastern Gateway also has serious interest from big companies wanting to take advantage of its location next to the A435 and the M42. The fifth phase of the Malvern Hills Science Park is ready to let and there is more land acquired from QinetiQ for further hi tech operations. We must not also forget the importance of Worcestershire Parkway which will open this year, probably in mid-summer. The May timetable will include provision for trains on both lines to stop at Parkway, giving passengers a new destination or embarkation point as an alternative to our road network. All of these developments promise more jobs and economic prosperity, the sort of activity we need to encourage, in order to fund those in our society that need help from local government. You will recall that 70% of our income at County is spent on vulnerable children and adults, but their numbers amount to only 12,000 of the 580,000 residents in Worcestershire.

**Local issues** - In my last report I mentioned the two park homes in Bayton Common that do not have 12 month residency. I understand that the owner of the park itself has sought to prove that this is an anomaly that should be corrected. I will do what I can to assist in this endeavour. I am aware of other issues concerning drainage and trees within the village and hope that these are being handled correctly and swiftly by Hannah Davies, your liaison officer. I noted that the driver who was responsible for the fatal accident at Clows Top has been convicted of causing death by dangerous driving. It may be simplistic to say so, but the lack of clear signs on the road and elsewhere may have been a contributory factor. In consequence, I hope that you will all be keen to pass on any observations where highway matters are deficient, preferably in the first instance to your clerk, and thence to Hannah Davies, before coming to me for assistance. Likewise any other issues that require attention can be brought to me at any time and I will do my best to pass them on to the correct office to see that they are dealt with. Bearing in mind our general shortage of cash, this may not always be swiftly handled or done to the highest standards. **Cllr Ken Pollock, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL50 2BZ**