

# BAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting of Bayton Parish Council held in BAYTON VILLAGE HALL at 8.00pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019

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

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

1. **Apologies:** Received and accepted from Cllr Kemp.
2. **Co-option of a Cllr** – No applications received. It was agreed by all to take this matter off the agenda due to elections being held in May 2019.
3. **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 interest in item 10b - 18/01580/HP – Mill Cottage, Bayton due to a family connection. The item is for update only and not for discussion.
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 Parish Council Meeting** held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 were agreed by all and signed by Chairman.
7. **County Cllr Report** – Report circulated see notes below.  
**District Cllr Report** – See notes below.
8. **Progress reports for information** –
  - a. **Parking in Bayton** – It was agreed by all to take this matter off the agenda until after the May elections.
  - b. **Waste bins for Parish** – The Clerk has purchased two galvanised metal bins at total cost of £44.00. A local company has provided a sticker for the recycling bin. Clerk will site and inform Bayton Village Hall Committee.
  - c. **Nineveh Ridge Care Farm** – The grant applied for had been withdrawn by applicant.
9. **Reports on Meetings attended by Clerk or Cllrs** – **None.**
10. **Finances** –
  - a. **Payments made** – Bayton Village Hall & Recreation Ground (hall rent April to November 2018) = £84.00, Mr I Mapp (LM December 2018/January 2019) = £390.00, Mrs S Burrows (Defib pads replacement) = £86.16, Mrs S Burrows (Dustbins see item 8b) = £44.00, WCC (Salt for Parish) = £140.00, Mr I Mapp (VAT omitted from October/November 2018 payment) = £65.00, (DD) Plusnet (Wifi) = £34.20
  - b. **To report receipts since last meeting** – None..
  - c. **Bank Reconciliation December 2018/January 2019** (circulated) – Signed by Cllr balance agreed as £22063.76 in cash book.
  - d. **Budget as agreed at January meeting** – Revised budget circulated.
  - e. **Internal Auditors Letter (circulated)** – Clerk had signed letter of agreement with new auditor.
11. **Planning:**
  - a. **Plans circulated since last meeting** – None.
  - b. **Decisions received since last meeting** –  
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. Refused by MHDC.  
18/01598/FUL – Teddon Manor Farm, Clows Top DY14 9NQ – Change of use from agricultural to equestrian use and a proposed manege. Approved by MHDC.
  - c. **Plans for comment on tonight** –  
19/00033/GPDP – The Workshop, Beach Hay, Bayton DY14 9NF – Notification for Prior Approval for change of use from Storage or Distribution Building (B8) and any land within its curtilage to dwelling house (C3). It was agreed to support this application.

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**19/00090/GPDQ – Teddon Manor Farm, Clows Top DY14 9NQ – Notification for Prior Approval for the proposed change of use of an Agricultural Building to 1no dwelling house.** It was agreed to make comment regarding footpaths crossing driveway near to barn, no objections.

**19/00017/GGPDE – Tanners Bungalow, Beach Hay, Bayton DY14 9NF – Prior approval for a proposed larger house extension.** It was agreed to support.

**d. Plans for information –**

**18/01466/CAN – Bank House, Bayton DY14 9LQ – Undertake various tree works as detailed on application.** Tree work had been done in autumn. Clerk has spoken to applicant regarding retaining wall on roadside. Applicant has consulted MHDC and can rebuild wall without seeking any permissions on condition only existing materials are used.

**18/01543/CLPU – Badgers Walk Caravan Park, Pool Lane DY14 9NT – Certificate of Lawful (proposed) use for the all year round occupation for holiday use of 2 static holiday caravans subject to planning consent re 82/00134/TEN dated 26<sup>th</sup> April 1982.**

**19/00018/CLPU – Tanners Bungalow, Beach Hay, Bayton DY14 9NF – Certificate of Lawfulness for erection of ancillary Pool Building.**

**12. Road Report:**

**a. Lengthsman –** List of jobs given.

**b. Problems to report –** No issues raised.

**c. Drain by Church –** Draining slowly but needs jetting.

**d. Puddles Church Lane –** WCC have given them low priority as they are not causing a danger on the highway. Resident has been informed of this response.

**13. Communication Policy –** Clerk has been finalising Data Protection policies before starting work on this policy.

**14. Correspondence for information –** Training dates as circulated

**WCC - Prevention Matters Workshop –** 4<sup>th</sup> March 9.30 – 3.30pm

**CALC – Election Process Seminar –** 13<sup>th</sup> February 6.30 – 8.30pm

**CALC Area Meeting –** 12<sup>th</sup> March – 7.30pm

**WCC B4202 TO BE CLOSED 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH FOR 5 DAYS FROM CLOWS TOP TO GREAT WITLEY JUNCTION**

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

**31<sup>st</sup> January 2019 – Complaint from resident regarding rubbish in garden.** This matter has been reported to the relevant authorities who will investigate the matter. Clerk has kept the Chairman fully informed on details of this matter. **Severne Green Hedge, Bayton –** Housing Association should cut this. Clerk has been advised contractors will cut hedge before 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019, it has not been cut for two years despite requests being made by Clerk.

**Salt for Parish –** WCC delivered a bag of salt for Parish roads to Ninevah Ridge Care Farm, the green Parish grit bins are now full.

**16. Councillors' reports and items for the next agenda. Agenda items –** Communications Policy, Annual Parish Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019, Elections 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019.

**17. Date of next meeting: - TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2019 – 8.00pm VICTORY HALL CLOWS TOP**

**18. Cllrs agreed to close meeting to the Public due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.**

**19. Lengthsman Contract 2019-20 –** It was agreed by all to continue with present LM. It was agreed by all to pay £15.00 per hour as requested by LM. Clerk to meet LM to discuss contract for next year. WCC to agree funding before contract signed with LM.

**20. Clerks Review –** Chairman and Vice Chairman met Clerk on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019. The review as written up by Chairman was agreed by all and signed. There were no issues of concern and all felt the review meeting was helpful.

**21. Mowing Contract for Severne Green April 2019 –** It was agreed to renew contract with present contractor at price quoted. The contract will run for two years, total cost £1380.00 + VAT.

**22. Meeting closed 9.15pm.**

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

Chairman

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Resident who attended meeting wished it to be known he would be standing as Dist Cllr for this Ward on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019.

**Dist Cllr Report –** A verbal report was given on various planning issues. Due to ongoing work at MHDC larger meetings of

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the District Council will be held at County Hall.

## COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

**Budget Proposals** - At Cabinet a week ago last Thursday, the draft budget was approved, and will now go to be considered by the full Council in two days' time on the 14<sup>th</sup> February. While the outline of the proposals is well known and was summarised in my report in December, there have been some significant changes.

Less money is being removed from the allocation for libraries, so revisions can be made without anyone seriously worrying about closures. If they were ever necessary, a further consultation would be required.

Secondly, charges for parking at Worcester Woods have been dropped. Thirdly, the cuts in the budget for the Archive service have been reduced, so that it is more certain to retain its accreditation as a suitable deposit for archive material.

All three of these areas were subject of fierce lobbying, and it is perfectly reasonable to say that this lobbying had an effect. Any politician who believes that their first proposals are the best possible is deceiving themselves, something that might be remembered at all levels of politics.

In addition, the budget drew attention to various areas of capital investment that will change the County in the coming years. More investment in rail stations and parking for them, more investment in new industrial sites to create more jobs and more investment in town centre improvements, like that from which Tenbury has benefitted in the last few years. This is in addition to more money being spent on highways and relieving congestion, so that there are very encouraging signs for development in the County, despite the tight financial situation.

Council tax is scheduled to go up by 3.94%, near the maximum permitted without a referendum, but including 1% ring fenced for Adult Social Care.

Various amendments from the Labour group and the 2017 group have been tabled for consideration but are unlikely to be successful. They will, however, be extensively debated on Thursday and you may like to observe proceedings on the webcast.

**Worcestershire Parkway** - Last Wednesday we held a press briefing at the new Worcestershire Parkway railway station. We were keen to outline the progress being made towards completion of the work this summer and then, after the extensive and detailed "entry into service" process, the station should be fully functional by the end of the year.

This support for public transport is just part of our county wide policy to promote public transport, seen as complementing work on roads, to accommodate private cars and goods vehicles. In the capital programme we aim to see enhancements at several railway stations and in particular improved parking facilities.

**Local issues** - Please note that the Clows Top to Abberley road, the B4202, will be closed for highway repairs for 5 days starting on the 13<sup>th</sup> March. This is part of the extensive programme of works across the county that seeks to keep us in the top quartile for road quality across the country.

We need everyone's cooperation to maintain this standard and people like yourselves to report problems online at the WCC website, and if nothing happens quickly enough to let your clerk know so she can chase it up.

Despite the tight budget, we are keen to maintain expenditure on roads, partly for the simple self-interest as residents are very sensitive about road quality, but also because it makes everyone's lives better if the roads are well maintained, well signed and with good white lines painted.

Seeking to keep speeds within sensible limits is another matter, and one largely outside our control. We are keen, nevertheless, to support councils if they want to get extra help from the police and the Safer Roads Partnership.

**Cllr Ken Pollock, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL50 2BZ**