

BAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Bayton Parish Council held in Bayton Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10th March 2020

Present: Cllr Clarke, Cllr Woodison, Cllr Miles, Cllr Adams, Cllr Lawrence

In Attendance: Clerk, three Members of the Public, Dist Cllr Douglas Godwin

1. **Apologies:** None.
2. **Co-option of a Cllr** – No applications received.
3. **Declaration of Interest:**
 - a. **Register of Interests** – Cllrs are reminded to keep their register up to date.
 - b. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests** – None declared.
 - c. **Other Disclosable Interests** – None declared.
4. **Dispensations** –
 - a. To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) – **Dispensations requested** – None
5. **Public Question Time** – See notes at end of minutes.
6. **County Cllr Report** – Apologies given see notes at end of minutes.
District Cllr Report – See notes at end of minutes.
7. **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** held on 11th February 2020 were agreed by all and signed by Chairman.
8. **Progress reports for information** –
 - a. **Footpaths** – Work on paths continuing.
 - b. **Severne Green Hedge** – Housing Association have cut main hedge but not holly tree, Clerk to contact them.
 - c. **Waste bins** – Waste bins should be delivered next week.
 - d. **Maintenance Contractor for Parish** – Clerk apologised for delay in putting advert on noticeboards, to action.
 - e. **Noticeboards for Parish** – It was agreed due to high costs involved to look at lottery funding for recycled plastic boards.
 - f. **VE Commemoration events 8th May 2020** – Arrangements are progressing well. See notes at end of minutes.
9. **Reports on Meeting attended by Clerk or Councillors:**
10th March – CALC – Clerk training on computer programme, more for larger councils, costs too high for small councils. LM scheme was to be discussed but WCC cancelled at last minute.
10. **Finances** –
 - a. **Payments made** – Mr I Mapp (LM January/February 2020) = £468.00, Hollands Coaches (09/10/2019-15/01/2020 13 weeks excluding 2 weeks holiday dates) =£180.00.
 - b. **To report receipts since last meeting** – WCC LM December 2019 = £195.00.
 - c. **Bank Reconciliation February 2019** (circulated) – It was agreed and signed. Balance in cash book £24008.37
11. **Planning:**
 - a. Plans circulated since last meeting – **None**.
 - b. **Decisions received since last meeting** – **None**.
 - c. **Plans for comment on tonight** – **None**
 - d. **Outstanding issues** –
Caravan on land Bayton Common – MHDC Enforcement have advised the caravan will be moved very soon.
Sheds on land at Bayton Common – MHDC Enforcement are making enquiries as to use of caravan on land.
12. **Road report**
 - a. **Lengthsman** – Grips, gullies cleared regularly.
Lengthsman payments – Due to Clerk misreading an email from WCC in March 2019 a payment for year 2018-19 has been paid from the 2020 budget. The Clerk also did not monitor the LM budget adequately which has resulted in an overspend. Clerk apologised for the error. It was agreed the LM needed to be paid for the work he has done and a cheque was agreed to be signed tonight for January/February £468.00.
 - b. **Problems to report** – **None**.

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- c. **B4202 Beach Hay Crossroads safety** – WCC given no update.
 - d. **B4202 water on Highway at Bayton Common** – To monitor as road is still wet.
B4202 Carton Farm corner – WCC have seen the road, if the pipe is blocked under the road WCC can unblock it. Clerk to put WCC in touch with landowner to resolve the issue.
13. **Revised Code of Conduct** – It was agreed to adopt as circulated.
14. **Bench seat with table for Coronation Corner** – It was agreed by all to purchase bench from Poppies Benches at cost of £250.00.
15. **Seat only for Clows Top** -It was agreed to purchase a seat at maximum cost of £800.00.
16. **Training Defibrillator** – County Cllr had granted £350.00 for this item. It was agreed by all to purchase the equipment at cost of £350.00+ VAT.
17. **Verge Planting** – Cllr had sourced local supplier for wild bulbs/plants. To purchase for planting in verges.
18. **Village Gates** – WCC had met with Clerk and agreed gates could be installed Cleobury side of village on B4202 by 40mph sign. WCC will install gates but PC need to purchase them. It was agreed by all to purchase two gates as suggested by WCC at cost of £466.69 each + VAT. A456 is in Mamble Parish, Clerk to ask Mamble PC if they will consider funding gates for that road.
19. **Tackling Loneliness** – This had been discussed in Public Question Time, see notes below.
20. **Bayton Village Hall and Recreation Ground correspondence to PC -**
- a. **Wayleave payments from Western Power** – Clerk had obtained agreements from Western Power signed by PC in 1952 and 1961 which state Wayleave to be paid to owner/occupier of land. It was agreed to write to Hall and to arrange for payments to be changed over to Hall as occupiers of Recreation Ground.
 - b. **Fire Safety Guidance on booking Hall** – Cllrs and Clerk have concerns about only one exit from the Meeting Room in an emergency despite Fire Service agreeing to it. Meetings may need to be held in larger room, to discuss at next meeting.
 - c. **Coronavirus information for community buildings** – to note contents of email received.
21. **Correspondence for information** – Email correspondence circulated - CALC Training dates.
WCC Spring Conference – 18th March – Market Place 5.30pm, Conference 6.30pm
MHDC Partner Workshop in March – Planning for the Future, a Carbon Neutral Malvern Hills District
South Worcestershire Development Plan – Briefing for Town and Parish Councils – 31st March – 3.15pm and 6.15pm
South Worcestershire Development Plan – Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Call for Sites – deadline 27th March
Worcestershire Pollinator Strategy Consultation – comments by 31st March
MHDC Great British Spring Clean – 20th March to 13th April
22. **Clerks report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting –**
Pensions Regulator – Clerk confirmed the PC were compliant for the next three years or until staff changes, whichever is earlier.
23. **Councillors’ reports and items for the next agenda.**
Agenda items – Vacancy on PC, Waste bins, Seats/Noticeboards, Maintenance person, VE Day events
24. **Date of next Meeting – 14th April 2020 at 7.30pm in BAYTON VILLAGE HALL**
25. **Meeting Closed 9.04pm.**

Signed----- Date 2020
Chairman

Public Question Time –

VE Day Celebrations – Members of British Legion and Clows Top Village Hall Committee attended. Arrangements are progressing well. A Church Service is being arranged for 10.55am on 8th May, to be a Celebration with a short Remembrance Service at beginning. Shared lunch in Clows Top Hall from 2-10pm, Churchill’s Speech to be broadcast at 3pm. British Legion wish to speak to veterans and would like to invite them to the celebrations,

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transport can be arranged. Clerk to ask on village email. Hall to be given a tidy up ready for the event. Report given to Clerk for circulation. Rock PC refused to grant funds to this event as it was submitted too late.

Loneliness – Clows Top Hall Committee Member reported the Committee are working to tackle loneliness as there is a high proportion of over 50s in area. Family social evenings are being held from 6-9pm on last Friday of month, games, quiz etc, numbers are growing.

Dist Cllrs Report

WFDC-20/0013/FULL – Plans for Clows Top – The matter went to MHDC Committee, it was agreed to ask WFDC to refuse the application due to concerns regarding highway safety, drainage, services etc.

Corona Virus – plans are being made to ensure the District is ready for the virus.

MHDC - Budget is on target. New CEO to be appointed this week.

County Cllrs Report

Flooding - Over the last three weeks, Tenbury has been at the centre of a lot of national news coverage of the flooding. Tenbury suffered worse flooding than in 2007 and a number of the flood defenders supplied by MHDC after that event proved ineffective. This seems to have been because the rubber or plastic seals have deteriorated over time or that the water overflowed the barriers. During a number of visits to Tenbury, I have been impressed by the fortitude and resilience shown by residents and retailers alike. There has been an admirable community spirit among the townspeople, despite high financial losses and huge inconvenience. Tenbury Town Council itself has experienced flooding of the Pump Rooms and needed to meet in the High School on Monday. The High School should be praised for running an evacuation centre at the height of the flooding, with generous support from Tesco's and the Coop that I know of. That is not, I am sure, an exhaustive list. WCC set up a flooding hub in Tenbury library for residents and businesses to register, in order to receive money from central government, the District Council and the County Council. At County, we have allocated £250,000 for flood alleviation, to be directed at those who have suffered loss. You may recall that the Environment Agency plan to protect Tenbury town would then have cost about £5 million and was judged not to be cost effective. It may be that new calculations in the light of the recent events will see that decision revised. Your local MP, Harriett Baldwin, has been very vocal on the matter. Since 2007, around six different schemes for flood protection have been implemented with her active support. Only Severn Stoke and Tenbury remain untouched. In the former case there are local problems, but for Tenbury, the difficulty is devising an effective scheme at a sensible cost. I would be pleased to hear of any local experiences that may help us avoid further problems in the future.

County Matters - You will all have heard that the new Worcestershire Parkway station was opened on Sunday, the 23rd of February. This is the first such station to open in the county for 100 years and has been generally welcomed. There are 500 car parking spaces, and there already seemed to be about 250 cars there when I visited just after it opened. It is disappointing to read the article in last Thursday's Worcester News detailing problems experienced by a gentleman with limited vision. The designers took advice from pupils at the local blind school as to how to cater for those with poor eyesight. I hope any deficiencies can be overcome. Note there are also secure cycle racks, spaces for EVs to charge and plenty of disabled spaces. The infrequent X50 bus service calls at the station, and we are negotiating for more bus services as well. Note you can now catch trains running between Nottingham and Cardiff, as well as the London services. We are working hard to improve the speed and frequency of the London service, which will require further dualling of the line, in particular between Pershore and Evesham. You may expect that there will be continued congestion along the Southern Link Road, leading to Carrington Bridge. In case you have heard to the contrary, the work on dualling that section between the Ketch and Powick roundabouts has not exacerbated the flooding that always occurs in that area where the Teme meets the Severn. Just over two weeks ago, we welcomed Matt Warman, MP, Minister of State in DCMS, to Worcester for him to confirm the allocation of £3.3 million to Worcestershire to run a two year experiment with Shropshire on the efficacy of 5G to improve connectivity in rural areas. This will be based in Tenbury, given its rural nature and the topographical features in the area. The intention is to see how much mobile coverage can be improved and also remote monitoring of those in need of care from social services. The idea of assistive technology is that the social workers can monitor activity remotely, without the use of cameras, to check that those in need of assistance are behaving normally. This may mean that routine visits can be scheduled more efficiently, prioritising those most obviously in need of help, rather than completing a round of visits where many may prove unnecessary. **Cllr Ken Pollock, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL50 2BZ**