

BAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Bayton Parish Council held in Bayton Church at 7.30pm on Tuesday 14th February 2023

Present: Cllr Miles (Chair), Cllr Adams, Cllr Tonks

In Attendance: Clerk, Dist Cllr Douglas Godwin. No members of Public

1. **Apologies:** Noted from Cllr Kemp, Cllr Burns, Cllr George, Cllr Wakeford.
2. **Declaration of Interest:**
 - a. **Register of Interests** – Cllrs reminded to keep their registers up to date.
 - b. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests** – None declared.
 - c. **Other Disclosable Interests** – None declared.
 - d. **Cllrs own Computers/Tablets/Phones** – Cllrs confirmed own devices are password protected, have antivirus software installed and automatic updates set for their systems as per agreed policies.
3. **Dispensations** –
To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) –
 - a. **Dispensations requested** – None requested.
4. **Public Question Time** – No issues raised.
5. **County Cllr Report** – Apologies received, report below.
District Cllr Report – Report below.
6. **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** held on 10th January 2023 were agreed by all and signed by Chairman.
7. **Progress reports for information** –
 - a. **Coronation Corner Wall** – Waiting for Housing Association response.
 - b. **Maintenance Contractor (circulated)** – It was agreed by all to pay £60.00 for November 2022-January 2023 invoice. BT Box refurbishment costs submitted, to be agenda item next meeting.
 - c. **Police Charter (circulated)** – Parking issues in Bayton and Clows Top – Police are looking into issues raised. Charter to be sent to Police with speed, parking issues as main concerns.
 - d. **May 2023 Elections (circulated)** – It was agreed by all Clerk to put information on email, noticeboards and website.
8. **Reports on Meeting attended by Clerk or Councillors:**
9. **Finances** –
 - a. **Payments made** – Mrs S Burrows (see item 18) = £273.12, Mr C Bunn (see item 7b) = £60.00, Mr D Nunn (LM January 2023) = £214.50. Mamble cum Bayton PCC (see item 14) = £300.00.
 - b. **To report receipts since last meeting** – WCC LM August 2022 = £189.75, LM September/October 2022 = £321.75, HMRC VAT repayment £1454.47.
 - c. **Bank Reconciliation December/January (circulated)** – Balance agreed as £22321.22.
 - d. **Bank Mandate** – Clerk updated mandate for three Cllrs to sign. Bank processing.
 - e. **Data Protection Registration** – To note DD of £35.00 paid on 23rd January 2023.
10. **Planning:**
 - a. Plans circulated since last meeting – **None.**
 - b. **Decisions received since last meeting** –
M/22/01656/FUL - Culverness Cottage, Clows Top, Kidderminster DY14 9NU Culverness Cottage, Clows Top, Kidderminster, DY14 9NU - Change of use of a parcel of land from agricultural to residential and formation of a new access to the highway. **Refused by MHDC.**
 - c. **Plans for comment on tonight** –
M/23/00051/HP associated ref - M/23/01796/LB - The Old Post Office, Bayton, Kidderminster DY14 9LJ – Removal of two modern sash windows to first floor of rear elevation, reconfiguration of roof of single storey lean to extension to create balcony with glazed perimeter screen, insertion of glazed doors into extended window openings to access balcony. It was agreed by all to make no comments on the application but to inform MHDC that the property can be seen from road and footpath.
M/23/00050/HP - Parsonage Barn, Bayton, Kidderminster, DY14 9LQ - Erection of a domestic outbuilding to consist of two open garage bays and a utility room. It was agreed by all to make no comment.

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- d. **Breach of Planning Permissions in Parish** – MHDC are continuing to look at ongoing issues. Land at Bayton Common will be visited by MHDC in due course (see item 18).
- 11. Road report**
- a. **Lengthsman** – Work continuing.
- b. **Problems to report** – Blocked drains Clows Top Road, Bayton– Landowner thinks pipes may be blocked, to wait for heavy rain. Blocked Drain Nineveh, LM to look at outlet pipe.
- 12. Risk Assessment** (circulated) – It was agreed by all for Chair to sign.
- 13. Defibrillator Policy** (circulated) – It was agreed to adopt with Clerk as nominated person.
- 14. Donation to Bayton Church for use of building** – It was agreed by all to pay £300.00 as held in budget.
- 15. Diversity, Equality and Inclusive Policy** (circulated) – On advise of Clerk it was agreed by all to adopt the Worcestershire County Association of Local Councils Policy as circulated.
- 16. Coronation of King Charles 111** – It was agreed by all Clerk to circulate designs for Cllrs to agree, costs should be within budget.
- 17. Correspondence for information** –
CALC, NALC, WCC, MHDC, Police, South Worcestershire Development Plan, Police and Crime Commissioner.
WCC - Worcestershire Green Infrastructure Strategy - comments by 6th March 2023
WCC Budget 2023-2024 online information meeting – 31st January – 5pm
- 18. Clerks report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting** –
Payments made – 7th February – Mrs S Burrows (Clerks Salary) = £273.12.
7th February – Concerns about work on land at Bayton Common - query sent to MHDC Enforcement Team.
- 19. Councillors' reports and items for the next agenda.**
Agenda items – Bank Mandate, Coronation Corner, Elections, Traffic issues.
- 20. Date of next Meeting** – - TUESDAY 14th March 2023 – 7.30pm – Bayton Church
- 21. Meeting Closed 8.13pm.**

Signed----- Date 14th March 2023
Chair

County Cllrs Report

Health Inequalities & Impacts resulting from the Covid-19 Pandemic

It was reported to the Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee in January that the impacts of Covid-19 had not been felt equally across the population and has exacerbated existing health inequalities in a number of areas. Locally, several ethnic groups have had high numbers of cases and data suggests a strong relationship between death from Covid-19, older age and male gender. During the first 18 months of the pandemic to September 2021, there was a clear elevated risk of infections amongst non-white British Groups. An estimated 2.2 million people living in private households in the UK (3.4% of the population) were experiencing self-reported long Covid symptoms. Estimates for Worcestershire are not available but if prevalence reflected national levels, the county would have 20,000 people with long Covid, of whom 15,000 would have systems which adversely affected their day to day lives.

WCC Cabinet

The Cabinet met on 5th January to consider the Draft Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan for 2024-2027. It is recommending to Council at the February meeting, an increase in Council Tax of 2.94% and in the Adult Social Care Levy by 2.0%.

Kyrebroke Daycare Centre

The Centre in Tenbury Wells has a substantially reduced number of clients since Covid. Not all private clients have returned and there has been a reduction in the number of clients sent via Worcestershire County Council. If numbers do not improve then the Centre may close. Kyrebroke provide an excellent Daycare facility for elderly residents, from a wide geographical area. I am liaising with WCC in regards to reduced numbers from the County Council.

Herefordshire & Worcestershire Fire & Rescue Service

I attended a meeting of the Fire Authority (Monday 13th February). The Chief Fire Officer reported that a pay offer of 7% for this year and 5% for next year had been offered to the unions. He is hopeful that the pay offer will

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be accepted, following consultations ending in early March, which will hopefully mean that there will be no further strikes within our area.

David Chambers - County Councillor, Tenbury Division.

District Cllrs Report

Elections in May, residents will need photo ID to vote, can PC circulate information.

Waste Recycling very good, local bottle banks to be removed as not cost effective, price of glass dropped.

Green Waste may be collected in urban areas.

Solar Panel Scheme with WCC, residents can register an interest with no obligation to order, letters have been sent to residents.