

BAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 14th May 2013 at 7.30pm in Bayton Village Hall

Present – Cllr Miles (Chairman), Cllr Blount (Vice Chairman), Cllr Clarke, Cllr Carver, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Salisbury, Cllr Rochelle, Clerk to Bayton Parish Council, Sargent Sarah Kent, County Cllr Pollock, Gerry Brienza (WCC), 6 members of the Public,

1. **Apologies** – 2 electors, District Cllr Will Redman.
2. The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 15th May 2012 were circulated and all agreed for them to be signed by Chairman.
3. **Gerry Brienza WCC Highways Engineer** –
WCC advised the main budget for highways was not being cut this year but in previous years extra money had been given for rural roads and footways, this will not happen for 2013-14. Surface dressing after patching is the usual method of repair and has a life of 5-10 years. Clerk advised jetting lorry in parish for day with Lengthsman was very successful and resulted in 2 longstanding problems being resolved. It is hoped to repeat this later in year. When reporting faults involving a length of road give 2 points for reference so it can be inspected in correct area – i.e. postcodes, near telegraph poles etc., anything to identify areas of concern.
Injury accidents are reported to WCC. If local knowledge says a road is having a lot of accidents without injury it can be reported to WCC and road inspected.
A + B roads inspected regularly, rural roads twice a year at least.
County Cllr had purchased old Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) for his parishes. This parish is on the rota.

QUESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS

Meadow Farm Road – water on road due to collapsed gulley – repairs will be made as and when funds allow.

B4202 surface of road + water on road – local knowledge remembers a gulley under this road at Carton Farm which must be blocked as water is now running over road. Surface of road on corners causing concern. There have been many accidents over winter in this area. Clerk to arrange for WCC to inspect with LM.

Nineveh Road + Mamble Road - are on list for inspection.

Pothole filling - It was questioned by residents whether the method of pothole filling was cost effective. Lorries had been seen parked up for hours, with tarmac on back. What are they waiting for?

WCC ADVICE - If residents see this happening take registration and report to hub or Clerk with time and place, photos can be taken. Contractors are accountable for work done.

RESIDENTS SUGGESTIONS

A more sensible approach to potholes may be for a team to come to Parish for a day, with LM, and fill every pothole, large or small. It worked with the jetting lorry.

WCC stated they do not have a lot of teams.

Residents - 1 team could cover emergencies and the other teams could do parishes as routine.

Residents - WCC motorbike could check on work undertaken by contractors.

Residents - A notice could be placed on back of maintenance vehicles giving telephone number for reports of good or bad work.

Residents - Rural roads have much more heavy traffic now than in the past. This leads to roads needing more maintenance but this is not being recognized by WCC.

Gerry Brienza to take these suggestions back to WCC. He was thanked for coming and left meeting.

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4. **District Cllr Will Redman** – Apologies received, attending meeting at Malvern.
County Cllr Ken Pollock – A report on the recent election was given. Conservatives still have the majority at WCC. School results are improving all over County. Cuts of £20 million a year for next 4 years expected at WCC with job losses, changes in services, District and Parishes to do more, more volunteer work to be done. Businesses to be encouraged to come to County. Roads still need to be improved. Adult Social Care will have £3 million more per year for next 4 years, shown to be a priority in consultation with public. County Cllrs have funds of £10,000.00 to give to worthy causes, contact Cllr Pollock or Clerk if you have a good idea.
Residents expressed their concerns regarding the Highway problems detailed at item 3. Clerk to keep County Cllr informed of concerns. Cllr was thanked for his support over the last year, he left meeting.
5. **Police Report – It was emphasized again that this area has a very low crime rate.**
This year 7 crimes (10 last year), 4 burglaries (3 being non dwelling).
No anti-social behavior reports (4 last year).
Changes from September – Police Station in Tenbury to close but there will be a base somewhere in the town, exact location to be decided. Rapid response officers will be based at Kidderminster but will be on road more, response time of 20 minutes expected for this area.
Horses – reports of horses being interfered with in this area. Police were not aware of any incidents. Again it was asked that any suspicious incidents are reported on 101 non urgent or 999 urgent. **Police can often see a pattern if reports are made and it helps them to catch the criminals.**
6. **Bayton School Report** – A written report from Head teacher was given at meeting and is in files.
7. **Chairman’s Report** – May 2013 Newsletter circulated to all households in Parish. Some residents stated they had not received the letter. Clerk apologized and will send by email.
8. **Public Question Time:-**
Residents were very concerned with condition of local roads and the conduct of contractors. WCC need to get value for money and it was felt at this meeting that is not being given by contractors. It was agreed by all that a letter be sent to WCC requesting the matter be looked into and suggestions at item 3 be seriously considered and a response given as to action to be taken by WCC. Clerk to ask other Parishes if they have same concerns.
9. The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Chairman.....Date **May 2014**