

# BAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting of Bayton Parish Council held in Bayton Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013

**Present:** Cllr Blount (Chairman), Cllr Salisbury (Vice Chairman),  
Cllr Rochelle, Cllr Taylor

**In Attendance:** Clerk, 2 Members of the Public.

1. **Apologies:** Received and accepted by all from Cllr Carver.
2. **Declaration of Interest:**
  - a. **Register of Interests** – No changes declared.
  - b. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests** – None.
  - c. **Other Disclosable Interests** – None.
3. **Dispensations** –
  - a. To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011)  
No Dispensations requested.
4. **Public Question Time** – No matters were raised.
5. **Minutes** of Monthly Parish Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2013 were agreed by all and signed by Chairman.
6. **District Cllrs report** – Apologies received.  
**County Cllrs report** – Apologies received. Written report circulated gave updates on £30 million savings WCC need to make next year, services being reviewed. Small amount of money for road/footway repairs available. Some Divisional Funds left for worthy causes. County Cllr had supported residents at Sheaf House regarding their request to fell a yew tree. MHDC have placed a Tree Preservation Order on the tree. Outcome of this request not yet known.
7. **Progress reports for information:**
  - a. **Coronation Corner Wall improvements** – Clerk obtaining quotes.
  - b. **Defibrillator for Parish** – Clerk had approached local groups to see if there was any interest in helping fund machine but had little response to date.  
**The Chairman agreed to suspend the meeting at 7.40pm to allow Members of the Public to speak on this matter.**  
A member of the public stated he had approached people in village and they were willing to help with fundraising. His concerns were with weekly checks, on-going maintenance and insurance.  
**The meeting was reconvened at 7.50pm.**  
Cllrs all agreed they supported the idea and would help to fund the machine and address residents' concerns. Cllr Rochelle agreed to liaise with fundraising group and report back to Cllrs. It was agreed matter be discussed at November meeting when budget for next year will be discussed.
  - c. **Broadband** – Clerk to attend meeting with supplier and WCC next week. Some Parishes have issues regarding expected speed but no complaints have been received within this parish.
8. **Reports on Meeting attended by Clerk or Councillors:**  
**Clerks/ Cllrs Networking meeting (24<sup>th</sup> September)** - Clerk attended. It was useful to meet Cllrs/Clerks from other Parishes; we all have similar concerns/issues. One Parish had obtained free 30mph stickers from Police to stick on wheelie bins. Clerk to enquire for this Parish.
9. **Finances** –
  - a. **Payments made** – Hollands Coaches 26wks (27/03-24/09) = £360.00, Forest & Garden Machinery (2<sup>nd</sup> payment) = £378.00, WCALC (Networking meeting 29/09) = £5.00.
  - b. **To report receipts since last meeting** – Current Acc – MHDC Precept (2<sup>nd</sup> payment) = £3325.00, Interest on Investment Acc = September 2013 = £0.48.

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- c. **Bank Reconciliation** – Signed for September 2013. Balance agreed as Current Account = £9283.81, Investment Account = £5681.90.

### 10. Planning:

- a. Plans circulated since last meeting – **See item 14.**  
b. Decisions received since last meeting – **None**  
c. Plans for comment on tonight – **None**

### 11. Road report

- a. **Lengthsman** – grips/drains need clearing.  
b. **Any problems to report** – potholes in centre of Bayton and in Church Lane.  
c. **Updates** – Clerk waiting for update from WCC Highways Officer for all issues listed.  
Nineveh Road, Houghtons Pole Bridge repairs.  
Beach Hay road repairs at top end of road by Teddon Farm to Beach Hay cross roads  
B4202 repairs from Beach Hay crossroads to corners past Carton Farm.  
Water running onto road at Carton Farm – It is thought a pipe should be under road, if it can be found WCC will take action. Clerk has contacted local drainage person who will look at and advise for free.

12. **Supporting Elderly/Vulnerable Residents during severe weather** – Cllr requested this be on agenda. Another parish had set up a scheme to put vulnerable residents in contact with willing helpers. It is thought residents within Parish look after the vulnerable in their neighbourhood but Clerk to contact known residents at risk to see if they need help. It was agreed to put in November Newsletter.

### 13. Correspondence for information –

A list of items will be available at the meeting.

#### **Forth coming meetings/dates -**

CALC AGM 10<sup>th</sup> October 7pm – Worcester and MHDC 2<sup>nd</sup> Parish Conference 17<sup>th</sup> October 7pm – Malvern – no Cllrs able to attend, Clerk to attend both meetings and report back.  
MHDC Overview and Scrutiny Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> October 6.30pm – Malvern – no one able to attend.

### 14. Clerks report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting –

**Plans – 13/00927/LBC + 13/00926/HOU – Garden Cottage, Bayton – Alterations and extension to studio and shed.** This application was viewed at close of September meeting and also emailed to everyone. It was agreed to support the application.

### 15. Councillors' reports and items for the next agenda.

**Agenda items** – November Newsletter, Defibrillator for Parish. Chairman and Vice Chairman to meet with Clerk before next meeting for yearly review.

### 16. Date of next meeting: **TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> November 2013 AT 7.30PM**

### 17. Meeting Closed 8.15pm.

Signed----- Date 12th November 2013  
Chairman

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## COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

### 1. ECONOMY

Although the economy shows good signs of recovery, the finances of the County Council are still under pressure, with the need to save £30 million in the coming year. There is no easy way to achieve that saving and it may mean a review and curtailment of some services.

### 2. HIGHWAYS

Please let me know of any particular problems in the carriageways or footways. As you know there is a small amount of money I can deploy to repair roads and pavements and it will go to the most deserving cases, which generally means the first I hear about...

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### **3. WASTE AND ENERGY**

The Cabinet will now be presented with a report on the financing of the Energy from Waste plant at Hartlebury in November, as the Government has, at the last minute, suggested we should be talking to the banks as another source of finance for the project. This is the last hurdle before the project gets the final go ahead, which will be in the near future.

I will be attending a briefing for councillors on the financing of the project next Monday.

### **4. SCHOOLS**

As part of its general review of services, the County is going out to consultation with the schools on the support services it provides at present, such as the extra pastoral and school improvement services. This may result in schools commissioning their own support, as might be expected from academies or groups of academies, or they may stay within the Local Authority system.

### **5. DIVISIONAL FUND**

In addition to the highways monies, there is still money available in my Divisional Fund, should anyone know of deserving causes.

### **6. TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS**

I supported Mr and Mrs Oakes in their application to remove the yew tree in their garden at the Sheaf House. I have not been informed of the outcome but would like to reassure anyone that I m willing to help in such cases, if they feel in need of some support when fighting officialdom.

**County Cllrs Ken Pollock,  
8<sup>th</sup> October 2013**