

BAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting of Bayton Parish Council held in Bayton Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th November 2013

Present: Cllr Blount (Chairman), Cllr Salisbury (Vice Chairman),
Cllr Taylor, Cllr Carver, Cllr Clarke, Cllr Miles

In Attendance: Clerk, 1 Member of the Public, County Cllr Ken Pollock.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Rochelle, apologies received and accepted.
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** – See notes at end of minutes.
5. **Minutes** of Monthly Parish Council Meeting held on 8th October 2013 were agreed by all and signed by Chairman.
6. **District Cllrs report** – None given.
County Cllrs report – Written report circulated and is attached to end of minutes. Concerns were raised regarding the website information given to parents trying to pick a school for their 11year olds. Transport details not clear and when bus company asked they were not helpful. County Cllr stated transport was given to nearest school. He noted concerns. County Cllr was thanked for the grant given towards the tarmac laid by the Church lych-gate. It is a vast improvement and many comments have been made.
7. **Progress reports for information:**
 - a. **Coronation Corner Wall improvements** – Clerk obtaining quotes.
 - b. **Defibrillator for Parish** – County Cllr had donated £500.00 from his Divisional Fund for this machine and £200.00 had been promised from the Christmas Lunch Team. It was agreed to pay donated money into Parish Council Bank Account under Reserved Funds for Defib. Machine only. It was also agreed to help fund machine for Clows Top as well as Bayton.
8. **Reports on Meeting attended by Clerk or Councillors:**

CALC AGM 10th October, MHDC 2nd Parish Conference 17th October, CALC Executive Meeting 22nd October. Clerk attended all meetings and gave brief report.
Bayton Village Hall representative missed last hall meeting due to late notice of date so could not give a report.
9. **Finances** –
 - a. **Payments made** – LM August/September 2013 = £374.40. Cheque 100289 written to Bayton Village Hall had been cancelled due to being out of date, Invoice for the payment not received.
 - b. **To report receipts since last meeting** – Interest on Investment Acc = October 2013 = £0.47.
 - c. **Bank Reconciliation** – Signed for October 2013. Balance agreed as Current Account = £7955.95, Investment Account = £5682.37.
 - d. To discuss precept for 2014-15 - A budget was presented to the meeting. It was agreed to discuss this in January when details of any proposed capping by the Government will be known.
 - e. To report on changing bank account to Lloyds – Clerk and Cllr had visited local bank but everything has to be done by telephone. It was agreed to stay with HSBC.
 - f. To agree signatories for Bank Mandate for HSBC – it was agreed all Cllrs be signatories, mandate signed. Clerk to action. It was agreed Cllrs who oversee Bank Reconciliations will not sign cheques.

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10. Planning:

- a. Plans circulated since last meeting – None
- b. Decisions received since last meeting –
13/00927/LBC + 13/00926/HOU – Garden Cottage, Bayton – Alterations and extension to studio and shed. These plans were REFUSED by MHDC.
- c. Plans for comment on tonight –
13/01122/FUL – Mole End, Clows Top - Erection of Eco-Holiday let following demolition of existing buildings. After much discussion four Cllrs agreed to support the application, one Cllr voted against and one Cllr did not vote. Concerns were raised regarding visibility of the building; it was felt, due to its location, this would be minimal. Comments to be passed to MHDC.
13/01256/HOU – Box Cottage, Clows Top – Replacement of existing veranda with new garden room, rebuild existing porch to front of house and new double garage.
It was agreed to support this application.
13/01060/FUL – Fortunes Green, Clows Top – Retention of brick building (Retrospective)
Clerk and two Cllrs have always known a building of this size to be on this site with small parking area. The roof of the building was metal and needed attention following a storm. It was agreed to support this application and pass local information to MHDC.

11. Road report

- a. **Lengthsman** – grips/drains need clearing.
- b. **Any problems to report** – potholes by turning into Plowstall House/Dairy Barn, Bayton.
- c. **Updates** – Clerk had meeting with Ian Bamford from Highways and is waiting for update on all issues listed as they were brought to his attention. WCC to work with this Parish to try to improve some of the systems being used.
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. **November Newsletter** – Cllrs agreed to deliver as usual. Clerk to send out draft before printing.

13. Correspondence for information –

- A list of items will be available at the meeting.
Forth coming meetings/dates -
CALC Insurance and Protecting your money 18th November

14. **Clerks report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting – None**

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

- Agenda items** – Defibrillator for Parish, replacement of waste bin at Beach Hay.
Reports of mud on roads had been passed to Clerk – Advice from Police to be printed and passed to all farmers in Parish.

16. **Date of next meeting: TUESDAY 14th JANUARY 2014 AT 7.30PM**

17. **Cllrs to agree to close the meeting to the Public due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.**

18. **Clerks Review** – no issues of concern raised. It was agreed to give Clerk Incremental increase of Salary to Pay Scale SCP 18 (£9.009 per hour) from 1st November 2013. A National Salary increase from 1st April 2013 has also been agreed and SCP 17 to be increased to £8.835 per hour from that date.

19. **Meeting Closed 8.45pm.**

Signed----- Date 14th January 2014
Chairman_____

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Member of the Public present was asked if they were happy for donations for the Defib. Machine to be held in Parish Council Bank account under reserved funds. They agreed to this if other interested residents were agreeable. Clerk to action.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT NOVEMBER 2014

1. FINANCE

The County is developing plans to save £30 next financial year and £25 million for the three years after that. Prominent savings will need to be made in bus subsidies – the only one that comes near this area is the 291 R&B service from Tenbury to Kidderminster. At present that is subsidised to the tune of £3.11 per passenger, even though there are 21,878 passengers per year. It is most likely that the frequency of the service would be affected, although we are just entering a consultation phase.

We are just starting a consultation on this plan to save £3million by eliminating these subsidies. The result of this consultation is unlikely to be the stopping of all these services, but rather some trimming of frequency and the like to make them commercial. It should be remembered that 80% of all the County's bus services are profitable and receive no subsidy.

Bus Changes - Please let me know of your response to this possible change in level of service between Tenbury and Kidderminster, and do urge as many people as possible to take part in the consultation, so that any changes can reflect the needs of the residents.

Adult Social Care - the intention is to try and build on the personalisation agenda where people choose to spend their money as they wish and encourage more people to take control of their care. This will probably mean more people being cared for in their own homes, which is preferable all round, if feasible.

At last Thursday's Cabinet meeting there were 10 contributions from the public about the changes planned under the Future Lives initiative. Many people made strong cases for maintaining their services and these will be taken into account in the consultation. It should be emphasised that all of these services for the disabled people subject to possible cuts are discretionary and not statutory and some other counties spend nothing at all on some of them.

Children's services are absorbing a lot of money, with an increase in the numbers of looked after children, which means an extra £2.5 million on their budget next year.

Services under increasing pressure will be positive activities for youth, arts and the countryside, while road maintenance is seen by the public as very important. A new contract is being signed soon and that is likely to result in the same standard of care for less money.

2. MINERALS

The County has developed, as is required, a minerals policy, whereby all potential mineral deposits are mapped and assessed. It can be viewed on the website, but there is nothing of interest in this parish, so there should be no cause for any anxiety about exploiting such reserves.

3. PLANNING

Personally, I was disappointed to see that the tree preservation order at Sheaf Hose was not rescinded. With others, I supported the couple who believe the tree is damaging their house and impeding their opportunities to sell the property.

4. HIGHWAYS

I trust the meeting with the highways representative was successful. I have passed on the request from the school to upgrade the gritting route passed the school to primary status, to help the school stay open in bad weather. In the financial stringency of the moment, there are plans to remove the councillors' discretionary highways money, worth about £5,000 per year. In fact, this year we have extra funds available, and I would be keen to know of any small highway maintenance problems that could be eligible for this support.

5. USE OF THE WCC WEBSITE

I am very pleased to see that you are using the County website for your parish meeting notices. I would be interested to hear of your experiences with the facility, which, in theory, should be better than running one's own. Some parishes use the site to link to their own sites, which is an appropriate alternative.

Would it be possible to publish my reports in the minutes on the website as well? When a written report is submitted, it could presumably be added to the minutes for all and sundry to read.

6. DIVISIONAL FUND

I have submitted a request for support for your application for a parish defibrillator, recognising that the ambulance service is concerned that their response times will be worse in future.

Despite that, there is some money left in the divisional fund, should another good cause spring to mind in your parish.

County Cllr Ken Pollock,
12th November 2013