

BAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting of Bayton Parish Council held in Bayton Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13th January 2015

Present: Cllr Blount (Chairman), Cllr Salisbury,
Cllr Carver, Cllr Miles, Cllr Rochelle

In Attendance: Clerk, 3 Members of the Public and County Cllr Ken Pollock.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Taylor, Cllr Clarke, apologies received and accepted by Cllrs.
2. **Declaration of Interest:**
 - a. **Register of Interests** – No changes declared.
 - b. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests** – All Cllrs – items 7(a) and 9(d) due to all Cllrs having a potential benefit from this expenditure. Item 10c Planning 14/01687/FUL – Cllr Miles due to applicant being a friend.
 - c. **Other Disclosable Interests** – as above.
3. **Dispensations** –
 - a. To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) –
 - **Dispensations granted** – All Cllrs were granted a Dispensation in April 2014 until May 2015 for all matters in items 7(a) and 9(a). Cllr Clarke sent apologies no dispensation needed.
4. **Public Question Time** – See notes at end of minutes.
5. **Minutes** of Parish Council Meeting held on 11th November 2014. Clerk reported complaints had been received from electors regarding wording/contents of November minutes item 8 and conduct of Cllrs (circulated). After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Miles, seconded by Cllr Salisbury and agreed by all that minutes as drafted by Clerk be signed by Chairman.
6. **District Cllrs report** – Apologies received.
County Cllrs report – Attended meeting, report at end of minutes. Outstanding road issues to be reported to County Cllr by Clerk for investigation. Regional Growth Funding available until end of January for conversion of farm buildings to workshops.
7. **Progress reports for information:**
 - a. **Defibrillator Machines** – Further training being look into, notice to be worded for boxes to state where donations were received from.
8. **Reports on Meeting attended by Clerk or Councillors:**

Bayton Village Hall Meetings - Chairman, Clerk and Cllr attended meetings. See item 12 below.
Clerk attended Elections briefing – some changes, details to be circulated when received.
9. **Finances:**
 - a. **Payments made** – Information Commissioner (Data Protection 2015-16) = £35.00, WCALC (Training 8th October) = £30.00, Mr I Mapp (LM October/November/December 2014) = £585.00.
 - b. **To report receipts since last meeting** – WCC LM August/September 2014 = £325.00.
 - c. **Bank Reconciliation** – Signed for November/December 2014. Balance agreed as Current Account = £15445.35. Investment Account £0.30 (Clerk in process of closing this account).
 - d. **To consider request for precept for 2015-16** – a budget was circulated. After discussion it was agreed to increase precept to £7350.00 for 2015/16, an increase of £350.00.
10. **Planning:**
 - a. **Plans circulated since last meeting** – None
 - b. **Decisions received since last meeting** –
14/01396/LBC – Stone Cottage Bayton – Replace 2 ground floor and 2 first floor casement windows on the south front elevations. **Approved by MHDC.**

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14/00869/FUL – 1 The Terrace, Clows Top - Two storey extension to rear of existing terraced dwelling to provide extended kitchen and living area at ground floor and 1 no. additional bedroom at first floor. **Refused by MHDC.**

14/00666/FUL – Fortunes Green, Clows Top – Proposed extension and conversion of outbuilding to living accommodation. **Refused by MHDC.**

14/01133/HOU – The Reading Room, Bayton – Conservatory to cottage and erection of outbuilding to be used as a carport and dependent relative's accommodation. **Refused by MHDC.**

14/00422/FUL – Land adj Pucknells Farm, Hollywell Lane, Clows Top, DY14 9NS – Location of static caravan behind a large agricultural shed on agricultural land for occasional family use. **Withdrawn by applicant.**

c. Plans for comment on tonight – Cllr Miles left meeting.

14/01687/FUL – Land at Hollywell Lane, Clows Top, DY14 9NS – Provision of a single timber clad cabin for tourist use with veranda decking, suitable landscaping and 2 no. parking spaces on a gravelled hard standing area and access track - after much discussion it was agreed by all to object to this application. Concerns were application does not comply with MHDC Adopted Local Plan, applicant could accommodate cabin in curtilage of his own property not on agricultural land, neighbouring field is already a Park Home business and this application could be used to extend that site. Concerns regarding effects on ancient hedgerow and wildlife. Clerk to draft comments for Cllrs approval. **Cllr Miles returned to meeting.**

11. Road report

- a. **Lengthsman** – Drains cleared, no areas of concern.
- b. **Any problems to report** – fallen tree on Beach Road not cleared, Clerk to contact landowner.
- c. **Updates** – Nineveh Road, Houghtons Pole Bridge repairs, Beach Hay Road repairs – to report to County Cllr.
Carton Farm water on B4202 – no update.

12. Bayton Village Hall –

- a. **To address concerns raised by residents regarding Constitution and related matters. Chairman suspended meeting at 8.16pm for members of public to speak if they wished.**
One member of Bayton Village Hall Committee stated she felt the last hall meeting was very positive and the new committee can now move forward. All present stressed the need to work together for the benefit of the Community. It was confirmed, at the hall meeting, the 1987 Constitution was the legal document for the new committee to adhere, it is being updated but no major changes being made. Clerk to obtain copy when updated.
Chairman resumed meeting at 8.25pm
- b. **To elect a named Cllr to Bayton Village Hall Committee as a full Trustee.**
Letter from hall Chairman read out which stated representatives are full trustees and have voting rights. It was agreed Cllr Salisbury be representative. Letter to be sent to hall Chairman confirming appointment and requesting copy of hall insurance.

13. Correspondence for information –

Items available at the meeting – list in folder.
Clows Top Amateur Productions – letter of thanks read out following payment of grant for 2014.

14. Clerks report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting –

Complaint regarding Parish Council meeting held on 11th November item 7(b) (circulated).
Chairman and Clerk had addressed concerns raised following November meeting. Further advice being sought from Information Commissioners Office regarding data protection procedures.

Complaints regarding dog mess Clows Top – Clerk to put up notices, B4202 pavements and Yew Tree Lane, Clows Top, also Bayton Church area.

Payment 29th December 2014 Staples UK = £159.88 (November Newsletter/Defib information/Printer ink)

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

Agenda items – Defibrillator Training, Clerks Review, Lengthsman Contract 2015/16, Mowing contract for Severne Green. Grant to Bayton Village Hall Committee.

16. Date of next meeting: **TUESDAY 10th February 2015 AT 7.30PM**

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17. Meeting Closed 8.33pm.

Signed---*Bob Blount*----- Date 10th February 2015
Chairman

New Noticeboards - Resident asked when they would be put up, Cllr Miles has it on list to do.
WCC Website for Parishes – County Cllr reported there was a problem but it is being looked into by WCC. Access via Act Local website or name of Parish as a web search.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

1. Budgetary Forecast

The budget for the year 14/15 will come before Cabinet and Council in the near future. It is worth noting that at present we still need to find £2.4 million of savings for that financial year, and looking ahead, the shortfalls in succeeding years are £6.2m, £12.0m and £22.6m. From these figures it is clear to all that we will not be in a position to consider increasing spending on new projects in the near future.

Much of the increases in spending we do have to accommodate concern adult social care and looked-after children, as in the latter case demand has increased by 18% in just the last year. This will require a combined total of about £7million.

2. Tenbury Public Realm update

Work started yesterday and will be working from the Market towards Crow Corner. A leaflet describing what is happening and various movement restrictions has been distributed and Terry Godwin of Ringway will be operating from No 4 Market Street, using it as a site office for answering queries and solving problems during the period of work. That is scheduled to be complete by the end of March.

After objections from Alan Eachus and others, further investigations were made and a source of clay pavers was found that would meet the slipperiness criteria specified by the County's maintenance department. These will be marginally more expensive to buy and lay than the concrete versions previously chosen, but should overcome the objections voiced by some on the stakeholder group and others.

In the first week of the year, Dave Lewis, the new CEO of Tesco, wrote to me, among others, to explain that Tenbury was not one of the 49 sites that Tesco was no longer going to develop. This is in addition to the 100 sites they released last spring. This is undoubtedly good news for Tenbury, as it encourages us to believe that the store will be built in the not too distant future and thus the designated monies will be released for the town. (The letter will be posted on the Tenbury town Council website soon.)

These monies amount to £95,000 to support local bus services and will thus be used by the Tenbury Transport Trust, and a sum of money under S278 to help complete phase 2 of the Public Realm work, along Teme Street.

3. Winter Gritting

In view of the fact that there has been a lot of publicity about a cut in the gritting budget, I would like to explain the real situation. There is the same level of salt stocks available (15,000tonnes at the start of the winter), there is the same number of vehicles (31) available to spread it, (using the new brine system that makes it more efficient) and the same number of operative available to drive the vehicles. The only change was to put a line in the budget that reflected average usage rather than an extreme, with the obvious possibility of extra funds being drawn from reserves, if they were needed.

Despite it being a mild winter, gritters have been out on several occasions and will no doubt be out tonight again, given the difficult forecast.

4. Project Optimise

The County is running a Project Optimise with councils at all levels to see if we can remove duplication and promote joint working across the spectrum. Three pilot areas have been selected to see how this may work before it is rolled out across the county as a whole.

Cllr Ken Pollock,