

# BAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting of Bayton Parish Council held in Bayton Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10th March 2015

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

**In Attendance:** Clerk, County Cllr Ken Pollock, District Cllr Chris Dell, 5 Members of the Public.

1. **Apologies:** None received.
2. **Declaration of Interest:**
  - a. **Register of Interests** – No changes declared.
  - b. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests** – All Cllrs – items 7(a) and 13 due to all Cllrs having a potential benefit from these items.
  - 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). All Cllrs were granted a Dispensation to speak and vote on item 13, Clows Top shop until May 2015.
4. **Public Question Time** – See notes at end of minutes.
5. **Minutes** of Parish Council Meeting held on 10 February 2015 were agreed and signed by Chairman.
6. **District Cllrs report** – Report at end of minutes.  
**County Cllrs report** – Report at end of minutes.
7. **Progress reports for information:**
  - a. **Defibrillator Machines** – Ambulance service have again been approached for training session, no response received. Local nurse will be able to do sessions in summer.
8. **Reports on Meeting attended by Clerk or Councillors:**  
Clerk attend MHDC Elections meeting, election paperwork given out.
9. **Finances:**
  - a. **Payments made** – Mr G Passey (noticeboard fastenings) = £27.12, Hollands Coaches (minibus 13wks) = £180.00, Staples UK Ltd (ink, photocopying Parish Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> March).
  - b. **To report receipts since last meeting** – Balance of Santander reserves account transferred to HSBC account = £0.30.
  - c. **Bank Reconciliation** – Signed for February 2015. Balance agreed as £14363.21.
  - d. **Bank Mandate for HSBC signed in June 2014** – It was agreed Clerk send letter of complaint to HSBC. They have lost new mandate but blamed Cllr Clarke for their error.
10. **Planning:**
  - a. **Plans circulated since last meeting** – None
  - b. **Decisions received since last meeting** –
  - c. **14/00901/S73 - Clay Farm, Clows Top DY14 9NN** - Removal of condition 2 of Planning Permission MH76/374 (agricultural occupancy condition). **Approved by MHDC.**
  - d. **Plans for comment on tonight** – None.
11. **Road report**
  - a. **Lengthsman** – No areas of concern. Awaiting new contract from WCC.

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- b. **Any problems to report** – none.
- c. **Updates** – Nineveh Road, Houghtons Pole Bridge – Clerk to send photo into WCC.  
Beach Hay Road – is rough but some potholes have been repaired.
12. **Clows Top Village Hall (circulated)** – The Hall have advised they have received funding from elsewhere and wish to withdraw their grant request.
13. **Clows Top Community Shop Steering Group** – a Parish Meeting was held at Clows Top Village Hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> March to discuss the closure of Clows Top Shop/PO, draft minutes in files. A Steering Group was formed to look into options for Community Shop. Dist Cllr had given grant of £100.00 towards any costs this group may incur. As the group are working for the Parish the Parish Council will need to cover initial costs. Group to report to Parish Council at next meeting.
14. **Newsletter and Annual Parish Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015** – Newsletter to include Website, Clows Top Shop, Defib training.
15. **Correspondence for information** –  
Items available at the meeting – list in folder.  
**Complaints – Letter from Bayton Village Hall Committee regarding two Cllrs** (circulated).  
Clerk has been advised by County Association such complaints should not be discussed at Council meetings. A letter has been sent to Hall Committee advising them of the Councils position (circulated). Hall Committee were advised to approach Cllrs personally or, if they feel the Code of Conduct had been breached, the matter should be reported to Monitoring Officer at MHDC.
16. **Clerks report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting** – None.
17. **Councillors' reports and items for the next agenda.**  
**Agenda items** – Defibrillator Training, Clows Top Shop.
18. Date of next meeting: **TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015 AT 7.30pm**
19. **Meeting Closed 8.11pm.**

Signed----- Date 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015  
Chairman

No matters were raised.

**District Cllrs Report** – MHDC are sharing staff with Wychavon to cut costs. Above average planning appeals being lost. Tree at Sheaf House – request has been made for this to go to Planning Committee. Clows Top Shop – granted £100.00 towards printing costs of group looking into matter, also granted £94.00 to Bayton Village Hall Committee for fencing on Recreation Ground, money to be paid into Parish Council account. Tree Preservation Order for Sheaf House tree – Dist Cllr was asking for this to go to Planning Committee for decision. County Cllr had supported applicant who want to cut down tree due to property damage.

### **County Cllrs Report**

#### **Local Issues**

It was very informative to attend last week's meeting concerning the Clows Top shop and post office. There is clearly a lot of support for the idea of taking over the existing shop or establishing a community shop in its place. I was disappointed that the existing owner and his supporters did not stay to take part in the discussion, which indicates a loss of faith between both sides of the issue. The idea of running the shop with local volunteers is excellent and has been successful elsewhere in the county. I must advise that it does need a large group of people offering to help and most importantly strong and charismatic leadership to get the project off the ground. I wish the steering group formed at the meeting every possible success and can only offer support and non-expert guidance, if requested.

**Tenbury Public Realm update** - progressing well, Starting next Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March, the pattern of work will change from 6pm to 6am, 7 day a week working. This will be combined with road closures as required. Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times. At present, the work is expected to be completed by the end of March, as originally planned. Anyone with questions or queries during

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the day can seek out Terry Godwin of Ringway around the works or in No 4 Market Street, where they can see detail plans of the whole works.

Work to demolish parts of the old fire station was completed last week. This will guarantee the planning permission granted to Tesco to remain in perpetuity, and, although it does not mean that Tesco will definitely build in Tenbury, I remain confident that they will in the next year or so.

**Café 27 in Tenbury** - Funding for positive activities for young people is being cut again from April 2016. I am sure I do not need to tell all local representatives how valuable this facility is to the whole community. Personally, I would not rule out sponsorship from a company or individual and I am sure benefits would accrue from such support to those involved.

**Foster Carers** - You may be aware we have experienced an increase in looked after children in the County. We also have a need for more foster carers. You can get in touch via a website cleverly called [www.isfostering4me.co.uk](http://www.isfostering4me.co.uk) or call 0800 028 2158.

**Economic development** - Worcestershire has posted the third largest economic growth in England over last four years. It just falls behind Oxford and London with growth of 12.09% between 2010 and 2013. It is clear that the economy is reviving strongly and this county is doing better than virtually anywhere in the country.

**Winter gritting** - We have reached the start of March without much disruption due to bad weather. This will have saved overtime payments to gritter lorry drivers and meant that we will carry a large stockpile of salt into next winter.

We will hope to be able to continue with the programme of road surface improvements and pothole filling, using the special multi million pound fund allocated by Department of Transport.

Please use the online system for reporting road defects and let me know of any difficulties with the system or dissatisfaction with the quality of the work done.

**Cllr Ken Pollock**

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