

BAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting of Bayton Parish Council held in Bayton Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 14th JULY 2015

Present: Cllr Blount (Chairman), Cllr Taylor, Cllr Miles

In Attendance: Clerk, County Cllr.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Clarke, Cllr Rochelle, Cllr Carver, Cllr Salisbury - 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) –
 - **Dispensations** – none requested.
4. **Public Question Time** – No Members of the Public in attendance.
5. **Minutes** of Monthly Parish Council Meeting held on 9th June 2015 were agreed and signed by Chairman.
6. **District Cllrs report** – Apologies received.
County Cllrs report – Attended meeting, a summary of his report at end of minutes.
7. **Progress reports for information:**
 - a. **Community Shop Steering Group** – Public meeting held on 11th June showed support to proceed with the project. The group have held meetings and various options are being considered.
8. **Reports on Meeting attended by Clerk or Councillors:**

Chairman and Clerk met with some of Bayton School Governors on 6th July and some of Bayton Village Hall Trustees on 13th July. Both groups agreed the idea of a larger meeting in October be arranged to include Church representatives. Aim is closer working for all groups. Clerk to action.
9. **Finances:**
 - a. **Payments made** –Mamble PC 50% grant for minibus = £125.00.
 - b. **To report receipts since last meeting** – Shropshire Council £250.00 minibus grant (50% to be paid to Mamble PC), WCC LM October/November 2014 + January/February/March 2015 = £812.50.
 - c. **Bank Reconciliation June 2015** – Signed by Cllr, balance agreed as £15831.28.
 - d. **Budget to 30th June 2015** – (circulated) – Clerk confirmed reserves of £6000.00 is for unexpected costs.
10. **Planning:**
 - a. **Plans circulated since last meeting** – None
 - b. **Decisions received since last meeting** –
 - 15/00397/FUL - Clay Farm, Clows Top DY14 9NN – Conversion of Clay Pigeon Shooting Club House to a single dwelling house. **Approved by MHDC.**
 - 15/00405/FUL – Clay Farm, Clows Top DY14 9NN – Erection of livestock building and new access track to building off existing access. **Approved by MHDC.**
 - 15/00567/HOU – 1 Deeter Cottage, The Terrace, Clows Top DY14 9PA – Two storey extension to existing cottage. **Approved by MHDC.**
 - c. **Plans for comment on tonight** – None.

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11. Road report

- a. Lengthsman – No areas of concern.
- b. Any problems to report – Beach Hay Road crossroads pothole.

12. Review of Bayton Conservation Area – MHDC have advised due to cutbacks no reviews are being undertaken in the foreseeable future.

13. Complaints Procedure (circulated) – to be discussed at next meeting when more Cllrs present.

14. Correspondence for information –

Items available at the meeting – list in folder.

Road Closure – MAMBLE TO BAYTON FROM 20TH JULY FOR 3 WEEKS

15. Clerks report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting – None.

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

Agenda items – Community Shop, Meeting dates 2016

17. Date of next meeting: **TUESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 7.30pm**

18. Meeting Closed 7.52pm.

Signed----- Date 8th September 2015

Chairman

COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

1. WCC finances and budget

George Osborne's July budget offered little of comfort to local authorities, except for the pledge to hold salaries in the public service to an annual 1% rise over the life of the parliament. This will help to help handle the continued squeeze on the Council's finances. We will continue to make savings and use commissioning where appropriate to maintain service levels at a reasonable cost. Continued support for apprentices and a shift in attention from academic outcomes to vocational training, generally instead of higher education, will help re-balance our educational system. The encouragement of housing on brownfield sites is to be welcomed, but you will be aware that our South Worcestershire Development Plan is the over-riding priority in this area. We have plans for plenty of houses and we hope the inspector will approve the areas for development included in it.

2. Clows Top Shop

I have been impressed by the efforts to provide an alternative to the recently closed shop at Clows Top. There is little I can do in a material sense to forward the moves, but I am totally in support of the idea of a community shop. I lived for a while in Whitbourne and they have developed their shop from a tiny place to a magnificent premises. This was financed by a large grant and I hope that your leaders will be able to follow a similar path. What is essential is a team of dedicated volunteers to set up and run the operation, and you have a good core of such people here and I wish you every success.

3. Verge cutting

The County has the duty of keeping verges trimmed, but its remit is largely to do with safety. At last week's Full Council meeting a notice of motion sought to commit Worcestershire to being a Pollinator Friendly County. The intention is that we should support the essential work of pollinating insects by making minimal cuts of verges and other open grassland owned by the County. This will now be considered by the Cabinet and is in support of a policy announced by Liz Truss of Defra last November. I would be grateful if anyone could tell me of places where we have been over-zealous and cut more than necessary.

4. Footways and carriageways

I am in process of compiling a list of footways – i.e. footpaths alongside roadways – that are in need of repair. Please let me know of any footways that need urgent attention. I have some money to allocate to this effort and some also to repair the carriageway. Again, please let me know if there are places that need work immediately.

I am encouraged to see the good work done on the Mamble road out of Bayton, that now is surfaced to a high standard. More such examples of poor conditions would be welcome, if they exist.

5. Divisional Fund

All of my grants are detailed on the WCC website, as for all councillors, and you may care to have a look sometime. I am anxious to see that as many causes as possible should benefit from this funding, and would encourage anyone who knows of a need that might be helped by a small amount of money to please get.

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