

BAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting of Bayton Parish Council held in Bayton Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9th February 2016

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

In Attendance: Clerk, District Cllr, County Cllr and two Members of the Public.

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs Carver and Clarke both sent apologies which were accepted by Cllrs.
2. **To appoint Vice Chairman** – Due to resignation of Vice Chairman (see 8b) it was agreed by all to appoint Cllr Taylor to this role.
3. **Declaration of Interest:**
 - a. **Register of Interests** – No changes declared.
 - b. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests** – None.
 - c. **Other Disclosable Interests** – None.
4. **Dispensations** –
 - a. To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) –
 - **Dispensations** – none requested.
5. **Public Question Time** – See notes at end of minutes.
6. **Minutes** of Monthly Parish Council Meeting held on 12th January 2016 were agreed and signed by Chairman.
7. **District Cllrs report** – Report given, summary at end of minutes.
County Cllrs report – Report given, summary at end of minutes.
8. **Progress reports for information:**
 - a. **Defibrillator for Bayton Common** – Despite applying to British Heart Foundation for grant in autumn the application has not been processed due to their funds running out. Funds may be on offer in future. Clerk to look at costs of purchasing Defib and Box. Free training equipment for CPR has been obtained, Clerk to arrange training dates.
 - b. **Vacancy on Parish Council** – Due to resignation of Cllr Salisbury a vacancy has been advertised on noticeboards. MHDC will inform Clerk if vacancy can be filled by co-option.
 - c. **Community Shop Grants held in Accounts** – After much discussion it was agreed by all to keep the funds for future project yet to be decided.
9. **Reports on Meeting attended by Clerk or Councillors:**

Clerk attended - MHDC Neighbourhood Planning presentation 28th January, details circulated. MHDC keen to help with NHPs but Cllrs and residents need to be involved. Could be useful to have for the future.
10. **Finances:**
 - a. **Payments** – Mr I Mapp (LM Nov/Dec 2015/Jan 2016) = £585.00.
 - b. **To report receipts since last meeting** – WCC LM payments Aug/Sept 2015 = £325.00.
 - c. **Bank Reconciliation January 2016** – Signed by Cllr, balance agreed as £17577.17.
 - d. **Change of Bank Account** – Due to one Cllr having problems with ID mandate has been returned by bank. It was agreed mandate should include Cllr Blount, Cllr Miles, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Rochelle and Clerk.
 - e. **To appoint Internal Auditor 2015-16 accounts** – It was agreed by all to appoint usual auditor.
11. **Planning:**
 - a. **Plans circulated since last meeting** – See item 17.
 - b. **Decisions received since last meeting** –
 - 15/01607/LBC – Stone Cottage, Bayton DY14 9LW** – Replace 2 upper floor rear casement windows. Remove existing UPVC windows and fit soft wood as previous design.
 - 15/01134/FUL - Clay Farm, Clows Top DY14 9NN** - Conversion of former clay pigeon shooting club house to form dwelling together with extensions and roof alterations (amendments to planning permission 15/00397/FUL). **Both planning applications Approved by MHDC.**

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- c. **Plans for comment on tonight –**
15/01724/HOU – Fortunes Green, Clows Top DY14 9NJ – Extension and reuse of curtilage building to provide ancillary family accommodation. Plans circulated, no objections or comments were made by Cllrs.
16/00200/HOU – School Barn, Bayton DY14 9LQ – Timber cladding of the first floor southern elevation. Plans circulated, no objections or comments were made by Cllrs.
- 12. Road report**
- a. **Lengthsman** – Drains/grips cleared, some drains to be jetted.
- b. **Any problems to report** – Nineveh/Norgroves End Lanes potholes, bollards needed Nineveh Lane before river bridge.
- c. **Road Closure Bayton February 2016 (STW)** – Open meeting on 13th January attended by Clerk/Chairman. Residents on private water supply had not been sent letter from STW, Clerk to compile list to pass to STW and notice to go onto noticeboards. School have offered residents parking whilst school closed.
- 13. Maypole** – Idea to be put on May Newsletter for residents views.
- 14. Bayton Village Hall Grant application (circulated)** – After much discussion Cllr Miles proposed that a grant of £200.00 be given for upkeep of Recreation Ground. This was seconded by Cllr Taylor and agreed by all. Money to be paid after 1st April 2016.
- 15. Queens 90th Birthday Celebrations** – Cllr Clarke has confirmed Church would like to be involved and a Bring and Share lunch has been suggested. Clerk to book hall for 12th June 2016.
- 16. Correspondence for information –**
Items available at the meeting – list in folder.
Plans – 15/01388/AGR – Shakenhurst Hall, Shakenhurst, Cleobury Mortimer DY14 9AR - Prior notification of agricultural or forestry development - proposed road. This is for information only. Tracks are being made to enable wood to be removed from the ancient woodlands as part of a planned scheme.
- 17. Clerks report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting –**
WCC Conference – 24th February – 6.30pm,
MHDC Conference – 18th April – 6-8.30pm,
WCC – Traveller and Showpeople Site Allocations Development Plan Document – Town and Parish Council Briefing – 15th February 6-7pm.
- 18. Councillors' reports and items for the next agenda.**
Agenda items – Queens 90th Birthday, Lengthsman Scheme 2016-17.
- 19. Date of next meeting: TUESDAY 8th MARCH 2016 AT 7.30pm**
- 20. Meeting Closed 8.44pm.**

Signed----- Date 8th March 2016
Chairman

Residents' queries – Road closure by STW was queried, road may be open evenings/weekends but not sure until work starts.
Dist Cllr Report – South Worcestershire Development Plan to be approved by District Councils this month, details on website. Litter pick being encouraged in MHDC area over 4-6th March. New 5 year business plan being produced.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

- 1. New Cabinet Role** - Simon Geraghty was elected as the new Leader of the Conservative Group, and then as Leader of the Council. He also took on the role of Cabinet Member Responsible for Finance. This created a vacancy on Cabinet for the job that Simon had done, namely that of being responsible for the Economy, Skills and Infrastructure. He asked me to take on this new role and an announcement to that effect was made two weeks ago. This is a significant position, with a budget of around £65 million, although that is much less than the cost of the caring roles of Adult Social Care and Children's Service. The brief extends to the following areas:
1. Strategic planning – community and spatial
 2. Economic development and regeneration
 3. Business Partnerships (including Local Enterprise Partnership)
 4. Regional, European and international relationships
 5. Strategic Transportation (including Local Transport Plan)
 6. Skills Policy and Development, including training, apprenticeships, business engagement, and employment skills
 7. Broadband.

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In this context, it is worth noting again that Worcestershire's productivity is growing at a rate faster than any other area save two, namely Oxford and London. This is partly the legacy of Simon and his colleagues, and I shall do all I can to see that the performance is maintained, and where possible improved. The budget for 2016/17 will be set at the Council meeting on the 11th February. It is clear that the coming year will be one of serious austerity and we will be aiming to see that front line services are maintained as far as possible. As already announced, the County's contribution to Council Tax will increase by 3.94%, including the 2% precept that the Chancellor has allowed to be devoted to Adult Social Care. While we are proposing a balanced budget for 16/17, as we are required to do by law, there will need to be significant savings in the following financial year. At present they look to be just under £30 million and finding the best way to make those savings while safeguarding the priorities of Worcestershire residents will be a major pre-occupation for the Cabinet in the coming months.

2. Household Recycling Centre in Tenbury Wells - The new Household Recycling Centre in the

Bromyard Road Business Park will open on 18th February, the old one in the town car park will close on Saturday, the 13th. Anyone wanting to dispose of a very long list of items that would previously have gone to landfill will now find they can be placed in the appropriate skip and they will be recycled in a sensible fashion. This should raise the percentage of recyclable goods taken in by the centre from about 35% to the county average of around 75%. Once the old site has been liberated, the ground will be reinstated and devoted to more car parking spaces. It should be noted that the paper and clothing skips that were operated by the town council will now be found in the new site. This will be available for only three days a week, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, so it will be necessary to offer those items only during those times and not 24/7 as is possible at present.

3. Road repairs - The County Council is very keen to do all it can to maintain the quality of the road system as high as possible. £12 million is being devoted to this enterprise over the next two years, to attain a decent standard that can then be maintained. In addition some extra money will be devoted to improving footways across the county, amounting to about £1.7 million. Anyone coming across potholes or other defects should report them using the online system and certainly let me know if any resulting repairs do not last properly, before more extensive patching is applied.

4. Divisional Fund - Please let me know of any further small projects that might be financed in part or in full from this source, as I have some money left in the fund that needs to be allocated in the next couple of months.

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