

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 April 2016

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

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

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Carver apologies received and accepted.
2. **Declaration of Interest:**
 - a. **Register of Interests** – Clerk confirmed Cllr Edwards form has been accepted by MHDC.
 - 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 received.
4. **Public Question Time** – See notes at end of minutes.
5. **Minutes** of Monthly Parish Council Meeting held on 8th March 2016 were agreed and signed by Chairman.
6. **District Cllrs report** – Report given, summary at end of minutes.
County Cllrs report – Apologies given, report sent, summary at end of minutes.
7. **Progress reports for information:**
 - a. **Defibrillator for Bayton Common** – Worcestershire British Heart Foundation have confirmed funding not yet available. It was agreed to wait to see when funds are released.
 - b. **Defibrillator Training/Advice Cards** – Clerk to print advice cards with Newsletter. Training date to be fixed, Clerk will arrange when time permits.
 - c. **Queens 90th Birthday Celebrations 12th June** – Clerk has booked hall at cost of £20.00. It was agreed by majority to grant costs of up to £50.00 for this event including hire of hall. Cllr Miles wished it to be noted he abstained from the vote.
8. **Reports on Meeting attended by Clerk or Councillors: None.**
9. **Finances:**
 - a. **Payments** – Bayton Village Hall (**GRANT** for maintaining recreation ground 2016-17) = £200.00, Bayton PCC (**GRANT** for mowing Bayton Church Yard 2016-17) = £360.00, Mr I Mapp (March 2016) = £195.00, Bayton Parish Council (Transfer to new Bank account see e below) = £10,000.00, WCALC (New Cllrs Guide book) = £4.21, Forest & Garden Machinery (mowing Severne Green 3rd payment) = £390.00, CPRE (see c below) = £36.00.
 - b. **To report receipts since last meeting** – None.
 - c. **CPRE Donation** – It was agreed by all to grant £36.00 to this group. **It was also agreed by all, in Accordance with Powers under Section 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council should incur the expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.**
 - d. **Bank Reconciliation March 2016** – Signed by Cllr, balance agreed as £16548.24.
 - e. **Change of Bank Account** – It was agreed to transfer £10,000.00 to the Lloyds Account. Clerk to notify WCC and MHDC of changes to bank. Old account will be closed in the near future.
10. **Planning:**
 - a. **Plans circulated since last meeting** – None.
 - b. **Decisions received since last meeting** –
16/00200/HOU – School Barn, Bayton DY14 9LQ – Timber cladding of the first floor southern elevation. **Approved by MHDC.**
 - c. **Plans for comment on tonight** – None.
 - d. **1 The Leasowes, Bayton** – Dist Cllr awaiting update from Enforcement Team.
 - e. **Hopton Cottage, Bayton** – Dist Cllr awaiting update from Enforcement Team.

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11. Road report

- a. **Lengthsman** – Drains/grips cleared following heavy rain, contract to be signed, WCC will continue funding.
- b. **Any problems to report** – Bayton Village, Clows Top Road, Bayton, Nineveh/Norgroves End Lane potholes.
- c. **Meadow Farm Road, Bayton** – Clerk reported this road to County Cllr, although reported many times over the last year no work has yet been done.

Chairman closed meeting at 8.07.

Chairman apologised but he needed to make a telephone call due to severe thunder storm.

Chairman reopened meeting at 8.09.

- d. **Bayton hedgerow complaint** – Letter sent to 5 residents asking them to cut hedges. Two residents have contacted PC with comments. If hedges are not cut by end of April Clerk will inform WCC.
12. **Seat Colliers Hill, Bayton** – Seat was damaged by persons unknown. Chairman arranged repair at no cost. Original seat put up in 1988 at request of Don Evans (Postmaster at Clows Top and Dist Cllr), plaque with his name to be put on seat. Clerk to look in records for details of seat history to record in files.
13. **Bus shelter and seat at Clows Top** – It was agreed a bus shelter would have more visual impact and would need to be carefully chosen but would be of more benefit than a seat on its own. Costs/planning to be looked into, to be put on Newsletter for residents input.

14. Correspondence for information –

Items available at the meeting – list in folder.

Clay Farm - Trees at Bayton Common by side of B4202 – to be cut for safety reasons this year.

Bayton Village Hall – increase in hourly rent to £7.00 per hour.

MHDC Conference – 18th April – 6-8.30pm – all Cllrs invited.

Queens 90th Birthday Beacons – 21st April

Clows Top Village Hall AGM – 28th April – 7.30pm

Bayton Church PCC – AGM – 29th April – 7.30pm in Clows Top Mission Room.

15. Clerks report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting –

Payment 23rd March 2016 – Bayton Village Hall – Rent 2015-16 = £80.00.

Payments listed below were omitted from previous minutes due to Clerks error.

14th July 2015 – Grant Thornton (External Auditors) = £120.00.

25th November 2015 – Mr I Mapp LM October 2015 = £195.00.

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

Agenda items – Queens 90th Birthday, Bus Shelter Clows Top.

17. Date of next meeting: **TUESDAY 10th MAY 2016 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AT 7.00pm**

Followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting

18. Meeting Closed 8.27pm.

Signed----- Date 10th May 2016

Chairman

Residents' queries – Chairman attended Bayton Village Hall Curry Night, not many attended but it was enjoyed by all who went. Cllrs were encouraged to attend these events to support the hall.

Dog fouling – It was reported as a problem opposite 1 Clows Top Road, Bayton. Clerk to give signs to resident to put up. If residents can identify offender they can inform Clerk/Cllr in confidence and a letter will be sent out. If problem continues Dog Warden will be notified.

District Councillor Report

Finances still a concern, by 2020 Central Government Grants will cease to Local Authorities, they will have to rely on business rates for income but Malvern Hills is more a commute area. Government are reforming New Homes Bonus, no details of this yet, still working to share services. MHDC have a 5 year plan. Clerk to circulate.

County Councillor Report

1. **Road works** - I see that this time last month I was expecting the resurfacing of the Abberley village road between the Clows Top road and the A443 to have been completed. You will know that the timing was way off and this illustrates the reason why our highway engineers are so reluctant to tell us many weeks in advance when this sort of work is to be carried out. Roads is one of the priorities expressed by residents in our surveys and is the reason behind the £12 million programme "Driving Home", intended to raise the quality of our roads – rural and urban – over the next two years. **Please continue to use the online reporting system for any observed potholes or bad surfaces.**

2. **Public Transport** - Public transport in rural areas is one service that everyone supports, but that few people

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use. You may be aware that a service around Upton, Welland and Malvern has been given a six month extension by the WCC, as the commercial company was planning to cancel it this week. During this period, passenger numbers will be monitored to see if it is viable, on the basis of "use it or lose it". I hope that all those who might miss the services currently in place serving Bayton will continue to use them, to demonstrate the need for their existence, as there can be no certainty that they will otherwise continue.

3. Divisional Fund - Should you be aware of any further good causes that might benefit from a small donation of some hundreds of pounds from my divisional fund, then please let me know. I prefer this not to be part of a continuing commitment, as opposed, for instance, to replacing or extending equipment for use over a longer period. You can view all the allocations from the fund on the WCC website and from that get an idea of the sort of things I have chosen to support.

4. Elections - We are now in the period of purdah before the local council elections on May 5th, so no party political activity is possible. Please note also there are elections for the Police and Crime Commissioner on the same date.

Some of you may know of Abberley Parish Councillor, John Lakeman's, continued efforts to inform us of local incidents under Neighbourhood Watch. It seems to me that there has been a rash of such incidents recently, and I trust the new PCC will seek a better balance between urban and rural policing.

Cllr Ken Pollock

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