

BAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Bayton Parish Council held in Bayton Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11th April 2017

Present: Cllr Blount (Chairman), Cllr Miles
Cllr Adams, Cllr Carver

In Attendance: Clerk, No Members of the Public.

1. **Apologies:** Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Taylor.
2. **Declaration of Interest:**
 - a. **Register of Interests** – Cllrs are reminded to keep their registers updated.
 - b. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests** – None declared.
 - c. **Other Disclosable Interests** – None declared.
3. **Dispensations** –
 - a. To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) – **None requested.**
4. **Public Question Time** – No Public present.
5. **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** held on 14th March 2017 were agreed by all and signed by Chairman.
6. **County Cllr Report** – Apologies sent, report circulated noted at end of minutes.
District Cllr Report – Apologies sent, nothing of importance to report.
7. **Progress reports for information:**
 - a. **Vacancy on Parish Council** – No applications received to date.
8. **Reports on Meeting attended by Clerk or Councillors:**

WCALC Area Meeting 3rd April – Heartstart gave a presentation, only do CPR training in Malvern or nearby villages. CALC are concerned regarding low attendance at the Area Meetings. CALC to send letter to Chair of every Parish Council to ask for representatives to be sent to these meetings and suggestions for speakers.
9. **Finances** –
 - a. **Payments made** – Mr I Mapp (LM February/March 2017) = £390.00, Mr M Fisher (fitting of lights in BT Boxes) = £60.00, Mrs S Burrows (BT Box light fittings) = £56.02, WCALC (Clerks training 6th March) = £10.00, Mrs S Burrows (signs for top of BT Box Bayton Common) = £57.60, Hollands Coaches (minibus 26 weeks) = £360.00, Forest & Garden Machinery (mowing Severne Green 1st payment) = £405.00, CPRE (see item 9e) = £36.00.
 - b. **To report receipts since last meeting** – Bank Statement for March not received.
 - c. **Bank Reconciliation March 2017** – Bank Statement for March not received.
 - d. **HSBC Bank Account** – March bank statement shows nil in account. Letter signed to instruct bank to close the account.
 - e. **It was agreed by all that the Council, in accordance with its powers under Section 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following 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** –
After much discussion it was agreed by the majority to renew membership of Campaign to Protect Rural England for 2017-18 at cost of £36.00. It was felt the support of this group could be vital to this parish if a contentious planning application was received in the future.
10. **Planning:**
 - a. Plans circulated since last meeting – **None.**
 - b. **Decisions received since last meeting-**
16/01526/FUL - Colliers Hill, Bayton DY14 9NZ – Change of use of part of a field for creation of manage, and tennis court. **Approved by MHDC.**
 - c. **Plans for comment on tonight** – **None.**
 - d. **Tree Works – 17/00375/CAN – The Old Post Office, Bayton DY14 9LJ– To fell one sycamore tree.**

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11. Road report

- a. **Lengthsman** – Grips, gullies to be cleared. New contract signed.
- b. **Problems to report** – Clows Top Road, Bayton.
- c. **Pavement Clows Top** – Work now complete and all agreed vast improvement. Thanks to County Cllr for sourcing funds for this work to be done.
- d. **Clows Top Road, Bayton** – Drain by 1 The Leasowes has been blocked since December. County Cllr is looking into this matter.
- e. **Houghtons Pole Bridge** – The road has been closed due to concerns regarding the surface of the bridge. See notes below from County Cllr for latest update.

12. **Annual Parish Meeting** – Nineveh Ridge Care Farm have agreed to come and give a short talk on the work that they do.

13. Correspondence for information –

Email correspondence circulated - list in minute's folder.
Cleobury Country AGM – 11th April – 5pm – Apologies sent due to clash of dates.
MHDC Conference – 24th April – 6.00-8.30pm – Clerk to attend.
Cleobury Crime Reduction Meeting – 24th April - 11am – Clerk to attend.
CALC Spring Training Dates as circulated – Clerk booked for two dates.

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

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

Agenda items – Vacancy, End of Year Accounts.

16. Date of next meeting: TUESDAY 9th MAY 2017 – ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

To be followed by Annual Meeting of Parish Council at close of Parish Meeting.

17. Cllrs agreed to close meeting to the Public due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

18. **Coronation Corner Wall improvements** – It was agreed the cost of this is more than expected. After much discussion Cllr Carver proposed we accept the quote. This was not supported. After further discussion it was agreed to discuss at May Parish Meeting to enable residents to give their views.

19. Meeting Closed 8.20pm.

Signed----- Date 9th May 2017

Chairman

Summary of County Cllrs Report

1. - **Local road works** - It is good to see the footpath outside the Post office in Clows Top looking decently finished – and that the shop seems to be busy! I trust that in future we will not suffer as the result of such poor organisation. Your clerk is to be praised for her pursuit of this matter.
Leasowes - I note that the footway has also been done, as scheduled and looks satisfactory.
Beach Hay/Meadow Farm Roads - now very smooth following work.
Houghtons Pole Bridge - To quote the engineers report: '*Unfortunately we cannot give any timescales at the moment. We have had a meeting with Ringway and their subcontractor but they need to carry out some temporary works design to undertake the repair to the highway support in the area of washout. In the meantime Ringway have carried out a temporary diversion of the watercourse which caused the initial problem. We will update you as soon as we have any further information.*' I have urged the team to make this work a priority, so that the road can be opened as soon as possible.
2. - **Velo cycle race 24th September** - You may hear of some controversy about a big cycle race based in Birmingham, but progressing through our district and into Herefordshire. It passes through Bewdley, Great Witley (twice), Rochford, Upper Sapey, Clifton, Martley and then across Holt Bridge. It will be highly disruptive and cause a lot of long road closures, but at present WCC is working at minimising problems.
3. **Tenbury** - The new Tesco store is being opened on the 27th April and the Public Realm work paid for by Tesco will be finished in the previous week. The final section to be completed by WCC crews in the autumn.
4. **Eastham Bridge** - I am confident that the new bridge will be open to all traffic by the end of this month.
5. **Elections, May 4th** - County Council elections on May 4th, I urge everyone to use their vote.

Cllr Ken Pollock