

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 July 2018

Present: Cllr Clarke (Chairman), Cllr Miles, Cllr Adams

In Attendance: Clerk, One Member of the Public, County Cllr Ken Pollock

1. **Apologies:** Received and accepted from Cllr Williams and Cllr Kemp.
2. **Co-option of a Cllr** – No applications received. Notices for the two vacancies to remain on noticeboards.
3. **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.
4. **Dispensations** –
 - a. To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) – **None requested.**
5. **Public Question Time** – No matters raised.
6. **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** held on 12th June 2018 were agreed by all and signed by Chairman.
7. **County Cllr Report** – Report circulated, see end of minutes.
8. **District Cllr Report** – No apologies or report received.
9. **Progress reports for information** –
 - a. **Speeding awareness event** – Cllr has confirmed she is working to confirm a date with School/Police/Hall for September.
 - b. **Parking in Bayton** – Working Party have held a meeting and are working on issue.
 - c. **Waste bins for Parish** – Cllr to ask Bayton Village Hall if two metal bins at top of Recreation Ground are acceptable. Old bins on posts can then be moved to other sites to be agreed.
 - d. **Leasowes, Bayton** – Clerk to forward letter from resident to Dist Cllr as he is looking into the matter. He can then respond directly to resident. Clerk to obtain residents permission to pass letter on.
10. **Reports on Meetings attended by Clerk or Cllrs** – None.
11. **Finances** –
 - a. **Payments made** – Mr I Mapp (LM June 2018) = £195.00, Mrs S Burrows (McAfee computer security 2018-2020) = £69.99, (cheque for £109.99 written at last meeting but has been cancelled), Mamble Parish Council (50% Shropshire Council minibus grant) = £125.00, Mr F Kemp (see item 9b) = £144.36, Mrs S Burrows see item 9b) = £19.35, The Birmingham Pals (see item 9b) = £100.00, Hollands Coaches (minibus 13 weeks) = £180.00, WCALC (Clerks training 23rd May) = £10.00, Mrs S Burrows (Microsoft computer software 2018-19) = £59.99, Bayton Village Hall (mowing grant 2018-19) = £300.00.
 - b. **To report receipts since last meeting** – Shropshire Council (minibus grant 2018-19) = £250.00, WCC LM May 2018 = £162.50.
 - c. **Bank Reconciliation May/June 2018** (circulated) – Signed by Cllr balance agreed as £22731.50 in cash book.
 - d. **Bayton Village Hall grant application for mowing of Recreation Ground 2018-19** (circulated) – A grant of £360.00 has been requested. After much discussion it was agreed by all to grant £300.00 for 2018-19. Chairman thanked Hall Treasurer for providing information to Clerk so Cllrs could make an informed decision.
12. **Planning:**
 - a. **Plans circulated since last meeting** – None.
 - b. **Decisions received since last meeting** – None.
 - c. **Plans for comment on tonight** –
18/00944/HP – Parsonage Farm, Bayton, Kidderminster DY14 9LQ – Single storey rear extension. It was agreed by all to support this application.
 - d. **Planning query - 17/01663/AGR – Larches Wood At (Os 7015 7431) Clows Top – Prior notification for track**

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improvements to supply access to the whole site for the purposes of agricultural and forestry. Creation of new access onto B4202. MHDC have confirmed today they are still waiting for information from WCC.

13. Road report

- a. **Lengthsman** – Grips, gullies to be cleared.
- b. **Problems to report** – Surface dressing due to start this Friday, concerns from a resident regarding school traffic and village events this weekend. Clerk to contact School and Nursery, work should only take one day. County Cllr to ensure Highways inform School of work.

14. **Data Protection Law** (circulated) – It was agreed by all to adopt the drafted policies but to withhold publishing them until Cllrs had met to discuss them further.

15. **Standing Orders** (circulated) – It was agreed to adopt as drafted. Further policies to be drafted to cover new issues in this document.

16. **Financial Regulations** (circulated) – It was agreed by all no changes needed.

17. Correspondence for information –

Email correspondence circulated - list in minute's folder.

CALC Training dates 2018 circulated.

SWDP Consultation – Housing survey – Clerk has asked for PDF version as this is online survey, to be circulated when received.

Lindridge Preschool – A letter had been received asking for funding, the group is a registered charity. Chairman advised Clerk to send grant application form for completion so the PC could make a formal decision.

18. **Clerks report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting – None**

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

Clerk to ask Housing Association to cut hedge at Severne Green, they were asked last year but it was never cut.

Hedge by side of Bayton Village Hall and School, Clerk to ask agent to old Shakenhurst Estate to cut hedge.

Tree over footpath between School and Church Car Park, Cllrs to look at and resolve.

Agenda items – Vacancy on PC, Data Protection changes, Parking in Bayton Village, Waste Bins, Risk Assessment.

20. **Date of next Meeting – 11th SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 7.30PM**

21. **Meeting Closed 8.30pm.**

Signed----- Date 11th September 2018
Chairman

Residents issue – No issues raised.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Road Developments - Yesterday at a Midlands Connect meeting in Birmingham, I heard of various plans for coordinated improvements to the transport infrastructure for the Midlands Region. Highways England should be removing the throttle at Junction 4A in the autumn, which should relieve the congestion at that point and the dispersal of through traffic to local roads in the vicinity. They are also planning on improving the A46 trunk road, which will relieve some of the pressure on the Birmingham motorway box. During the smart motorway road works, Bromsgrove has suffered from displaced traffic on to the A38. At Cabinet on Thursday, I will be presenting an interim report on the planned developments along that section of the A38 through Bromsgrove. This is partially funded from various nationally determined sources, is intended to relieve the long term congestion through the town. We have rejected the idea, popular with some local District Councillors, to plan for a western distributor route, running through the housing developments between the town and the M5, partly on cost grounds and also as it might be used as an alternative to the M5 at busy times. Some of you will have noticed that the works to raise New Road passing the cricket ground in Worcester are now complete. We all appreciate that funds are tight and there may need to be reduction in services like school crossing patrols. I would like to make clear that these two projects have different sources of funding, the New Road work being paid for by central government through the Environment Agency. As such it is not using money that could be used for school crossing patrols and other such services that we may need to review

Rail Developments - One of the important matters we have taken to Midlands Connect is the Worcestershire Rail Investment Strategy, which seeks to improve rail services in the county. The priorities are the dualling of the Cotswold Line to London, so that we can carry two trains per hour on that line. One of those should take no more than two hours, bringing London a lot closer for business people. A second important development is the Worcestershire Parkway station now under construction at Norton. There was a press conference there this afternoon, to highlight the rapid progress the

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station is making. Trains should be stopping there within 12 months. The station will not only allow passengers wanting to go to London to bypass the city and park next to the station, but also there will be trains stopping on the cross country line between Birmingham and Bristol. This will mean that people wishing to travel by train to the north east and the south west will not have to leave the county to catch the right train. On a more parochial level, work on a new station at Kidderminster will start later this year. This station is already the second busiest in the county, and the new buildings will reflect its importance for travel to Birmingham and London.

The Financial Position - We cannot disguise the fact that the county's finances are very tight and we will be under pressure to make savings for some years. This is never a popular matter with residents but I hope we all appreciate that we need to balance the books. Our finances are not helped by the increasing demands for Children's Services and Adult Social Care.

These are areas where we have statutory obligations and the demand for our services is increasing. At Cabinet on Thursday we will be bringing forward plans for a wholly owned company to run our children's services, which are improving swiftly, but still under an Ofsted judgement of being inadequate. Given that some 70% of our income is devoted to meeting these two needs affecting only 12,000 people, you can appreciate why we may be short of money for crossing patrols, repairing potholes and the like. We certainly do not want to be cutting road side verges unnecessarily – and cutting down valuable wild flowers before they have had a chance to seed.

Economic developments - Meanwhile, we are keen to support local industry and get more new companies started or relocated to this county. Worcester 6, the business park next to Junction 6 of the M5, has seen new tenants being established, with Kimal, the medical supplies company building their large depot there just now. There will be announcements about other new tenants in the near future. We need to produce as much sand, gravel and crushed rock locally as possible. At Cabinet on Thursday, I will be presenting the results of work to improve the number of appropriate sites for aggregate extraction in the county. In addition we will be bringing forward the latest waste strategy to ensure maximum recycling of waste where possible and incineration of other materials at the plant at Hartlebury. There is scope for increasing the throughput at that plant, which should bring in extra income for the county. You will have read of the developments in 5G in Worcestershire. While we are acutely aware that not all residents get a good service at present, there is a celebration on Friday at Upton Warren of the superfast broadband that has been installed in an area that has been unable to get good speeds for some time. Our new Home Secretary, the MP for Bromsgrove, Sajid Javid, has been active in this and he will be present. Meanwhile, we are all concerned about the future security of energy supplies, and I have been to a couple of local conferences recently examining the alternatives available, several of which are local developments of new ideas in this area. Western Power Developments are holding a workshop on Friday, and the Worcestershire Energy Strategy is holding a meeting a week today on how we can improve our situation locally

Local issues - While this report has concentrated on county wide issues, I am aware of the local problems and needs in Bayton. Some matters are under active management at present, but I will be pleased to hear of any such problems that need attention.

Tomorrow, I will be spending some time in the morning at Tenbury High Ormiston Academy discussing the importance of local politics with some of the pupils. I hope to be able to convince them of the importance of the sort of dedication shown by people like yourselves at local level, as well as those who serve at District and County level, not to mention our Members of Parliament. There is a tendency to believe that anyone who gets involved in this sort of activity is only interested in furthering their own careers and status. I am sure you will agree with me that this is far from the truth in most, if not all, cases.

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