

# BAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting of Bayton Parish Council held in Bayton Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015

**Present:** Cllr Blount (Chairman), Cllr Taylor, Cllr Carver, Cllr Clarke

**In Attendance:** Clerk and one Member of the Public.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Rochelle, 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 14th July 2015 were agreed and signed by Chairman.
6. **District Cllrs report** – Apologies received.  
**County Cllrs report** – Apologies received, a summary of his report at end of minutes.
7. **Progress reports for information:**
  - a. **Community Shop Steering Group** – It is likely a resident will lease the old premises and open a privately run shop. Confirmation of this is expected soon.
8. **Reports on Meeting attended by Clerk or Councillors:** None attended.
9. **Finances:**
  - a. **Payments made** – Staples (printer ink) = £11.98, Hollands Coaches (minibus) = £180.00, MHDC (Election fees May 2015) = £26.49, Mrs S Burrows (website item 13) = £30.10.
  - b. **To report receipts since last meeting** – Defibrillator cash = £2.20, Western Power = £26.56, HMRC VAT = £983.46, WCC LM April/May 2015 = £325.00.
  - c. **Bank Reconciliation July/August 2015** – Signed by Cllr, balance agreed as £16481.56.
  - d. **Bank Mandate/Banking arrangements**– New mandate taken to HSBC, they stated one of the old signatories needs to bring ID in as well as the new signatories. After discussion it was agreed by all to change to Lloyds Bank. Cllr Taylor and Clerk to open new account, all Cllrs as signatories.
10. **Planning:**
  - a. **Plans circulated since last meeting** – See item 17.
  - b. **Decisions received since last meeting** – None.
  - c. **Plans for comment on tonight** –  
**15/01134/FUL – Clay Farm, Clows Top DY14 9NN – Conversion of former clay pigeon shooting club house to form a dwelling together with extensions and roof alterations (amendments to planning permission 15/00397/FUL).** It was agreed this is a reasonable amendment to the previous plans and comment to support the application to be made.
11. **Road report**
  - a. **Lengthsman** – No areas of concern.
  - b. **Any problems to report** – Meadow Farm Road to report again, Nineveh Road Bayton side of bridge.

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12. **Bayton Village Hall Rent** – A member of Bayton Hall Committee had approached Clerk and suggested PC pay fixed rent of £70.00 per annum. This matter is mentioned in Hall minutes of July 2015. Cllrs agreed to consider the suggestion if a formal approach was made to the PC.
13. **Baytoneu website** – It was agreed by all to pay additional fee of £30.10 for 2015-16. After discussion it was agreed by all to write to Bayton Village Hall Committee to give them notice the PC will not be funding this site from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016. Reasons for decision – no one has come forward to keep site updated following request in May 2015 Newsletter - it is not getting many viewings. WCC website updated by Clerk is well used.
14. **Age Concern** – Request for funding. It was agreed to see whether this group supports residents within this parish before making a decision.
15. **Complaints Procedure (circulated)** – It was agreed to adopt this as drafted.
16. **Correspondence for information** –  
Items available at the meeting – list in folder.  
WCC SWDP 10<sup>th</sup> September, MHDC Conference 5<sup>th</sup> October, CALC Area Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> October  
Planning presentation.
17. **Clerks report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting** – None.  
**Plans - August 2015 - Planning – 15/00968/FUL – Shrub Hill Villa, Clows Top – Erection of one detached dwelling.** Plans were circulated by email. Cllrs held a site visit, concerns were raised regarding access to new dwelling from Cleobury side of B4202. There were no objections to the new dwelling. Concerns were forwarded to MHDC.
18. **Councillors' reports and items for the next agenda.**  
**Agenda items** – Community Shop, Meeting dates 2016, Clerks Review.
19. **Date of next meeting: TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2015 AT 7.30pm**
20. **Meeting Closed 8.23pm.**

Signed----- Date 13<sup>th</sup> October 2015  
Chairman

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### COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

**1. Verge cutting** The Full Council meeting referred the notice of motion to seek to commit Worcestershire to being a Pollinator Friendly County to the Cabinet. 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.

Please continue to let me know of places where we have been over-zealous and cut more than necessary.

**2. Footways and carriageways** I have submitted my list of priorities for action on footways and carriageways, and await news on the likely costs. While our contractor Ringway want to prepare a programme of work stretching out over the coming months, there is flexibility to accept urgent work, so please let me know of any problems that arise. The Leasowes is top of my priority list for attention.

Naturally, I would hope that all such difficulties would be reported on the online system first but it is helpful to know of the problems as they arise.

In the meantime, I am leading a scrutiny exercise on the organisation of our footway maintenance and repair programme, with a view to assessing whether we are spending enough money and whether it is being spent in the best ways. Any evidence one way or the other that you may wish to offer would be welcome. The principal concerns are safety for pedestrians and damage caused by vehicles.

In rural areas, the County accepts that the width of footways is rarely adequate and that siding out and hedge trimming need to be maintained to make walking safe and enjoyable. The current budget is around £1.2 million.

**3. Syrian Refugees** You may know that the Council rejected a proposal to accommodate a dozen Syrian refugees at its recent meeting. There has been a lot of concern expressed locally and nationally about the tragic events in and around Syria, and the Council's position has not always been well represented. This country spends as much if not more than any other EU member in relief work in the region, through the United Nations and the relief

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agencies. In fact I heard Andrew Mitchell, former Minister for Overseas Development, say we spend more on this relief than all other EU countries put together.

Expenditure through DfID is widely derided but in this case it is money very well spent. We have allocated £900 million to this effort, being spent mainly in Syria, Lebanon and Jordan.

In the context of that expenditure, and the fact that 4 million Syrian refugees are in neighbouring countries, it is trivial and self-serving to talk in terms of our county taking a dozen families.

Clearly this is an intractable problem and one that can only be resolved when the conflict in Syria is over. In the meantime, let us not be overly concerned by those able to escape to Europe, and ignore the far more numerous weaker and poorer ones left behind.

These are my personal views and should not be taken as an expression of the Council itself, or of the Conservative Group on the Council.

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