

BAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting of Bayton Parish Council held in Bayton Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13th February 2018

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

In Attendance: Clerk, Six Members of the Public, District Cllr Chris Dell

1. **Apologies:** Received and accepted from Cllr Clarke and Cllr Carver.
2. **Declaration of Interest:**
 - a. **Register of Interests** – Cllrs are reminded to keep their registers updated.
 - b. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests** –
All Cllrs Item 13, Bayton Village Hall due to being residents of the Parish and using/supporting the Hall.
 - c. **Other Disclosable Interests** – See above.
3. **Dispensations** –
 - a. To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) –
It was agreed to grant a Dispensation to all Cllrs to speak and vote until May 2019 on Item 13, see above.
4. **Public Question Time** – See notes at end of minutes.
5. **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** held on 9th January 2018 were agreed by all and signed by Chairman.
6. **County Cllr Report** – Apologies received, Report received and circulated, see end of minutes.
District Cllr Report – Report at end of minutes.
7. **Progress reports for information** –
 - a. **Slow signs for Bayton Parish** – Cllr and Clerk continuing to obtain guidance for this issue.
 - b. **Centenary WW1** – Vice Chairman to update at next meeting.
 - c. **Vacancy on Parish Council** – MHDC have been advised of the vacancy and notices have been put up in Parish and on website.
8. **Reports on Meetings attended by Clerk or Cllrs – None**
9. **Finances** –
 - a. **Payments made** – Mrs S Burrows (see item 12b) = £47.39, Mr I Mapp LM (January 2018) = £195.00, Hollands Coaches (Minibus to Cleobury 12 weeks) = £166.15.
 - b. **To report receipts since last meeting** – WCC LM September 2017 = £162.50, Rooftop Housing Group via WCC (Grant for WiFi Bayton Hall) = £418.99.
 - c. **Bank Reconciliation December 2017 and January 2018** (circulated) – Signed by Cllr balance agreed as £20680.64 in cash book.
10. **Planning:**
 - a. Plans circulated since last meeting – **None.**
 - b. **Decisions received since last meeting** –
18/00083/CAN – Plowstall Cottage, Bayton DY14 9LY – Fell one lime tree. **Approved by MHDC.**
18/00102/CAN – Charlbury House, Bayton DY14 9LJ – Fell one silver birch. **Approved by MHDC.**
18/00103/CAN – Charlbury House, Bayton DY14 9LJ – Fell one hornbeam. **Approved by MHDC.**
17/01847/FUL - Teddon Farm, Beach Hay, Clows Top DY14 9NQ - Erection of an agricultural building for the purpose of machinery and fodder storage together with the formation of a rolled stone apron and access track. **Approved by MHDC.**
17/01493/OUT – Common Farm, Clows Top DY14 9NY – Outline application for an agricultural workers dwelling. **Withdrawn by applicant.**
 - c. **Plans for comment on tonight** –
17/01848/FUL - Teddon Farm, Beach Hay, Clows Top DY14 9NQ - Erection of an double garage, stable block, installation of a ménage and associated driveway including change of use of land concerned from agricultural to domestic/equestrian. It was agreed by all to support this application.

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11. Road report

- a. **Lengthsman** – Grips, gullies to be cleared.
- b. **Problems to report** – B4202 Beach Hay crossroads visibility problems hedges need cutting - traffic overtaking coming up from Cleobury, could white lines be put on road or more signage for crossroads.
- c. **Clerks Meeting with Highways May 2017** – Drains not jetted as requested. County Cllr is aware of all outstanding issues, some are listed below.
- d. **Houghtons Pole Bridge 7.5ton limit** – WCC advised a legal process needs to be undertaken to make the temporary restriction permanent. Cllrs concerned no signage regarding diversion or the weight limit is displayed.
- e. **Clows Top crossroads** – Following serious accident WCC have repainted white and yellow lines and added a SLOW on surface of B4202 (Cleobury side). County Cllr has asked if Cllrs have further ideas to make the area safer.
- f. **2/3 Clows Top Road** – surface is again breaking up. County Cllr agrees it needs resurfacing but no timescale yet given.

12. WiFi Installation Bayton Village Hall –

- a. It was agreed to pay BT Plusnet monthly bill by Direct Debit from February 2018 at a monthly cost of £41.40 (inc. VAT) as set up by Clerk on 23rd January in consultation with Chairman. Financial Regulations to be reviewed at next meeting.
- b. It was agreed to pay Clerk first payment made to BT PlusNet (inc. connection fee and VAT) = £47.39 as per invoice presented.

13. Bayton Village Hall – PC Offer of Lease -

- a. The Management Committee have responded and rejected the offer of a Lease on the Hall and Land. Cllrs agreed the status quo to be kept. The Clerk declined to comment on this matter.

14. Correspondence for information –

Email correspondence circulated - list in minute's folder.

WCC Budget Consultation Meeting – 26th January 6pm

CALC Training dates 2018 circulated.

Community and Governance Review – consultation ended 9th February.

MHDC - Hidden Gems – response by 16th February 2018, **MHDC Litter pick** – 2nd to 4th March.

WCC Spring Conference 6th March 2018 – 5pm Market Place, 6pm Conference

MHDC Parish & Town Council Forum 9th April 2018 – 5.30-8pm

Leasowes, Bayton – complaint regarding tree felling and machinery left on highway. This was passed to Dist Cllrs for action.

Clows Top Bank – Residents' concerns regarding safety of road surface for large vehicles. This was passed to Rock PC and sent to County Cllr. Resident is keeping Clerk updated.

15. Clerks report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting –

Payment made 30th January 2018 – Mr I Mapp (LM December 2017) = £195.00.

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

Agenda items – WW1 Centenary Celebrations, Vacancy on PC, Financial Regulations, Lengthsman Contract.

17. Date of next Meeting – 13th March 2018

18. Meeting Closed 8.20pm.

Signed----- Date 13th March 2018

Chairman

Residents issues –

Coronation Corner Wall improvements – resident asked whether the work to extend the wall was going to be done. Clerk stated in June 2017 PC agreed to look at the matter in 6 months. Cllrs asked for it to be put on next agenda, Clerk will ask Conservation Officer what can and cannot be done to the area. Residents to be asked for ideas, this has happened twice before with little response.

Clows Top Road – residents concerned about continual potholes forming. Chairman advised residents to report on website. Clerk had only received one email from resident complaining about road, this had been passed to County Cllr. See item on agenda. Dist Cllr to be copied into emails.

Bayton Village Hall items on agenda - resident wished to know what the PC would decide about item 13, Chairman stated had not yet been discussed.

Finances - Resident asked what PC were going to spend their budget on at the end of the year. Cllr stated if they wished to ask for money to write to Clerk.

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District Councillors Report

New wheelie bins – requests for new bins to be looked at after 2nd April.

MHDC - Properties being sold to raise funds. New reception to be built at Council House, contact centre to move back to MHDC at some point in near future.

County Councillors Report

County Council affairs - Senior executives appointed to WCC as follows - Chief Finance Officer - Michael Hudson, from Wiltshire, Chief Commissioning Officer - Andrew Spice from Sussex, Interim Director of Adult Social Care Services - Avril Wilson from West Sussex. Along with our new CEO, Paul Robinson from Derby City, we now have a strong senior team who will be taking up their position in the coming months.

Tenbury Public Realm - This work is nearing completion. The new red tarmac on the raised tables is scheduled to be laid on the 5th March onwards, overnight, but please note that the work is starting at 19.00 and not 21.00 as previously arranged. It should not take more than 2 or 3 nights to complete. The stainless-steel bollards are now in position in Teme Street and the bench should be installed outside the Regal soon. The new 20 mph speed limit is in place for the central shopping area, and there is a chance that the 20-mph limit will be reinforced with “20” signs in the road. The 20-minute parking limit outside Tenbury News will be applied this month. The civil enforcement officers report that 26 fines were handed out in recent months, largely for staying too long in Teme Street. I am aware of a short period of traffic congestion when an R&B bus waited at the bus stop for some minutes. It is intended that generally the bus drivers will only arrive at the stop immediately before the time they are scheduled to leave.

SWDP revisions - Following its publication in 2016, the SWDP has been the basis for deciding the pattern of house building across south Worcestershire. Recently, the three councils involved have been considering revising the plan in the light of the impending publication of the second National Planning Policy Framework.

While this concerns WCC more from the infrastructure viewpoint, I have been keen to take part in the discussions. My impression is that while organic small-scale growth of communities is desirable, it could be that larger new settlements may be necessary. Should one or two “new towns” of around 5,000 dwellings be required, the location of such developments is crucial. Any strong feelings on such plans would be welcome by your local district councillor and the planning departments.

Recently Tenbury Town Council considered an application to build 72 houses off Oldwood road opposite the high school. I would suggest that it would be advantageous to the school to have more young families in its catchment area. In addition, it is unrealistic to suppose that homes should only be allowed close to where there is an unmet need for employees. Minimising travel distance to work is desirable, but often unrealistic, and could be seen as a reason for allowing rural areas to become depopulated.

Velo Birmingham - CSM Active have announced that they will not be seeking road closures for another cycle event like Velo Birmingham in 2017 for later this year. They are working on a similar event to take place in the spring of 2109, on a route as yet to be determined. Any opinions on the past event and plans for the future would be welcome. The 2017 event caused a lot of controversy, and the response of those in opposition to it were louder than any that might have enjoyed it. In any such enterprise, councillors need to seek to reflect the balance of local opinion accurately. The Redditch round of the Tour Series will be held on Thursday May 10th, and will be the second round of this professional cycle race series. It reflects the WCCs support for active travel, including walking and cycling, an activity supported by considerable investment in better footways/cycle routes.

Divisional Fund - I still have a reasonable sum in my Divisional Fund and would be pleased to allocate it to good causes. If anyone knows of deserving enterprises that could benefit for ma small sum, up to around £1,000, I would be pleased to talk to them about whether I could help. Please pass this message to others in the community who may be unaware of the fund.

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