

BAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 15th May 2008 in Bayton Village Hall

Present – Cllr Atkinson (Chairman), Cllr Gray (Vice Chairman), Cllr Miles, Cllr Carver, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Burns, Cllr Christie
6 members of the Public, Sergeant Tracey Wood, CSO Vanessa Snape and Clerk to Bayton Parish Council

1. **Apologies - 3 members of the public.**
2. **The minutes of the last Parish Meeting held on 17th May 2007 were read out and all agreed for them to be signed.**
3. **County/District Councillor** – no apologies received.
4. **Chairman's Report** - circulated to all households in Parish.
5. **School Parking** – David Chance (Chairman of School Governors) attended. He had drawn up plans that would increase parking area at front of school. It was hoped this would get all cars off the road and lead to a safer area during peak times. The plans were put on the Bayton notice board but no comments from residents had been passed to school or Parish Council. Residents who live by the school felt it would help to ease the problem. The Police were monitoring parking at front of school but they stated it was the same for every school in the area. The police felt school were making every effort to ease the situation. Parish Council had sent letter to Shakenhurst Estate Manager to see if any land could be made available for village use, awaiting reply. Alterations as drawn would be paid for out of school budget. Annual update from School given to Clerk for circulation around PC.
6. **Neighbourhood Watch/Smartwater** - Police were very interested in starting up a Neighbourhood Watch Group for all of the area. Kate Taylor and Sue Burrows were interested and would try and get more volunteers. If enough interest were shown Adrian Simmons and John Lakeman would come out and explain things further. Smartwater is only available to areas with a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in place. Liz Osborne offered advice but was not able to become a volunteer. She had been involved in the scheme in another area and would help in setting up. Clerk to put notices up and to go in village email to ask for volunteers.
 - **Survey** - Police had done a door-to-door survey in May in Clows Top. Results to be circulated. Main issues of concern were speeding and parking.
 - **Speeding** - All roads around Clows Top were being monitored but Police were limited in what could be done. Police visibility is only deterrent at moment.
 - **Cycle meetings** - The meetings are based at Clows Top Village Hall. Members of the public voiced concerns regarding the parking problems caused by them. No parking spaces were left on the road or in the car park. Police were unaware of these events. Suggest Clerk contacts organizer to explain concerns, Police to be

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advised of contact details.

- **Notice boards** – It was noted that Rock Parish Council had received funding for notice boards in their Parish. CSO stated some funding is available for Bayton Parish Council, Clerk to get prices.
 - **Police Alerts** –
 - Police alerted people to the high number of fuel thefts in the area lately.
 - Scrap trucks were going around looking in skips, please take their numbers and report as not all are legal.
 - **School Traffic** – Speeding around Bayton village to be monitored by Police especially road to Church. Police to do a visit in mornings. Visits already undertaken, Police found most cars within limit, buses may be worst offenders. Bus companies to be reminded by Police.
- 7. Closure of BT Telephone Boxes** – It was felt a letter should be sent try to keep Bayton and Clows Top Box open. It felt the mobile telephone signal in Bayton was not very good so an emergency telephone box was needed. Also in severe weather passing traffic used all 3 boxes. Clerk to draft letter and PC to agree it.
- 8. Public Question Time – No further issues were raised.**
- 9. Gurney Conveyance** – The relevant paragraph of the conveyance was read out as requested by a resident several years ago.
- 10.** The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and the meeting closed at 7.57pm.

Chairman.....Date 12th May 2009