

BAYTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 18th May 2010 at 7pm in
Bayton Village Hall

Present – Cllr Gray (Chairman), Cllr Paul Christie (Vice Chairman), Cllr Clarke, Cllr Carver,
Cllr Taylor, Cllr Burns, Cllr Christie
18 members of the Public, CSO Vanessa Snape and Clerk to Bayton Parish Council

1. **Apologies** - 2 member of the public.
2. The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 12th May 2009 were circulated and all agreed for them to be signed.
3. **Nineveh Ridge Care Farm** – Pippa Bannister gave a talk on her work. Clients are Pupils aged 9-11 years who have been excluded from school and Drug/Alcohol Rehabilitation Adults. The Adults are all voluntarily giving up their previous life and know they will have to work hard to retain their outing to the Farm. None of the Adults are on Probation or serving any criminal sentence. The clients use a minibus to get to the Farm and are supervised at all times and not allowed off site. They all learn skills and can attain awards which are recognized at Colleges. Volunteers are one for cookery/horticultural skills and one for carpentry. The clients are busy making their own fences, pig huts, hen houses, feeders etc. with wood from local company. They help look after the animals small and large. Vegetables and plants are grown. All need a firm hand but learn respect by doing a days work and having a cooked meal at the Farm. Pippa is having an Open Day later in the year.

4. **Police Report – Community Support Officer (CSO) Vanessa Snape**

Farm thefts, bogus scrap dealers and thefts from outbuildings still occurring in the area and advised any suspicious activity to be reported. Due to vigilant neighbours 2 arrests were made at the Old Plowstall Farmhouse and this has resulted in 2 further arrests with enquiries ongoing. Neighbourhood Watch is working well. Leaflets left regarding Rural Farm Watch specifically for farms but relevant to anyone in rural areas. Monitoring of speed showed more people adhere to limits than is perceived visually.

Questions raised by Public:-

- **ClowsTop** - Cars parking on yellow lines had been advised to move. CSO is aware of danger.
- **Coronation Corner** – cars parking on junction including one with a trailer on.
- **Bayton, Church Lane** - speeding at School time.
- **Bayton Common B4202 by Culverness** – Speed of traffic on this corner. Clerk to report to WCC to ask for more signage.
- **Neighbourhood Watch** - signs broken but can be re-ordered from coordinator. Smartwater is essential to mark your property. System working very well in this area.
- **Call centre** - 0300 number is a call centre but the incident will be passed straight to a patrol car closest to the report and acted upon according to the urgency of the matter.

CSO asked for all suspicious incidents to be reported as it can build a picture of possible criminal activity and help catch the offenders.

CSO was thanked and left meeting.

5. **Bayton School Report** – Robin Preston - School Governor gave a brief report. A written report provided by the Headteacher was given to members of the public. The School was the 2nd highest achieving Worcestershire School in KS2 SATs and among the 200 most improved schools in England. The new Log Cabin will be built this summer if funding can be approved, but it is not looking very hopeful due to change in government. The school bus cuts at least 50 car journeys out of the village per day and has helped alleviate parking issues. The school is now with the Tenbury Cluster Group. Robin was thanked for his input.
6. **County Councillor Ken Pollock** – Grit review has been done and use of grit and gritbins being looked at for this winter. Farmers will be asked to be on standby to clear roads but they will need to have their own equipment. £3 million is available for footway repairs. Funding also available for youth work. **Better Outcome Leaner Delivery** – WCC to save 45 million over next 3 years. 10% cut in staffing. A query regarding the opening of Holt Fleet Bridge to heavy traffic was raised as Lorries are using the

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A456. A report is due to be published next month and funding will need to be allocated to repairs.
Cllr Pollock was thanked and left meeting.

7. Chairman's Report - circulated to all households in Parish with Consultation on Coronation Corner.

Queries raised;-

- **BT Boxes** – BT letter received stating only Clows Top box had been used in 12 months (27 calls). PC did not wish to purchase boxes and BT had no immediate plans to remove them.
- **Housing Needs Survey** – The survey showed a need for 4 houses within the Parish and as such the PC should continue to seek advice on the matter. A Planning Officer had walked around the village to look for potential sites to build but due to small number involved it may not be a viable project for Housing Associations. Clerk had contacted WFDC regarding land at Clows Top but they would not be willing to let the Parish have 4 of those houses unless they build more than 12.

8. Public Question Time:-

- **Barrier and planting of shrubs at Severne Green** – Housing Association (HA) had agreed to do the planting but due to changes within the company it has never been done. No one has raised the safety issue so the PC decided to review as and when complaints received. No concerns regarding safety were raised at this meeting. Clerk is in contact with HA regarding state of hedge and will try to set up a meeting.
- **Old Plowstall Farm House** – Concerns were raised regarding the state of this listed building. It is an eyesore as you enter the village and is also a safety issue and needs protecting. It was felt the owner, who does not live locally, has a 'Duty of Care' for the building. Clerk to contact District Council to alert them to this issue and electors were also asked to communicate their concerns. Clerk to advise on email/website.
- **Coronation Corner** – Only 2 surveys were returned and another 2 electors offered to help. Comments made were positive about the current appearance of this area. It was felt at this meeting hedge, seating and noticeboard need attention. PC will discuss project at their meeting.

9. The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Chairman.....Date 17th May 2011