

BAYTON PARISH COUNCIL



NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2010

This newsletter is a half-yearly update from Bayton Parish Council and we hope it will encourage parishioners to attend our meetings in the Village Hall. Dates for future meetings are:

Tuesday 18th January 2011

Tuesday 15th February 2011

Tuesday 15th March 2011

Tuesday 19th April 2011

Meetings begin at 7pm but any change will be notified via Parish Council notice-boards, the website or Bayton E-News.

You may contact the Clerk,

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Planning

From November 1st 2010, Malvern Hills District Council's Planning Service will charge for pre-application advice. A free drop-in service will continue to run fortnightly at Tenbury Library on Tuesdays, 1.30 – 4.00 pm.

A conservation officer has been invited to attend a meeting in the Spring – date to be confirmed.

Consultation by County Council

All Worcestershire people are being urged to speak up about which County Council services are most important to us before final decisions on spending reductions are made. We can contribute ideas by completing a survey online or at Worcestershire Hub centres and Children's Centres. We are grateful to County Councillor Pollock who attends Parish Council meetings to provide information and receive views.

Precept 2010 – 2011

The Parish Council will consider its planned spending for the next financial year in the Spring 2010 meetings. We will welcome your views on whether an increase in the annual precept is appropriate.

Coronation Corner

The Trustees of Shakenhurst Estate have offered to gift Coronation Corner to the Parish Council for £1. It was agreed to accept this offer in the October meeting. In addition, the Trustees will make a contribution of £200 towards legal costs. We anticipate that this transfer will be finalized in mid-December 2010. A report on the condition of the beech tree was made to the Parish Council in November and no problems were identified.

In the Annual Parish Meeting in May, there was very limited support for securing a grant to improve Coronation Corner. Currently, volunteers tend shrubs, plant bulbs and carry out general maintenance.

Litter and Dog-fouling

All households in the centre of the village received a letter voicing concerns about the noticeable increase in litter and dog mess. We ask for your consideration. If litter escapes from your refuse bags – please pick it up! Dog owners are asked to ensure there is no dog mess left on paths, roads or public spaces. A fine of £1000 may result if owners and their dogs are identified.

Highways and Road Safety

Additional grit bins have been requested and two extra HGV warning signs have been erected at key points. Complaints continue to be made about speeding vehicles and inconsiderate drivers, especially at peak times. Similarly, there are complaints about illegal parking which obstructs access to the village hall and may prevent emergency vehicles from gaining access to the school or hall. The Parish Council wants to work with the Police to eliminate these hazards and expects regular Police representation at its meetings. When we have confirmation of Police attendance at a meeting, this will be publicised separately. Anyone observing reckless or dangerous driving is urged to report to the police with details of registration and time (Telephone 0300 333 3000). A county-wide speed limit review is planned for 2011.

Growing up in Bayton

Max Burke, aged 15 and in his final year at Lacon Childe School, has written about his experience of growing up in Bayton –

"Bayton has been a great place to grow up. We think the effort to try and makes clubs and gatherings has been a great idea and hope that it will continue. It has been a great freedom from the pressures of school, and is just what you need after a long week. The recreation ground is a great gathering place. It was created with the help of us kids so we have always felt involved with it. Bayton is a very enclosed place, which can be both bad and good, because socialising with friends isn't always easy, but it's what you need if you want to clear your head. One of the best features is the tranquility of the village, especially at night. Being so cut off from towns and cities can be bad, with buses only available in the morning, not after school, but this forces you to become fit as you have to walk to neighbouring villages to see friends. I like walking along the back road, which is an easy

walk to Cleobury and is a great way to enjoy our countryside."

Some Forthcoming Village Events

- ❖ There is a coffee morning on the first Tuesday of every month 10.00 – 11.00 in the Village Hall.
- ❖ The annual Christmas Lunch takes place on Friday 10th December at 12.00 in the Village Hall.
- ❖ Christmas Concert 3 – 5pm in St Bartholomew's Church
- ❖ This year's dates for carol singing (in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support and an overseas charity) are:
14th Dec -- Clows Top
17th Dec -- Bayton
20th Dec -- Bayton Common
- ❖ Christmas Eve Service 6.30pm in St Bartholomew's

District and Parish Council Elections

There will be elections for District and Parish Councillors in May 2011. Your Parish Councillors at present are:

Daphne Gray, Chairman
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The Parish Council website may be viewed at
www.malvern hills.gov.uk (follow the link to Parish Councils)

*Daphne Gray
Chairman
November 2010*