

BAYTON PARISH COUNCIL



Annual Parish Meeting, Bayton Village Hall
7pm Tuesday, 17th May 2011
followed by the
Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm

The Annual Parish Meeting offers an opportunity to discuss issues of interest to the Parish. We have invited the following people to attend:

*Ken Pollock, County Councillor,
Becci Godwin, Chair of Governors,
Bayton CE Primary School,
Teresa Howell, Community Support Officer*

Should you be unable to attend the meeting, please pass on your views to any member of the Parish Council:

Glenice Carver

Christine Clarke

Lester Miles

Kate Taylor

You may contact the Clerk, Sue Burrows, at 5 Summit Road, Clows Top, DY14 9HN

Email: bayton_pc08@btinternet.com

Coronation Corner

Coronation Corner now belongs to Bayton Parish. This spring, a considerable amount of thought and voluntary labour has been put into improving the area. The soil is now down to the original 1937 level, ready for the small retaining wall to be rebuilt. How this is to be achieved has yet to be decided, and any ideas would be welcome. The old pump has been removed and it is planned that it will be refurbished and returned.

The Parish Council paid land registry costs only with other costs paid by Shakenhurst Estate. Thanks to Douglas Godwin for his advice and assistance with the transfer of title.

Planning

Bayton Parish Council was required to comment on 16 planning applications

during the 2010/2011 period. Heather Royle, Conservation Officer, and Vicky Bilton, Planning Officer (from Malvern Hills District Council) attended the April meeting and gave an informative presentation about living in a conservation area. The information will be circulated by the Clerk and it is suggested that advice is sought from MHDC before any work is undertaken. Information regarding listed buildings can be obtained from the English Heritage website. A map of the Bayton Conservation area is available from the Clerk or from the MHDC website.

Dog Fouling and Litter

Many complaints have been received by the Parish Council during the course of the year about irresponsible dog owners. The mowing contractor for Severne Green now reports fewer problems so we are pleased there is an improvement in the centre of the village. Dog fouling occurs in the churchyard and we ask that all dog owners show consideration for all areas of the Parish. A fine of £1000 may result if irresponsible owners and their dogs are identified.

Highways and Road Safety

Our Lengthsman is Colin Link and his work is funded by Worcestershire County Council. He faced some extreme weather conditions over the winter and we thank him for his efforts. Worcestershire County Council invited comments about how they responded to hazardous, winter road conditions and feedback was given to Cllr Pollock in our meetings.

Funding is available for footway repairs and this has been requested.

A review of speed limits will be undertaken during 2011 and comments will be sought from residents.

Housing Needs Survey

Specific needs were identified by this survey and future action - if any - will be considered by the newly-formed Parish Council after May 2011.

Supporting Local Business

Business Rate Relief - The Parish Council contributed the sum of £65.98 to Clows Top Post Office. The business is of benefit to the local community and it is reasonable for the Parish Council to support it financially.

Finances

Amongst our outgoings for 2010-2011 we have paid:

**The cost of mowing Severne Green, £646.60.*

**Grant to Village Hall for grass cutting, £400.*

**Repairs to manhole cover, adjacent to Village Hall, £100.*

**Repair to milestone, £50.*

**Our share of the cost of the weekly minibus to Cleobury Mortimer, £720. (Grants from Shropshire County Council and Worcestershire County Council are secure for 2011 -2012).*

**We are advised to retain the equivalent of the precept in reserve for unexpected events. At March 31st 2011, the investment account balance was £5667.68 and the current account balance was £3205.48.*

**Accounts may be viewed prior to audit and information is displayed on Parish notice boards.*

The Precept for 2011 -2012 will not be increased.

Footpaths

The Clerk is also Footpaths Officer and with two volunteers maintains the paths when time allows. Contact the Clerk if you are interested in a guided walk on local footpaths. The new owners of Shakenhurst Estate are ensuring that footpaths are marked clearly and dog-friendly stiles will be erected.

Communication

If you would like any item added to the Bayton Parish Council website, please contact the Clerk.
www.worcestershire.gov.uk/myparish

Elections May 2011

Four Councillors were elected unopposed.

They are Glenice Carver, Christine Clarke, Lester Miles and Kate Taylor. It is planned to fill the three remaining positions by co-option. If you are interested in joining the Parish Council, please contact the Clerk.

If you have ideas for initiatives to be supported by the Parish Council, please attend the Annual Parish Meeting on 17th May.

Daphne Gray
Chairman 2010/2011