

**Committee and Date**

Bayston Hill Local  
Joint Committee

12 January 2010

7.00 p.m.

**Item/Paper**

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Public

**NOTES OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS STEMMING FROM THE MEETING  
HELD ON 8 OCTOBER 2009 AT THE METHODIST CHURCH HALL, BAYSTON  
HILL**

7.00 – 9.00 p.m.

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**Committee Members Present:**

Shropshire Council

Mr Ted Clarke

Mr Jon Tandy

Bayston Hill Parish Council

Mrs Hazel Jones

Mr Jason Manley

Mr Alan Parkhurst

**Shropshire Council Officers present:**

Tim Collard, Lead Officer

Lezley Picton, Support Officer

Nicola Fisher, Community Regeneration Officer

Anne Cousins, Committee Officer (Notes)

**Community Council of Shropshire**

Maxine Betts

**West Mercia Police:**

Community Support Officers Lyn Birch and Mark Barnes.

There were approximately 50-55 members of the public present at the meeting.

## ACTION

### 1. Apologies and Substitutions

Apologies were received from Mrs Liz Parsons, Shropshire Council.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

### 3. Notes

**RESOLVED:** That the notes of the last meeting, held on 15 July 2009, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### 4. Update to Parish Plan

- 4.1 The Chairman informed those present that the Bayston Hill Parish Plan had been produced three years ago. He went through some of the achievements since then, such as improvements to facilities for young people and improvements to footpaths. He explained that the intention was to distribute a questionnaire to all residents in the near future and to use the responses to update the Action Plan to the Parish Plan. All present were invited to participate in an electronic voting exercise covering some of the issues that would be included in the questionnaire.

#### 4.2 Traffic and transport

This was considered to be the most important issue in Bayston Hill. A number of comments were made, including:

- The need for traffic calming measures, such as speed ramps, mini-roundabout or traffic lights at the junction of the A49/Lyth Hill Road/The Common.
- The need for further improvements to lane markings at Dobbies/Bayleys Island.
- Request for 20 mph speed limit in village and enforcement of existing speed limits.
- The Chairman reported that volunteers were needed to operate hand-held speed cameras and anyone interested was invited to contact the Parish Council. He also informed those present that Shropshire Council had invited Parish Councils to purchase mobile activated speed signs and Bayston Hill Parish Council was considering this matter.
- Speeding in Pulley Lane was identified as a key concern.

#### 4.3 Appearance of the Parish

Dog fouling was considered to have the most detrimental effect on the appearance of Bayston Hill. Other issues raised:

- It was suggested that cat owners, as well as dog owners, should

take responsibility for the behaviour of their pets.

- It was confirmed by the Community Support Officers that fixed penalty notices could be issued to owners who allowed their dogs to foul public places. It was further clarified that Community Support Officers had to witness the offence before issuing such notices.
- It was suggested that there should be an assessment of the dog mess bins around the village.
- A resident felt the appearance of the village was adversely affected by the number of traffic signs on Pulley Lane at the approach to Bayston Hill.
- Another suggestion to improve the appearance of the village was for all residents to ensure hedges were cut back to their boundaries.

#### 4.4 Community Safety

Most people who voted were satisfied with their personal safety in Bayston Hill and they were also happy with the current level of policing.

#### 4.5 Transport and Roads

The most popular measure to benefit the community was a reduction in the speed of traffic in the village.

#### 4.6 Facilities for Young People

The most popular suggestion was a meeting place for young people. There was some discussion about youth shelters. Mr Manley, Bayston Hill Parish Council, informed those present that research had been carried out which confirmed the location of the shelter was of prime importance. If it was hidden away, young people were not likely to use it. There was a general feeling that young people needed constructive activities, rather than a shelter.

#### 4.7 Former Oakland County Primary School site

There was overwhelming support to retain this site for community use. The Chairman explained the site would continue to be used as part of the newly-amalgamated Oakmeadow CE Primary School for the next couple of years, but it was important to think about its long-term future.

#### 4.8 Future Development

Nearly all those present wanted the present village boundaries to be retained, with little support for further development. The following points were made:

- Mr Keith Keel, Bayston Hill Parish Council, referred to the Core Strategy currently under consideration by Shropshire Council and said it was important for Bayston Hill residents to understand what was being proposed.
- A member of the public added there were 42 sites around Bayston Hill which had been identified in the document as possible development sites.

**ACTION**

- The Chairman explained all local authorities had to produce plans for possible future development as there was a shortage of housing, but at this stage, the Core Strategy was a consultation document only and the process was at an early stage.

4.9 Access to public open spaces

Most people felt there was easy access to public open spaces in the village.

4.10 Activities/classes

More information on recycling was the most popular choice. Other suggestions included:

- More IT access at the library/IT classes
- There was some support for a film club in Bayston Hill, such as Flicks in the Sticks or Reels on Wheels.

4.11 Communications with Residents

The majority of those present felt it would be helpful to have more information on the work of the Parish Council and the work of the Local Joint Committee.

4.12 Annual Parish Event

It was agreed that it would be a good idea to have an annual parish event to celebrate life in Bayston Hill.

The most popular suggestion was an open-air music festival, which was narrowly ahead of a summer fete and a Bonfire Night firework display.

- 4.13 The Chairman thanked everyone for participating and confirmed a questionnaire would be distributed to all residents in the near future.

**Lead  
Officer**

**5. Police Report (PACT – Partners and Communities Together)**

- 5.1 Community Support Officer (CSO) Lyn Birch introduced her colleague, CSO Mark Barnes, and explained that two new police officers, Cheryl Hare and Cheryl Henley had just been appointed. Contact details and PACT cards were available at the meeting.

- 5.2 A member of the public asked if the weekly police surgery in the library would be continuing. In response, CSO Birch explained this was no longer happening and the arrangements were currently being reviewed. It was agreed it was important to advertise any changes widely to residents, e.g. in The Villager magazine. A member of the public thanked Tony Riggs, West Mercia Police, for running the weekly police surgery.

**Local  
Policing  
Team**

**ACTION**

- 5.3 There was discussion about the powers of CSOs. It was confirmed they did not have the power of arrest. In response to a query, it was confirmed they could issue fixed penalty notices if vehicles were parked on pavements.
- 5.4 CSO Lyn Birch informed the public that the new policing arrangements would mean a greater police presence in Bayston Hill.
- 5.5 It was confirmed that PACT meetings would be combined with Local Joint Committee meetings from now on.

**6. Changes to the Bus Service**

- 6.1 The Chairman introduced this item and set out some of the issues which had arisen since Arriva changed the timetable and route of the buses between Bayston Hill and Shrewsbury for a three-month trial period. The major complaint was the position of the bus stop in Lansdowne Road, by the Parade, which was felt to be dangerous. The Chairman suggested a slight modification of the route, using Berwyn Drive, which would enable the bus to stop in Lythwood Road opposite the Beeches where there was a bus lay-by. Some older people had complained that they could not get back home after visiting the Parade because of the change to the route and discussion was underway about routing the Little Lyth bus through the village to resolve this problem. A major improvement was the introduction of a regular Sunday bus service.
- 6.2 Another issue was the fact the bus no longer went to the bus station on its route from the town to Bayston Hill and this caused difficulties for those passengers who had to catch more than one bus to reach their destination.
- 6.3 A member of public noted the buses no longer used Pulley Lane and this was welcomed.
- 6.4 The Chairman thanked everyone for giving their views and assured those present that Arriva would be pressed to make some early adjustments to the new route/stops.

**7. Public Question Time**

- 7.1 Mr Jason Manley, Bayston Hill Parish Council, requested that the Constitution of Local Joint Committees be revised to equalise the terms of office of Shropshire Council Members and Parish Council Members. At present, Shropshire Council Members were elected for a four year term but Parish Council representatives were only elected for one year. Mr Manley suggested all representatives on Local Joint Committees across the county should have the same term of office.

**ACTION**  
**Lead**  
**Officer**

7.2 Tim Collard, Lead Officer, undertook to raise this matter with relevant officers at Shropshire Council.

**8. Dates of Future Meetings**

Future meetings would be held at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 12 January and Tuesday 23 March 2010. The venue for both meetings would be Christ Church, Glebe Road, Bayston Hill.

**Signed.....Chairman**

**Date.....**