

**Committee and Date**

Bayston Hill Local
Joint Committee

6 October 2011

7.00 p.m.

Item No

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Public

**NOTES OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS STEMMING FROM THE MEETING
HELD ON 16 MAY 2011 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, BAYSTON HILL**

7.30 – 9.00 p.m.

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Committee Members Present:**Shropshire Council**

Mr Ted Clarke

Mrs Liz Parsons

Mr Jon Tandy

Bayston Hill Parish Council

Dr James Hindson

Mr James Moraghan

Mr Alan Parkhurst

Shropshire Council Officers present:

Lucy Roberts, Community Action Officer

Anne Cousins, Committee Officer

Marches Energy Agency

Kris McGowan, Senior Project Manager

West Mercia Police

PC Ray Foster

There were approximately 60 members of the public present at the meeting.

This meeting followed on from the Bayston Hill Parish Council Annual Meeting, which took place at the Memorial Hall from 7.00 – 7.30 p.m.

ACTION

1. Election of Chairman

It was proposed, seconded and duly **RESOLVED** that Mr Ted Clarke be elected Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.

2. Apologies and Substitutions

There were no apologies. Two Members had given notice they would be late and therefore the election of Vice Chairman was postponed until their arrival.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Notes

RESOLVED: That the notes of the last meeting, held on 3 February 2011, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

5. Saving Money and Energy in Bayston Hill

5.1 Kris McGowan, of Marches Energy Agency, explained the Parish Council had asked the agency, an independent charity, to investigate energy use in Bayston Hill and he was here to present the findings.

5.2 The main points of the presentation were:

- The big picture – global warming. This resulted in more extreme weather events and did not necessarily mean warmer weather. It was more accurate to describe it as global climate change.
- Energy – rising energy prices; rising demand; rising wastage. The UK was a net importer of energy, yet had wind and tidal resources which could be utilised.
- Solution to excessive energy use and costs was greater efficiency; use of clean renewable energy; to re-use and re-cycle more and to reduce demand.

5.3 The research by the Marches Energy Agency had calculated energy use and the carbon footprint of Bayston Hill Parish Council. The report had then recommended savings and ways of making money from energy. The Parish Council had a carbon footprint of 59 tonnes, the major cause of which was street lighting. Shropshire Council had set a carbon reduction target of 35% by 2015 and the Parish Council had decided to adopt the same target.

5.4	<p>Mr McGowan went on to describe ways in which Bayston Hill residents could save money and energy, e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Insulation – walls; roof; windows; ventilation; floors; doors. Loft insulation should be at least eleven inches/28 cms. Cavity wall insulation could save over £100 per year.• Generate own energy – solar panels; wind turbines. <p>He explained some residents could qualify for free services in some cases. Further information was available from Keep Shropshire Warm (Tel 01743277123) or from Marches Energy Agency. Some websites gave useful information, e.g. the npower website.</p>	ACTION
5.5	<p>The recommendations in the report for the Parish Council were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parish Council carbon reduction target of 35% by 2015.• Parish Council buildings to be professionally audited.• Parish Council to consider reduction in street lighting.• Parish Council to support the community to understand energy usage and to liaise with community groups. <p>The recommendations in the report for the general public were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase insulation, especially walls and loft.• Use electricity monitor to check energy usage – free from utility companies.• Consider use of solar panels.• Encourage others in the locality to reduce energy usage.	
5.6	<p>There was an opportunity for residents to request an energy assessment and to collect a free sample of some energy-saving devices.</p>	All
5.7	<p>The Chairman thanked Mr McGowan for the interesting presentation.</p>	
6.	<p>Local Joint Committee Budget 2011-12</p>	
6.1	<p>Lucy Roberts, Community Action Officer, introduced the report and informed Members the budget for 2011-12 was £9,209. This funding was used for projects which addressed issues identified in the Bayston Hill Parish Plan.</p>	
6.2	<p>Members were asked to consider one project – the introduction of a community IT club based at Oakmeadow Primary School. A sum of £3,564 was requested to set up the club, and would be used to purchase 10 dedicated laptops, storage/charging trolley and licences. The school had funding for a supervisor.</p>	
6.3	<p>It was proposed that the club should run for one night a week initially, for children aged 11 to 14, but this would increase to two nights a week. Longer term, it was hoped the club could be expanded to include education classes for the local community; to link with Shropshire Music Service to offer an ICT club for making music; and to offer daytime IT classes with a crèche.</p>	

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6.4	Huw Roberts, Head Teacher of Oakmeadow School, spoke in support of the project. As there had been significant investment in the new school, he was keen to enable the local community to use the facilities once the school day was over. For the 11-14 year olds, who may not access other youth groups, the club would give them an opportunity to meet with friends in a safe environment.	Community Action Officer
6.5	RESOLVED: (i) The Committee noted a budget of £9,209 had been allocated to the Local Joint Committee for 2011/12. (ii) Funding for 2011/12 be allocated in accordance with the updated Parish Plan priorities. (iii) To fund £3,564 towards a community ICT project at Oakmeadow Primary School.	
7.	Key Current Policing Issues – PACT (Partners and Communities Together)	
7.1	PC Ray Foster, local police officer, reported that crime figures in the area were still low. There was an issue about scrap metal dealers targeting residents. The police had a zero tolerance approach to any dealers who did not have the required licence to operate and their vehicles were seized. PC Foster requested help from the public to inform the police of any problems with scrap metal dealers. Legitimate dealers carried an Environmental Waste Collector Licence and the public were entitled to ask to see this.	
7.2	The previous police priority had been speeding. This problem had reduced since the introduction of the Vehicle Activated Signs, although the police were still monitoring speeding.	All
7.3	A resident asked about drug offences in Bayston Hill and PC Foster assured him the police were monitoring locations and individuals on a regular basis.	Chairman
7.4	Another resident raised a concern about the junction of Overdale Road and Lythwood Road. He said this was a dangerous junction which needed yellow lines. The Chairman undertook to follow this up.	
7.5	There was discussion about inappropriate parking but PC Foster explained parking was no longer a police responsibility.	
7.6	A resident expressed disappointment that the police no longer held regular surgeries. PC Foster said they still held regular face-to- face surveys and also met the public when out and about.	
8.	Appointment of Vice Chairman	
8.1	It was proposed, seconded and duly RESOLVED that Mr Alan Parkhurst be appointed Vice Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.	

ACTION

9. Update on LJC Spending in 2010-11

- 9.1 Lucy Roberts, Community Regeneration Officer, gave information about projects supported by LJC funding in previous years. She said the LJC had spent £30,000 since its creation in July 2009. Money had been allocated to improve The Parade by removal of garages. The Chairman confirmed negotiations were still on-going.
- 9.2 Work had taken place over the past year on a project to reduce the amount of dog fouling in Bayston Hill and this was going well. Local school-children had designed posters. The Chairman reported new bins had been installed on paths leading out to open countryside.
- 9.3 Vehicle Activated Signs had been fitted at a cost of £5000. The Parish Plan had been updated, by the publication of an Action Plan. New leaflets on Bayston Hill Walks were being produced with the help of LJC funding.
- 9.4 The largest amount of funding had been used to improve the BMX track, which had been a great success and was well-used. There were also links with users of the BMX track at Monkmoor.
- 9.5 The Memorial Hall had been given funding to provide wireless microphones and a sound projection system.
- 9.6 The Community Action Officer concluded by inviting anyone who required more information to contact her.

10. Public Question Time

- 10.1 A resident asked why the bus information displays at bus stops were no longer working. The Chairman replied this system had been scrapped by Shropshire Council.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 6 October 2011, 7.00 p.m. at Oakmeadow CE Primary School.

Signed.....Chairman

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