



Clerk to the Council/RFO: Anne Chalkley
Chairman: Cllr James Moraghen

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Minutes of a Meeting of a Full Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 5 March 2012 in the Memorial Hall.

Present **Cllr Moraghen (Chair)**, Cllrs Clarke, Mrs Jones, Hindson and Mrs Whittall.

In attendance Anne Chalkley – Clerk. Press. 60 public list of names attached to the minutes.

The Chair welcomed the public and **proposed** to move the tabled item FC140.11 – Parish or Town after Declaration of Interests and for the meeting to discuss this one item of business and the other council business on the agenda to be discussed at further meeting of Full Council. **All agreed.**

FC127.11 **APOLOGIES** – Cllr Mrs Lewis (Holiday), Cllr Parkhurst (Unwell. **All agreed.**

FC129.11 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** – There were none

FC140.11 **PARISH OR TOWN** – It was **agreed** to suspend standing orders until 9pm to enable the council members to listen to the public.

The Chairman, Cllr Moraghen, gave a report on the history of Bayston Hill and concluded that Bayston Hill by being a Town Council would have its own identity and separate from Shrewsbury.

The Chairman then opened the meeting to the public.

The public was annoyed that they found out about this agenda item in the Press and this subject was monumental to the village and the residents should have been informed.

Cllr Clarke praised the Chair as there had been many problems over his first year of office and that it was not true that his self-importance and to be Mayor was the reason behind being a Town Council. He informed the public that the Clerk will put together a full costing before any decision would be made. He said that we are bigger than Wem and Church Stretton and having our own identity from Shrewsbury could improve recognition and provide funding, but this would have to also be looked into. There was not enough information at this meeting to make any decision. He referred to the Boundary Commission who ignored all the residents call to remain independent and put Bayston Hill with Sutton and Column. He said that the best place to discuss this item with residents of Bayston Hill would be at the Annual Parish Meeting in May.

The public asked if Bayston Hill Local Joint Committee was still meeting and receiving funding. This was confirmed by Cllr Clarke as he was also the Chair of the Local Joint Committee.

The public asked if being a Town Council would affect our development boundary and Cllr Hindson confirmed that the development boundary would not

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be affected.

The public was very concerned that becoming a Town would cause the precept to rise because having a Mayor would incur extra costs.

The Council reported that there would be no difference between being a Parish or a Town, but full costings will be carried out by the Clerk before any decision could be made.

The public demanded to know whose idea it was for the village to become and town and what member of the council put this item on the agenda and the reason.

The Chair, Cllr Moraghen declined to give any names.

The public were concerned that the council were not listening to them and called for a referendum to allow all electors in Bayston Hill to make the decision whether they wanted to be a Town and have a Town Council.

The council explained to the public that this could only be carried out at the Annual Parish Meeting in May. This meeting would be held in the main hall.

The public insisted that they see these pros and cons and also the minutes of this meeting and they should be published in the 'Villager' Magazine.

As there were no more questions the council **agreed** to return to Standing Orders.

It was **proposed** by Cllr Hindson and **seconded** by Cllr Mrs Jones that the Clerk researched the pros and cons of becoming a Town Council and this to go to all households in the village. **All agreed.**

Meeting closed 9.10pm.

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