



# **ANNUAL REPORT**

## **2011 - 2012**

**Annual Parish Meeting to be held**

**On**

**21 May 2010**

**at 7.00pm**

**In the Memorial Hall**

# Mission Statement

To protect and improve the quality of life  
of all Bayston Hill residents.

- Making representations to other local authorities
- Making representations to other service providers
- Being represented on village bodies
- Working in partnership with other local authorities
- Working in partnership with local voluntary bodies
- Directly providing local facilities
- Working together with the young people of Bayston Hill; valuing their views, helping them to make their ideas happen and striving to keep them safe.

## **Chairman's Report**

My first year as Chairman of Council has been rewarding as well as challenging as previous Chairmen of Council have experienced.

I have ensured that Bayston Hill is recognised as a place with its own identity and uniqueness. As a Parish Council we have lost some good Councillors due to personal commitments, increasing pressure from the changing nature of work and those who have gone for further Study or pastures new.

Despite a reduction in the number of serving Councillors this small team, all volunteers and at their own expense, have persevered and judiciously managed the Parish and its Amenities with the workforce and kept to a tight budget. Our Precept this year has risen by only 0.7% despite rising costs, increasing responsibilities and the regulatory framework we have to work within; and we must also take note of the fallout from the large cuts in funding on our Unitary Council.

We must all keep in mind that apart from a small rental income from hiring out a couple of our facilities the Council's funding come from our Precept which is a combination of grant from Shropshire Council and a percentage from the rates on local properties. We are mindful that the more we are asked to provide it is those who are eligible to pay rates that have to contribute to the precept.

### **QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION (JUBILATION PARTY IN BAYSTON HILL)**

The Parish Council is working with a small team of dedicated residents to work towards a three-day event for the Queen's Jubilee on 3rd, 4th and 5th June 2012. For this event, some funding is being provided by the Parish Council and matched by the Local Joint Committee; however what is heart-warming is that this is a joint venture in which the community is taking an active part. The programme of events will be available as it is finalised. The Parish website has current details and an appeal to the Community. Further details available through the Parish Office.

An aspiration is that we can have a similar event on an annual basis thereby reinforcing the collaboration between the community and the Parish Council; all working together to achieve common goals and reinforce the community spirit in Bayston Hill.

### **PARISH PLAN 2010 & LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE**

Together with the Local Joint Committee we have managed to enhance our amenities and meet some of our targets in the Local Plan. The community has been encouraged to highlight new ventures that are affordable; these involve the commitment of the community to participate and engage with the youth; the BMX extension is a good example of such a venture. We recognise the partnership with Shropshire Council for their assistance.

With the assistance of funding from the Forestry Commission, the community and the 'Young Offenders team' we have planted 1,250 trees and extended our stock of a variety of trees in the Community Woodland and it is open all year round.

### **Other facilities under the management of the Parish**

- The Sensory garden
- The Ivor Wright Play ground on Long Meadow
- The Glebe Field
- The Common
- Parrs Pool, the woodland and walkways
- The Youth and Community Centre
- The Pavilion
- The Bowling Green
- The Astro Turf
- The Tennis Court
- The Skate Park
- The BMX Track
- The Football pitches

### **OTHER SERVICES WE PROVIDE**

- Litter bins, including the 'Dog bins'
- Bus Shelters
- Street Lighting and lamp posts
- Cutting of hedges & Verges
- Speed Activation Signs

### **SUSTAINABILITY**

Bayston Hill Parish Council has installed an array of Solar Panels at the Pavilion to reduce its energy cost while also generating a stream of income by selling its surplus electricity to the grid.

In partnership with MEA, Bayston Hill Parish Council secured funding to raise awareness of Energy Saving Measures and to enable residents to receive free loft and cavity insulation; furthermore four Solid Walls dwellings will benefit from external insulation. Within the same venture, six Community Buildings have received assistance to make the buildings more energy efficient, reduce the bills and increase the comfort of occupiers. In addition, where feasible, the Parish has installed loft insulation in its buildings, using more efficient lighting and heating system.

These energy saving measures has also enabled the Parish and Bayston Hill residents to do their share of combating the effects of Climate Change.

The Parish has also reduced external contracts and increased in-house maintenance of its Amenities

### **PARISH GRANTS**

The Parish support local organisations by the provision of a small set-aside fund to which organisations can apply for small grants. Some of the beneficiaries have been:

- The Memorial Hall
- Holland Close Community Room
- Christ Church Pre School Nursery

The changing demography and job opportunities in Bayston Hill and surrounding areas has meant a lot of time spent by the Chair of Council and members in engaging with Shropshire Council to manage our boundary and the expected growth within its borders.

Our Parish Plan and other feedback show that the expectations of the community differs according to whether people, especially the younger ones, are looking for local and affordable accommodation to those who wish to grow their local businesses and others who do not wish for an expansion in development.

### **FUTURE PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION**

- Exploring the feasibility of a Cricket/Golf practice facility
- Extension of the Allotments
- The Burgs reclamation in consultation with the English Heritage

To conclude, I express my personal thanks to the Parish Councillors and our Parish Councillor who is also the Local Councillor on Shropshire Council, the Parish employees, local organisations, businesses, churches, our school headmaster and pupils, the residents who work together to make Bayston Hill a place we are proud to live in. We also thank our partners in Shropshire Council and Shrewsbury Town Council.

**James Moraghen**

**Chairman, Bayston Hill Parish Council (2011-2012)**

## Parish Councillors

Name	Address	Telephone Number
Cllr James Moraghen	11 Burnell Close	07861 686620
Cllr Ted Clarke	72 Lythwood Road	01743 874449
Cllr James Hindson	16 Cedar Close	01743 872875
Cllr Mrs Hazel Jones	4 Westbourne Rise	01743 872011
Cllr Teresa Lewis	38 Christchurch Drive	01743 873330
Cllr Alan Parkhurst	The Old Chapel, Grove Lane	01743 873930
Cllr Mrs Janet Whittall	18 Overdale Road	01743 872252

## Meetings held in 2011-2012

Committees	Chairman	Vice Chairman	No of Meetings held
Full Council	Cllr James Moraghen		6
Finance	Cllr Alan Parkhurst	Cllr Teresa Lewis	7
Amenities	Cllr Ted Clarke		11
Planning	Cllr James Hindson	Cllr Hazel Jones	16

## Council Meetings Dates 2012-2013

Date	Meetings	Date	Meetings
28 May 2012	Finance	18 June 2012	Amenities
16 July 2012	Full Council	23 July 2012	Amenities
30 July 2012	Finance	17 Sept 2012	Amenities
24 Sept 2012	Full Council	1 Oct 2012	Finance
29 Oct 2012	Amenities	12 Nov 2012	Full Council
19 Nov 2012	Finance	26 Nov 2012	Amenities/Finance Precept
3 Dec 2013	Amenities	14 Jan 2013	Amenities
21 Jan 2013	Full Council	28 Jan 2013	Finance
4 March 2013	Amenities	15 April 2013	Amenities
18 March 2013	Full Council	23 April 2012	Amenities
29 April 2013	Finance	13 May 2013	Annual Council Meeting
20 May 2013	Annual Parish Meeting		

Planning Committee will meet as and when planning applications arrive before the meetings listed above.

**Bayston Hill Parish Council**  
**Draft Income & Expenditure Account**  
**01/04/2011 to 31/03/2012**

*(Current) Year Ended*  
*31 Mar 2012*

**Income**

Precept	117,026.00
Lythwood Sports Complex	8,277.57
Recreation Area	1,045.94
Street Lighting	509.44
Employers Staff Pension/NI	53.88
General Office Expenditure	45.83
General Parish Expenditure*	42,102.32
Earmarked Account	248.60
Common Account	7.00
Precept Reserve Account	106.06

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**£169,422.64**

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**Expense**

Lythwood Sports Complex	15,618.25
Recreation Area	6,762.83
Village General Maintenance	5,844.45
Street Lighting	15,336.21
The Village Common	267.00
Staff Salaries	42,990.23
Staff Mileage/PPE	679.44
Employers Staff Pension/NI	6,579.44
Power of Well-being	850.00
General Office Expenditure	3,958.77
General Parish Expenditure	17,690.20
Earmarked Account	6,209.54
Precept Reserve Account	10,002.91

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**£132,789.27**

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**General Fund**

Balance at 01 Apr 2011	<b>20,930.33</b>
ADD Total Income	169,422.64
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DEDUCT Total Expenditure	132,789.27
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Transfer to/from Reserves	0.00
Balance at 31 Mar 2012	<b>£57,563.70</b>

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\*Grant income is included in this cost centre.

These accounts are still to be audited by the Internal and External Auditor and can be viewed at the Parish Office from 25 June to 20 July 2012 from 9am to 12 noon.