

# **Beyton Parish Council**

## **Chairman`s Report**

We are already into February, doesn't time fly when you are having fun. I trust that you all had a very enjoyable Christmas and Santa was his usual kind self. Now with the festive season but a memory it's back to business for your councillors and we will do our best to meet your expectations for Beyton. But if we fall short please let us know.

### **Parish Council Clerk**

Some you may already know that our Clerk, Pat Lamb unfortunately broke her leg back in November, the break was rather severe which resulted in her spending two months in hospital. She is back working again now but with very limited mobility. Adele Pope and Peter Dow from Elmswell have kindly stepped in to carry some of the responsibilities. We wish Pat a full recovery and look forward to her return.

### **A14 Exit sign**

Progress to have the easterly exit sign replaced is very slow, finally National Highways have informed us that they are at the design stage which hopefully means it will appear soon.

### **Village Green Lease**

Still no progress on this subject, however, we have not given up.

### **Clean up Beyton**

The Spring clean up will be on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, meet at the bus shelter on the Green at 10:00am. Lets hope that this one will be as well supported as last Autumn and of course there will be a free pint for all that come along. This time drinks will be at the White Horse.

### **General Rubbish**

I noticed a few days before Christmas that some "kind soul" had dumped a load of building waste in the lay by along Bury Rd. Mid Suffolk District Council have removed it - what a shame our Council Tax has to be used to remedy the mindless actions of some people. For reference the direct phone number for MSDC Cleansing dept is: 01449-724946

## **Dog Poo**

We have ten Dog Poo boxes strategically place within the village, but still I have seen several large droppings on the footpath and verge on Bury Road.

We all know that the nation is split on the subject of dogs, there are those, like me that love dogs and others that would rather do without them. The bottom line is that we all share the same environment and a few irresponsible folk are spoiling- actually physically spoiling things for the majority and feeding the argument against dogs. It is an offence to allow your dog to foul a footpath, please pick it up and use the bins provided.

## **Flooding in the village**

The railings alongside the stream on the sharp bend at the north end of The Green have been repaired. There is still the culvert under the A14, the spillage alongside the stream ( vision issue when pulling out of the one way street onto Thurston Rd ) and the cleaning out of the stream where it flows under Thurston Road adjacent to the spillage on the bank to be addressed. However, the main focus now is on Drinkstone Rd where flooding occurred on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of January. Josh Kerridge from the Highways department is following this.

I am happy to report that there has been no flooding at the traditional spot on Thurston Rd, this is a good pointer to the successful work carried out in November. In general there has been a tremendous overall improvement and what is needed now is a robust regime of preventative maintenance .

## **Concrete Crushing Plant**

It appears that there may be an application to site a Concrete Crushing Plant and Highway Material storage area at the end of the old A45 near to the mobile phone tower in Tostock. We have invited the site owner to attend Beyton Parish Council meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February to outline the plans with particular reference to the possible impact on Beyton.

## **Beyton & Hessett Village Hall**

Building work is well under way on the refurbishment of the hall and on schedule for the completion by the 20<sup>th</sup> of February. Thereafter the renovated hall will be open for business and Linda Dixey ( 271782 ) will be very pleased to hear from anyone wishing to enjoy the new facilities.

## **Cutting vegetation on the bank of the stream through Beyton Green**

I hope that everyone has noticed that cutting has been carried out as recommended by Suffolk Wildlife Trust ( as reported in the December/January edition of BVN ). If you like or dislike what we have done please let me know – either way I am happy to receive comments.

## **Annual Inspection / Risk Assessment, Beyton Green & Play Equipment**

The annual inspection was carried out by an independent company under the auspices of Mid Suffolk District Council, only minor points were raised in the report. A full copy of this document is available for viewing on the Beyton website [www.thebeytonguide.co.uk](http://www.thebeytonguide.co.uk)

## **Award to Thurston/Beyton Community College**

I was honoured and proud to be invited to attend a ceremony in which Thurston Community College received the Families First Quality Award- actually the first high school in the country to achieve this. Please read more in the article in this BVN edition. I was also offered a tour of the Beyton Campus by Principal Helen Wilson and what I saw was very pleasing. My first observation was that everyone, teachers and students were smiling and keen to engage in conversation to explain their objectives. With this sort of culture there is every chance that successful results will ensue.

## **Council Tax**

Beyton Parish Council has elected not to request an increase in the level of Council Tax apportioned to Beyton Parish Council. We of course have no influence over the charges sought by Suffolk County Council, Mid Suffolk District Council and the Police & Crime Commissioner.

## **Your Parish Council**

If you wish to know more of the workings of Beyton PC, please see the minutes of our meeting on [www.thebeytonguide.co.uk](http://www.thebeytonguide.co.uk) or better still attend our meetings, the next two are Monday 01 February and Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm at the Vestry, Beyton Church.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year

Yours

Graham Jones

