

# BEYTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4 April 2016

**PRESENT:** Cllrs G Jones (Ch), G Lockhart-White and P Orsler

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Co Cllr Otton (part)  
Dist Cllr D Haley (part)  
Helen Geake of Beyton Swimming Club  
Matt Caldwell-Nichols  
Parish Clerk + 7 members of the public

16/155	<b>ANNOUNCEMENT:</b> Cllr Jones read out the Notice and Announcement re Openness and Transparency.	
156	<b>APOLOGIES NOTED:</b> Cllr Adele Pope	
157	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:</b> None	
158	<b>COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:</b> Cllr Otton referred to the proposed vehicle reduction in BSE, HGV Routes, Messrs Keir's Planning Application, Foster Carers, New Recycling Centre charges and the Devolution Proposals. Re the Keir proposal, it was noted that Colin Kennedy had witnessed several vehicle movements, whilst noting that several licences re the site have expired. It would appear that SCC is supporting these operations. Cllr Otton advised that she is awaiting a response from SCC in this regard. Cllr Jones reiterated the need to keep Beyton a safe village and, in that connection, asked whether SCC is undertaking a review of HGV routes (as is being done in Norfolk). Cllr Otton has asked if this is the case. Cllr Otton added that traffic calming/signs could be considered. Cllr Otton advised that Thurston and Drinkstone are in the process of trying to obtain Speed Indicator Devices. In that connection, Cllr Otton is providing financial help re the posts. (Previous SID quotes had been ascertained at approx. 2k £ or Euros. Cllr Otton offered to forward such information to the Parish Clerk. Bus Timetables will, in future, only be found at the salient bus stops and on line. With effect from today, there will be no Police presence in Elmswell Fire Station. Cllr Otton's full report had been circulated to Members and is appended to these minutes.	
159	<b>DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:</b> Cllr Haley recommended that Members should not get "hung up" on this matter and the intention to elect a Mayor. He views this as the Mayor having (limited) powers to do certain things (and there are restrictions as to what could be done). It was felt that an elected mayor doesn't seem quite "right" for a rural area. The Government will have to confirm this by December 2016. Cllr Haley emphasised that the introduction of such a post <i>does not</i> mean the introduction of another layer of authority. March Newsletter: Cllr Haley recommended that this be circulated as widely as possible and, if there should be any concerns/comments/criticisms, MSDC should be advised. Another new Enterprise Zone is being created in Stowmarket. Cllr Haley also reported that MSDC is buying back a number of ex LA houses, as they become available. The initiative to install solar panels on LA dwellings finished at the end of January. MSDC's target had been 2,150 homes; in the event, by the 4 January, 1,901 homes had been fitted; not too far short of the target. Cllr Haley clarified a point raised by Ellen Kirkby in that any affordable housing, within the MSDC area, would automatically revert to MSDC, if suitable occupants could not be found.	

160	<p><b>CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:</b> Cllr Jones' report is appended. Roger Brand advised that the dog excrement situation along Bury Road has improved, but not completely sorted out – re the footpath just beyond Field Close. Flooding: Following a period of heavy rain, there was some flooding in the village. Highways are to be reminded re the need for regular preventative maintenance.</p>	
161	<p><b>PUBLIC FORUM:</b> It was reported that many HGVs (belonging to Messrs Richardsons and Crabbies) had been travelling through the village (and particularly in the area where Thurston Road meets The Green). The size of the vehicles, and the limited road width, necessitated the vehicles mounting the pavements. In the week preceding Easter, such vehicles were noted in the area every 10 minutes. Cllr Otton advised that more data and evidence in this regard would be useful.</p> <p><u>BVN:</u> The date given on p9 re the lighting of the Beacon was incorrectly cited as Thursday 24 April. No PC meeting date for April had been stated.</p> <p>Roger Brand reported that there was evidence of HGVs travelling at speed along Church Road and turning into Bury Road (by the excessive black tyre marks on the road – especially at the junction of Church Road/Bury Road). It was recommended that photographs be taken as and when possible in this regard. Such traffic volumes/speeds give rise to road surface wear. (Previously a vehicle had careered off Church Road and into a garden – pictures on the web site.)</p>	
162	<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 7 March were approved and signed.</p>	
163	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING:</b> None</p>	
164	<p><b>FINANCE</b></p> <p>Receipts: £10.50 – Egg Sales  Account balances as at 29.2.16: Current: £3,152.17, Savings: £10,071.13  Total: £13,223.30</p> <p>The Parish Clerk advised that she had transferred £6k on the 4 April from the Savings to the Current Account. This necessitated a trip to BSE, as the</p> <p>that day from the Savings to the Current Account</p> <p>The following items were approved for payment:</p> <p>Clerk's Salary: January-March 2016: £642.95 (Ratification of Chq issued 19.3.16)  HMRC: PAYE: January-March 2016: £103.40 (Ratification of Chq issued 25.3.16)  Clerk: Printer paper (£5.00) and 12 x 2<sup>nd</sup> class Stamps (£6.48) = £11.48  Mr P Dow: Clerk's Cover: 4.1 and 1.2.16: £174.15/Insurance Claim.  SALC: Councillor Training – Module 1: G Lockhart-White: £30.00  SALC: Provision of 6 months' payroll service: £16.80  Cllr G Jones: 21.3.16: Return train fare to London (re Concrete Crushing Plant PA):  £31.70  10 x Neighbourhood Watch Signs: £30.00  £61.70</p> <p>7.3.16: Notice Laminator and Laminating Pockets £31.98  Bolt Head Protectors (Village Green Benches) £3.76  2 x Postfix Cement (Village Green Picnic Table) £12.78  Refreshments for Clean for the Queen £52.75  101.27  <b>Total: £162.97</b></p> <p>Ms S Maynard: 20.2.16: J Bryant &amp; Sons: Mixed Corn for Geese: £16.00  <u>New Bank Mandate:</u> It was reported that this is now enacted with Cllr Lockhart-White added as a signatory and Cllrs Kirkby and Wyartt removed (the latter not having been removed earlier by Barclays as previously instructed).  <u>Accounts 2015/16:</u> All preparatory work re financial schedules had been done; final bank statements awaited. BDO Submission Date for Annual Return to be circulated.  <u>VAT Refund Claim:</u> This claim in the sum of £837.56 had been submitted.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p><u>Internet Banking</u>: Cllr Lockhart-White had suggested some time ago that the PC should consider this form of banking. Information had since been received from SALC in this regard from which it is now found acceptable for PCs to use such services, providing sufficient security/safety measures are put in place. This is to be investigated.</p>	GJ/ GLW
165	<p><b>ADMINISTRATION</b></p> <p><u>Village Green Lease</u>: Cllrs Jones and Pope will be having a meeting with the PC's solicitors in two weeks' time.</p> <p><u>Standing Orders Amendment and New 2016 Financial Regulations</u>: Following receipt of SALC's recent email, the Clerk advised that she would be addressing these matters as soon as her backlog permitted.</p> <p><u>Parish Council Vacancies</u>: The recent resignations of Cllrs Kirkby and Harris had been notified to MSDC and there had been no call for an election, so it is now possible for the PC to co-opt in respect of its two vacancies.</p> <p><u>Adoption of Procedure re Feeding Geese</u>: Following Cllr Jones' email dated 12.2.16 re feeding, payment of related expenses (food, veterinary services, etc), Members agreed to adopt this as a formal procedure for the PC.</p>	<p>GJ/ AP</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
166	<p><b>HIGHWAYS</b></p> <p><u>A14 Junction towards Thurston</u>: Cllr Jones advised that he had notified Suffolk Highways of the poor visibility at this junction due to overgrown vegetation.</p> <p><u>Street Parking</u>: Nothing to report.</p>	All
167	<p><b>PLANNING</b></p> <p>(i) Decision Notices: Permission Granted: 0314/16 - Land adj to Guerdon Cottage, Drinkstone Road - Erection of a detached dwelling and detached garage, and alterations to existing vehicular access</p> <p>(ii) Withdrawn Applications: SCC\0045\16: Land adjacent to Junction of Beyton Road, Tostock: Change of use of land to storage, processing and recycling of inert waste resulting from highway works. Also, the storage and redistribution of processed materials.</p> <p>(iii) New Planning Application: 0661/16: Land at the Laurels, Tostock Road: Erection of a two storey dwelling with detached single garage. This PA was discussed and it was agreed that the PC would object to it for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Insufficient on site parking provision; - likely to result in the parking of vehicles in Drinkstone Road, which is ordinarily a very busy, narrow and dangerous road (with the danger likely to be exacerbated with further vehicles parked there due to this).</li> <li>- Erection of a two storey dwelling on this site would result in the building dominate the area and would also result in the overlooking of adjacent properties (adversely affecting the privacy of their occupants). (Members believe a single storey dwelling would be more suitable for the site.)</li> </ul> <p>(iv) Any Other Applications received since the date of the notice: None</p> <p>(v) Enforcement Matters: None</p> <p>(vi) Appeals</p> <p>(vii) Proposed Important Planning Matters (Email from SALC dated 21.3.16). Cllr Jones outlined the proposed changes and recommended that we respond as a PC along the lines suggested by SALC. Such response is required by 15 April.</p> <p>(viii) Other Planning Matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Land opposite the Bear PH: Cllr Jones had reminded MSDC of why planning permission had been turned down previously i.e. outside settlement boundary and Conservation Area. MSDC advised that any future granting of permission would not result in a precedent being set. It was considered that it would not be possible, at present, to build beyond this area and into the field beyond.</li> <li>- Proposed Affordable Housing: In the absence of Cllr Pope, there was nothing to report.</li> </ul>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>GJ</p> <p>GJ</p>
168	<p><b>COMMUNITY</b></p> <p><u>Defibrillator</u>: Some work had been done to the telephone box on the Green in readiness. At an anticipated cost of £2k, it was recommended that, if villagers wish to proceed, then such cost should be split three ways – between the three main organisations (BVA, TCC and perhaps the Parish Council (i.e. £700 each)).</p>	

169	<p><b>COMMUNITY</b></p> <p><u>Swimming Pool:</u> Helen Geake reported that a meeting had been held with TCC on 7 March when a business plan was presented. They are keen to keep the pool open. Another meeting has been arranged for 26 April, by which time there should be timetables re fundraising and opening – hopefully next summer. Additional condition surveys have been requested for the next meeting. It was noted that the changing rooms/showers etc haven't been upgraded and will need refurbishment. Ownership in this connection is required to be sorted out. There will be regular fundraising activities in order to support the life of the pool once refurbished, which will be borne by the 100 Club (those who regularly subscribe £10/month). It is hoped to recruit those people from existing members. Help will be sought to set up a suitable structure for the organisation. TCC is happy to provide ANO to take a place on the Board. It was confirmed that the PC would also be happy to provide ANO in this regard. Helen was invited to report to the Annual Parish Meeting.</p> <p>Concern was expressed re the possibility of donor fatigue. It is envisaged that a membership fee of £6/month would provide the required income/prizes.</p> <p><u>Village Map:</u> It is understood that David Kemplay has been asked to produce this.</p> <p><u>Tennis Club:</u> Helen Geake advised that the School has agreed to their tennis courts being used. Sixth form pupils are being consulted as to how the Club might function. Once the nets are in place, you wouldn't want to remove them. It is therefore suggested that the courts be used in the half term (May/June) and left in situ over the summer. The booking facility will run on membership system as previously. The first year's membership would go towards purchasing more suitable equipment.</p> <p><u>Fair:</u> Cllr Orsler advised that she had canvassed all those residents around the Green, who might be affected if the Fair were invited to return. She advised that all stated that they would not like to see its return. Cllr Jones is to contact Mr Bloomfield in that regard.</p> <p><u>Telephone Box – Quaker Lane:</u> Ellen Kirkby reported that the repainting of the telephone box is nearly complete and now serves as a book store. She asked that the PC considers renovating/replacing the adjacent notice board, which is shabby. This item is to be placed on the next agenda.</p> <p><u>HM The Queen Celebrations:</u> The arrangements are noted in the village magazine.</p> <p><u>BVN:</u> Cllr Jones complimented those responsible for this publication on an excellent job.</p> <p>Matt Caldwell-Nichols suggested that it might be good to have full colour on occasions. Cllr Lockhart-White felt that going from a B&amp;W publication to full colour is too far. He feels that, whilst having some colour pages would be appealing, costs need to be controlled. It was suggested that 6 colour pages would be required for the next issue. Anything more than that would need to be referred to Cllr Jones as Chair.</p> <p><u>Police Connect:</u> Cllr Jones recommended villagers sign up to this Scheme and reminded everyone to secure their properties at all times and, especially, when away on holiday.</p>	<p>HG GJ</p> <p>GJ</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>GJ MCN GLW</p> <p>ALL</p>
170	<b>CORRESPONDENCE:</b> None	
171	<b>MATTERS OF REPORT ONLY:</b> None	
172	<b>DATE OF THE NEXT MEETINGS:</b> Annual and Annual Parish Meetings: Monday 9 May at 7.30 in The Vestry, All Saints Church.	
173	<b>Close:</b> The Meeting closed at 9.55 p.m.	